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## Otter breaks out **VETO** stamp

### Governor vetoes 10 bills, calls for roads funding

 By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on Monday vetoed 10 pieces of legislation, including eight budget bills, in an effort to force leg-

islators to approve new money to fix Idaho's roads and bridges.

Reducing the state's \$240 million shortfall for highway maintenance has become Otter's top priority of the 2009 session, but the gover-

nor's efforts have been rebuffed repeatedly by the House.

Otter's said throughout the 2009 session he won't let lawmakers adjourn without approving new highway money, but the vetoes were still somewhat of a surprise. Eight came two hours after he vetoed two bills but promised to wait until Thursday to veto the budget bills in hopes the Legislature



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would agree on something. Vetoing the budget bills was Otter's strongest sign yet that he's intent on fixing roads to improve safety and create jobs.

"I have no problem with

these bills. At some point they will merit positive consideration," Otter wrote in his veto message. "However, consistent with my desire to provide you with the time to positively address our need

for an ongoing source of transportation revenue, I am vetoing these bills and will continue vetoing appropriations bills until an adequate transportation bill is approved by the Legislature and delivered for my consideration."

At about 6:30 p.m. the Senate passed, with a 21-14 vote, amended legislation

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## S I G N O F S P R I N G



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Q'Ra Reece, 22, focuses on the underside of a board as she helps family members paint her grandmother's picket fence Monday afternoon on a cloudless day in Twin Falls. "When they come around I put 'em all to work," said Charleene Reece, 82, as she watched over the activity in her front yard from the shade of her home. Today's forecast calls for more sun with a high of 81.

## Nuke-plant rezone hearing set for Wednesday

 By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

Don Gillispie's efforts to drum up support for his nuclear power plant have taken him to Asia.

On Wednesday evening, though, he'll be in Mountain Home, fighting for the proposed plant's very future.

Gillispie, CEO of Alternate Energy Holdings Inc., wants to build the 1,600-megawatt plant near the city, but first has to convince Elmore County commissioners to let him rezone nearly 1,400 acres of farmland.

It's a small first step, but a vital one. And it's made more difficult by the fact that the county's Planning and Zoning Commission voted 4-2 not to recommend the rezone in November.

### PLAN ON GOING?

The Elmore County public hearing on the rezone application will start at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Mountain Home Junior High School, 1600 E. Sixth South. AEHI will set up a table nearby at 5 p.m. to accept job applications.

"Without this, the rest is history," Gillispie said on Monday.

But company officials are optimistic. After all, Gillispie said, Idaho needs the power.

And Elmore County could use the jobs, which is why company officials announced they'll accept resumes at a table near Wednesday's public hearing. Though the plant wouldn't be

operational until 2016, Gillispie said he hopes to start hiring for some jobs this year, and needs as long as three years to train people to operate the reactor and other positions.

"You can't just build a nuke plant like you can a supermarket," he said, comparing the training needed.

AEHI has waged a large public relations campaign in the county over the past couple of months, setting up at least one Web site and distributing a DVD Gillispie described as "nuclear power 101." A petition on the Web site supporting both the rezone and the plant gathered about 1,000 signatures, he said, and will be presented to the commissioners.

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## Few details for alleged rape

### Woody's guard doubts allegations

 By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

Both people involved in an alleged rape outside Woody's Bar and Grill last week were patrons at the bar.

But authorities have said little more about the incident, which resulted in the arrest of Justin Wicklund, 24, on one count of rape.

The Twin Falls man was arrested early Thursday

morning, just hours after the alleged incident occurred. Police were initially called to the hospital, where the woman, 48, was being treated for her injuries, Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks said Monday.

"We obviously felt comfortable enough in charging (Wicklund) with that," Hicks said.

 See **RAPE**, Main 2

## Thorson leaves Senate indefinitely

### District 25 without a senator for the rest of session

 By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Sen. Jon Thorson, D-Sun Valley, a temporary senator serving for Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, has left the Legislature indefinitely to go on vacation in Mexico.

Thorson's trip was previously scheduled and he already delayed his departure, said Senate Minority Leader Kate Kelly, D-Boise. Thorson, whose wife is already in Mexico, submitted paired votes — votes given in advance — for legislation awaiting a full Senate vote.

Stennett, an eight-term senator, is recovering from brain surgery and asked Thorson to fill in for him at the start of the 2009 Legislature. Shortly thereafter Stennett asked Thorson to serve the full session.

"He came in as a temporary replacement for Sen. Stennett," Kelly said. "And really, when he signed up for this, he didn't know he was going to be here for the whole session. People have plans, people have schedules, and that's pretty much how this all played out."

The move, however, reduces a Senate Democratic caucus already outnumbered 28-7 as lawmakers wrangle over transportation and other budget matters to adjourn.

 See **THORSON**, Main 3

## CSI increases dorm rates

 By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

The cost for a semester of room and board at the College of Southern Idaho's dormitories has increased a bit for the upcoming academic year.

The CSI board of trustees on Monday approved dormitory rates for the 2009-2010 year. The increase ranges from 1.54 percent to 2.14 percent, depending on the meal plan of students and whether they are in a double room or single room.

The board voted on rates

set by the state Dormitory Housing Commission.

The rate changes reflect a 5 percent increase in food costs and meal plans, said Mike Mason, vice president of administration. All students in dorms are required to have a meal plan.

While meal plans changed in price, the room rates stayed the same, leaving students with an increase of less than 5 percent.

For example, a double room dormitory combined with a plan for 100 meals for the fall semester will cost \$1,910, an increase of \$40, or

2.14 percent, more than the current rate of \$1,870 per semester.

Yesica Flores, CSI student-body president, said she hasn't heard any concerns about the upcoming increase. A student who lives in the dormitory herself, she noted that the increase isn't very big.

"I honestly don't see a big problem with it," she said.

The college currently has the capacity to house 246 students in its dormitories.

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B.J. Burgess, 18, of Boise, unpacks school books at his desk in his dorm room after returning from lunch Monday afternoon at the College of Southern Idaho. Burgess says he made the decision to attend CSI because it was close to home and 'cheap.' But after the CSI board of trustees increased dorm rates for the 2009-'10 school year on Monday, Burgess is rethinking the option of dorm life for the fall semester. 'It may not sound like that much but the economy is bad,' said Burgess.


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### FIELD OF DEATH

**21 polo horses die in Florida before match > Main 8**





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Water surges run over Shoshone Falls Friday night when the Snake River had 17,000 cubic feet per second run over the falls.

# Falls watchers reach near-record numbers

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

Though it fell slightly short of beating out its last great performance, Shoshone Falls still drew crowds Saturday and Sunday, with people excited to watch the Snake River roar over the 212-foot-tall precipice.

Twin Falls city officials counted 3,525 paying vehicles over the weekend, 800 short of the biggest weekend from 2006, Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer said. And like three years ago, Bowyer said, some people faced a wait — sometimes as long as 45 minutes. Traffic sometimes backed up to Falls Avenue East.

The falls usually see some

increase from spring stream flow. But flood-control releases from reservoirs in the upper Snake helped put roughly 17,000 cubic feet per second in the river, as measured at Milner Dam.

Flows that peaked at 19,400 cfs in 2006, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, resulted in lines of cars and a record \$275,000 in revenue for the city — which charges admission of \$3 per vehicle.

This past weekend produced more than \$10,500, Bowyer said, though the city did have some extra expenses to handle the increased traffic. Anything above his department's basic budget for Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake — roughly

\$140,000 — goes into a reserve account for projects at those parks, he said.

Reclamation expects this year's peak flows to continue this week and perhaps next week, Bowyer said. A Reclamation hydrologist said last week the river could begin to decline later this week as irrigation demand grows.

The city will again provide bus service from the Dierkes Lake parking lot from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. this weekend. Delays may be possible.

People cooperated with the signs and system last weekend, Bowyer said. And he's OK with the extra work, given what causes it.

"It's a good problem to have," he said.

# Law & Disorder... ... in Cassia County

Selected April 16 police reports:

**Battery:**  
A 12-year-old female attacked another girl, also 12, while waiting for the bus at White Pine Elementary School in Burley. According to the report, the suspect hit the girl on the head and walked away. About 45 seconds later, she came back and pulled her to the ground, then left again. When the victim stood up, the suspect came back and "slapped her on the side of her head again." When they

finally got on the bus, the suspect allegedly dragged the girl out of her seat onto the floor and started hitting her again. The suspect's mother told police that her daughter has attention-deficit disorder.

**Battery:**  
Christopher Stewart, 26, was arrested on two counts of battery after inappropriately touching two females, both 22. According to the report, he showed up at a Burley apartment rented by his friend's ex-girlfriend and was looking for a

place to stay. After Stewart attempted to seduce the woman — who is eight months pregnant — she left and asked her friend to keep an eye on Stewart. He then allegedly began asking the second girl if she had a boyfriend and admitted to police that he told her "he was going to give her a purple nurple." She told him not to, because her breasts were pierced. He thought she was joking so he grabbed and twisted her nipple, according to the report.

**Theft:**  
A 31-year-old Burley man reported a missing welding helmet worth \$250. He suspects his brother of taking the helmet about three weeks ago. His brother, now in rehab, was not questioned.  
—Damon Hunzeker

# Lincoln Elementary School earns recognition

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls has been recognized as a National Title 1 Distinguished School for exceptional academic growth.

The school was one of 72 schools recently honored nationwide at the National Title 1 Conference. The National Title 1 program is a federal program that provides funding aimed at helping economically disadvantaged students with academic achievement.

Lincoln Elementary School also was recognized by the Idaho State Department of Education and received a \$15,000 award with money from the federal Title 1 program.

Lincoln Elementary School had gains in Idaho Standards Achievement Tests results in math among Caucasian students, special education reading and spe-

cial education math between 2007 and 2008 tests. Caucasian math achievement increased by 22.18 percent, special education reading achievement increased by 27.39 percent and special education math achievement increased by 22.2 percent.

Principal Beth Olmstead said that the school formed a team last year that meets on every grade level to strategize and talk about challenges that stu-

dents are facing. She attributed the gains and recognition to the school's staff and students.

"To me I'm so proud of the teachers and the students and everybody who has put time and effort in," she said.

Olmstead said that the school has not yet determined a final use for the grant, adding that one possibility is computer projectors for classrooms.

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# Nuke

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The company's critics should also be present at the hearing, including the Snake River Alliance — a nuclear watchdog group and AEHI's loyal opposition.

Liz Woodruff, the group's Elmore County organizer, said she met Sunday night with more than 30 residents worried about the plant. While the SRA has served as a resource for concerned citizens, those citizens are taking action on their own, she said. Nearly 200 residents near the plant's site are organized to go speak at Wednesday's hearing. About 100 signed an ad in the *Mountain Home News* opposing the rezone — a local petition Woodruff said should be given far more weight, considering AEHI's could have been signed by anyone online.

Speakers at Wednesday's hearing aren't supposed to debate the merits of nuclear

power. So Woodruff said she's encouraging people to talk about how living next to an industrial facility that produces hazardous waste and uses a fiercely debated amount of water would affect their quality of life.

She's also concerned about the job announcements. Pointing to AEHI's recent filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, she said the type of reactor AEHI wants to use hasn't even been built yet, and she doubts whether it could be exported to the U.S. in time for the power plant's timeline. The company, she said, is "exploiting" county residents in need of jobs.

"Offering people jobs in a plant that is at least 10 years away from being built, if ever, is really problematic," Woodruff said. "And it's certainly not the basis for land-use policy decisions."

# Thorson

Continued from Main 1

Kelly said a replacement to Thorson is not expected, which will leave District 25 without a senator. However, if the session goes further than Friday, which it could since Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter vetoed eight budget bills Monday, Stennett may seek another replacement, Kelly said.

"With the governor vetoing these bills, we don't know how long this is going

to go," she said. "That could make it faster or shorter."

Thorson has sponsored one bill, an unsuccessful attempt to allow citizens of consolidating cities to choose the new city's name instead of limiting the name to the city with the larger population. It was an attempt to ease the tensions in response to the years-old debate between Sun Valley and Ketchum over consolidation.

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# Filer district opens policy to expand student enrollment

By John E. Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Proposed changes to school district policy could impact Filer High School students. Filer High School Principal Leon Madsen suggested Wednesday that the school board consider discontinuing an early release option available to the junior class. The early release policy gives both juniors and seniors the chance to spend part of their school day attending classes at the College of Southern Idaho or pursuing employment opportunities. Approximately 35 juniors are currently part of the program. The change would not affect seniors.

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— Filer School Board member Jason Ramsey

sleep in.” Beginning with the 2013 school year, senior graduating classes in Idaho will be required to have completed six credits of mathematics. Filer High School plans to stay ahead of the curve by increasing math to eight credits. “Our students have had to take six credits since 2002,” Madsen said. “We’re recommending the school board raise the total graduation requirements from 54 to 56 credits. I think it’s a good idea that two of those credits be taken during the senior year.” State funding cuts in education will reduce the district budget by between \$200,000 and \$600,000. As a result, the board is also considering changes to the out-of-district student

enrollment policy. The change would remove a clause in the policy that closes Filer Elementary School to non-resident students. “A few years ago, we had projected in-district growth of 3 to 5 percent, but I don’t know anyone who would have predicted the state of the economy,” Superintendent John Graham said. “As a result, the growth has not come and our district basically remains stagnant.” In addition, the adjustment would slightly increase enrollment numbers and generate about \$5,000 per student enrolled at the elementary, middle school and high school. The district actually receives the same amount of funding for each in-district and out-of-district student.

“What we’ve done here is learned how to open and close Pandora’s box at will,” board member Jason Ramsey said. “I don’t envy this board’s position, but this is a business decision that’s due to the economy.” The sixth- and eighth-grade policy could see a change from 120 to 125 students and ninth through 12th grade would increase from 120 to 125 students. However, the board plans on hearing community input before any formal action on policy change is taken. “I worry about the commitment we made to the community when we sold the new school idea,” Filer Elementary School Principal Matt Mahannah said. “We’d still need the school, even if we turned every out-of-district student away, with the economy the way it is, this can only help us.”

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# Schlund fills Castleford mayor position

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — The new mayor of Castleford came from the city’s governing council. Councilman Richard Schlund became mayor at the council’s April 8 meeting, filling the vacancy left by the March resignation of Rita Ruffing.

Ruffing served as Castleford’s mayor since 2002. Schlund, who has served on the council since November 2006, was appointed by Council President and Acting Mayor Twila Crawford and received full confirmation by the council. “Well, it wasn’t something I necessarily wanted but the city needed a mayor,” Schlund said. The position will be on the November ballot and Schlund said he has no problem carrying out the duties as mayor until that time comes.

but when the chance came up for them to get involved, not a single one of them were willing to help out,” she said. As a farmer, Schlund will not be present in City Hall very often. Currently, the city office is open from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday when the city clerk, Bernice Bybee, is in. “I don’t have the time to sit in the office all day and that was the biggest reason I didn’t necessarily want to take the position — but what do you do? Castleford can’t go on not having a mayor,” he said. “We are going to get through this but for now residents are going to have to be patient.” Now that the head city position has been filled the council is seeking a councilmember. So far, there aren’t any residents expressing interest to city hall, Bybee said. “No, we haven’t heard from anyone. Not a one,” she said.

In the meantime the city will keep plugging along and Crawford said she hopes someone comes forward soon. “We can only put the word out there and see what happens,” she said.

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# Plans advance for Buhl Boys and Girls Club clubhouse

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — After many concerns, setbacks and delays the Buhl School District, city of Buhl, and Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley have made progress in constructing a clubhouse for city youth. “I’m happy to announce we have real action,” Steve Kaatz, advisory board member of the Buhl Boys and Girls Club, told the City Council on Tuesday. In order for a clubhouse to be built, district, city and club officials must agree on contractual language for use. “We got the letter from City Attorney Bill

Nungester) and we’re reviewing it,” said Mayor Charles Sheridan. Kaatz said an engineer has volunteered to plan the facility, pledging \$75,000 to \$100,000 worth of services. “We’re finding out how much land we need,” he said. The Boys and Girls Club has been courting the district for years to build a facility, which would serve students in an after-school program and possibly provide a place for them to go in the mornings prior to school doors opening. The district has collected surveys over the past several months to gauge public support and has been

working with city and club officials to create a workable contract. It was decided that due to liability concerns the district would lease the property to the city and the city would then convey the land to the Boys and Girls Club. The clubhouse may be built across from Popplewell Elementary School on the same lot as the Seventh Street Gym. Kaatz said although discussions have centered on the facility being near the gym, it may now be constructed closer to the football field. Construction may begin later this year, but Buhl students might be able to attend the Twin Falls Boys

and Girls Club’s facility during the summer. Students would be bused from Buhl to Twin Falls in the morning, join the club for daily activities and return to Buhl in the evenings. The decision to let Buhl join the summer session was made by the corporate board of the club, said Marilyn Butler, president of the Buhl Advisory Board for the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley. While the final decision will be made by the corporate board’s executive committee, Butler said she is “fairly certain we’ll have a summer program for Buhl.” That decision will be made “fairly soon,” she said.

# Nevada’s Great Basin Bank fails

By Sam Brown  
Elko Daily Free Press

ELKO, Nev. — In perhaps the biggest blow by the global economic crisis to strike home in northern Nevada, Great Basin Bank ceased to exist as of 6 p.m. Friday as agents of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. came in to take over the troubled institution. “Due to inadequate capital and mounting loan losses, it was necessary to close Great Basin Bank of Nevada and appoint the FDIC as receiver,” said George E. Burns, commissioner of the Nevada Financial Institutions Division in a statement. Burns said the bank’s insured and uninsured deposits will be assumed by Nevada State Bank. The FDIC is the receiver of the insolvent bank. And as of Monday, the former Great Basin Bank’s five branches — two in Elko and one each in Spring Creek, Winnemucca and Fallon — will reopen as branches of Nevada State Bank. “Our first order of business is to welcome Great Basin clients to Nevada State Bank and to assure them that their deposits are safe, sound and readily accessible,” stated Dallas Haun, president and CEO of Nevada State Bank. Great Basin had total assets of about \$238 million and total deposits of about \$220 million when it closed.

That’s down from about \$264 million in assets and \$241 million in deposits in late December. Holding company Great Basin Financial Corp., its equity, debt holders and other creditors are not included in the closure or receivership, according to FDIC. According to the statement by the FDIC, the total balance of accounts at Great Basin Bank have been transferred to Nevada State Bank and are available for transactions. The statement also said all direct deposits, including Social Security checks, will continue as usual. For customers of Great Basin Bank, the takeover is simply “business as usual,” according to Roberta Valdez, FDIC spokesperson, emphasizing that “customers still have access to their funds.” “Over the weekend, depositors of Great Basin Bank of Nevada can access their money by writing checks or using ATM or debit cards,” according to the statement. “Checks drawn on the bank will continue to be processed. Loan customers should continue to make their payments as usual.” Great Basin Bank became the 25th bank to fail nationwide this year. Representatives of the bank were not made available for comment by federal agents. The takeover has been in


the works for a few weeks, according to Haun. Nevada State Bank was notified last week by the FDIC of the opportunity to submit a blind bid for Great Basin’s assets and deposits and submitted it earlier this week. The company was notified Wednesday it was the winning bidder. The fourth largest commercial bank in Nevada, Las Vegas-based Nevada State Bank has 54 branches statewide — including branches in Elko, Wells and Wendover — and according to Haun is the oldest state-chartered bank in Nevada. Contacted Friday evening, Haun reiterated his reassurance to the newest customers of his institution. “We have been here in Elko since 1995,” Haun said. “We are committed to the small towns of rural Nevada.”

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# Geared up for summer



MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

Students in Gooding Middle School teacher Ronnie Metcalf's sixth-grade class gather before a photo for a 4-H fishing day camp. Jody Trent and Jae Anderson (center, left to right) get a close-up look at some of the tackle, held by Joe Inglin.

## Area 4-H programs get ready for summer camps

Times-News

From TV/GPS camp at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer to a digital media camp at the Minidoka Fairgrounds in Rupert, area 4-Hers will have the chance to experience summer camps vastly different than those their parents and grandparents attended.

While some 4-H activities have taken a more modern angle, some old stan-

dards are still popular. One of the first day camps of this summer will be held on May 16, covering fishing at the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery. Participants will learn about water safety, fishing rules and safety and fish identification before getting a chance to fish in the surrounding streams and ponds stocked with various fish.

Early registration begins May 1, with a \$20 cost that includes lunch, snacks,

supplies, day insurance, a picture and a T-shirt. After May 8, spots are subject to availability.

Attendees don't have to be 4-H members to take part and can register at the Gooding County University of Idaho Extension Office, 203 Lucy Lane, Gooding, or can call 208-934-4417.

More information on 4-H camps is available at most extension offices throughout the Magic Valley.

# Hagerman Library board considers financing for new building

By Kimberly Williams-Brackett  
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Hagerman Public Library's board of directors on Thursday considered an option from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development to finance a new library building.

Community Programs Specialist Robert Lanford discussed how the board can apply for loans and grants for a community facility through USDA Rural Development, which provides financial assistance to develop essential public facilities in rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.

Lanford said the interest rate is currently 4.5 percent and the term on all loans is 20 to 30 years.

Grant funds are available based on median household income, which should be below \$33,297 to qualify, and Hagerman's population gathered by the 2000 U.S. Census. According to that census, the 656 Hagerman residents had a median household income of \$25,455.

Mayor Jake Rice, Jr. asked Lanford if the upcoming 2010 U.S. Census data would impact plans to build a new library. "The number of people and the median household income in Hagerman has gone up" since 2000, Rice said.

Lanford replied it may be 2012 before the new census data is available.

"Grant funds are very limited and will only go to the most financially needy community projects," said Lanford.

One of the requirements for eligibility is the library must have broad-based community support.

"Letters of support and fundraising activities will be reviewed," said Lanford.

In-kind labor and additional funding is considered. "The more interest the better," said Lanford.

Lanford said the timeline is estimated at six months from the time an application is filed to breaking ground "without any hang-ups along the way and dependent on the availability of funds."

USDA Rural Development will advise how to assemble information to determine engineering feasibility, economic soundness, cost estimates, organization, financing and management matters.

In other business, the board of directors will begin assessing properties for a new library location. "There are several possibilities," said library director Barbara Stobart.

The library will host its Bag of Books Sale during the Hagerman Fossil Days on May 22-23. Each bag filled with the buyer's choice of books is \$10. "There are some good books and books for all ages," said Stobart.

Stobart said Kay Phillips with the Billingsley Creek State Park offered to host a library day during one of their flea markets, held every Saturday beginning May 2.

Kimberly Williams-Brackett may be reached at gusandkim@rtci.net.

# Three Dietrich scouts receive Eagle Scout Awards

Three Boy Scouts from Dietrich received their Eagle Scout Awards at a Court of Honor held Dec. 29.

**Alex Heimerdinger** is the son of Jerry and Maureen Heimerdinger. For his Eagle Project he worked in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to enhance mule deer habitat by planting bitterbrush and silver sagebrush in the South and Timmerman Hills areas.

He was assisted by Ed Papenberg from IDFG, Rod Smith (flag display), his leaders, fellow scouts, friends and family.

Heimerdinger is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone. He is a sophomore at Dietrich High School where he maintains a 4.0 grade-

point average and participates in football, basketball, and track.

**Dion Corey Norman** is the son of Scott and Kitty Norman. He attends Dietrich High School where he is involved in football, basketball, track and 4-H through FFA.

He is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is the secretary for his Teacher's Quorum. For his Eagle Project he put on a bike rodeo at Dietrich School. The school's fourth- and fifth-graders were given free bike helmets by the Safe Kids Coalition and were tested on their bike riding skills. He was assisted by teachers, friends, family and the Safe Kids Coalition.

**Luke Hubert** is the son of Devan and

Kris Hubert of Dietrich. He is a senior at Dietrich High School and a member of the Dietrich 2nd Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is currently serving as the first assistant in the Priest Quorum in his branch. For his Eagle Project he built a protective shelter for the City of Dietrich to cover the city's generator. He received many hours of help from his Scout leaders, troop members and his family.

Hubert has been a member of the varsity football team in Dietrich for four years. He also plays basketball, is active in FFA and team ropes and steer wrestling in high school rodeo. This fall he plans to serve an LDS mission.



Heimerdinger



Norman



Hubert

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Kindergarten sign-up is today in Gooding

Registration for 2009-2010 Gooding Elementary School kindergarten classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at the school.

Children must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Items needed for registration include the child's legal birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residing within the Gooding School District such as a utility bill.

Information: 934-4941.

### Presbyterian Spring Fling held Sunday

A Spring Fling will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday at Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell. A baked potato bar will be available for a free-will offering and desserts to be auctioned.

A raffle will be held for a river dinner cruise for 12 people. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. There will also be a live auction with auctioneer Ted Klaas. Items to be auctioned include

handmade crafts, art and photography. A silent auction will also be held.

Information: 536-6270.

### Support group plans fellowship tea

The Magic Valley Military Support Group is hosting a Women's Fellowship Tea at 2:30 p.m. May 2 at the Wendell American Legion Hall, 610 W. Main St.

Women with any connection to the military are invited. Those attending

are asked to RSVP by Saturday if possible.

Information: 536-6159, 324-3113 or 536-6111.

### Hagerman Kindergarten enrollment is Friday

Hagerman Elementary will hold kindergarten registration from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday at the school.

Children must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1.

See **COMMUNITY**, Main 6

# Seedling trees ready for planting in East Cassia, Minidoka

The East Cassia and Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District's seedling trees are ready for pick-up. There are also some seedling trees still available that have not yet been purchased. They will be sold to the public until they are gone. These trees are available to be used as windbreaks, shelterbelts, habitat projects and landscape plantings. The trees are \$3 to \$4 plus tax for each bare-root seedling (depending on the variety).

Trees and shrubs available for purchase are: Colorado blue spruce,

hybrid poplar, Theves poplar (column shape), Rocky Mountain juniper, Siberian peashrub, river birch, quaking aspen, Austrian pine, summer lilac butterfly bush, common purple lilac, chokecherry, common privet, Nikko fir, dwarf Russian almond, common flowering quince, and elegantissima arborvitae.

Trees may be picked up, or purchased from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday at 1641 Occidental Ave. in Burley (near the Burley Junior High School).

Information: 878-5556.

# Sister's chronic leg rash needs second opinion

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I am writing on behalf of my sister. She has been suffering from a condition on her legs for several years. At first, she was told it was cellulitis. She was treated with IV antibiotics in the hospital for a few days, but it didn't help. Then her doctor told her it was lichen planus. She has tried every medication pre-



ASK DR. GOTT  
Dr. Peter Gott

scribed, but nothing helps. At times, her legs get completely red and look

very inflamed. Then they turn dark. I am afraid she will get gangrene and have to have her legs amputated. She is not a diabetic, but she has a liver condition and has or has had hepatitis C.

Do you have any suggestions?

**DEAR READER:** Cellulitis is an inflammation of the connective tis-

ues of the skin caused by infection.

Common symptoms include a sudden-onset skin rash or lesion, rapid growth in the first 24 hours, pain or tenderness of the affected area, a swelling, tight, glossy area usually accompanied by warmth and redness, fever, fatigue and muscle pain.

Treatment depends on

the severity of the infection. Mild to moderate infections can often be cured within seven to 10 days with oral antibiotics, fluids, elevating the affected area and rest. More severe or persistent infections may require hospitalization and IV antibiotics.

Lichen planus is a condition that causes an itchy, swollen rash in the mouth

or on the skin. There is no known cause, but it may be related to an allergic or immune reaction.

There are several risk factors, including exposure to certain medications, chemicals and dyes, such as antibiotics, some anti-malarial medications, diuretics and gold. Another

See **DR. GOTT**, Main 6

# Jury selection begins in Sun Valley rape case

BOISE (AP) — Jury selection is under way for a Pennsylvania man charged with raping a woman at her Sun Valley condominium in 2005.

Jeffrey Marsalis, 35, is accused of using drugs or alcohol to incapacitate

then sexually assault a woman who was 21-years old at the time.

Marsalis is serving a 21-year prison term after being convicted in Philadelphia in 2007 of two counts of sexual assault. He was also acquitted on

eight counts of rape.

During that trial, prosecutors claimed Marsalis lied to women he met on an online dating service, telling victims he was a doctor, astronaut and spy.

The trial was moved from the posh, resort town

of Ketchum to Boise earlier this year due to significant media coverage. Marsalis was extradited to Idaho last fall.

On Monday, lawyers began questioning 150 potential jurors in the case.

## LEARNING TO KNIT



Gooding Public Library Director Pat Hammon, left, and Annette Rousseau work on knitting projects recently at the library. Hammon teaches a knitting class at the library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, and also teaches monthly at the Shoshone Library and during the winter at the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center.

MARY HANSON/  
For the Times-News

# Medical isotopes not being made at Idaho reactor

POCATELLO (AP) — A medical company that wanted to use the Idaho National Laboratory's Advanced Test Reactor to create radioactive isotopes for research and cancer treatments is instead relying on a Russian nuclear facility.

IsoRay Medical of Richland, Wash., wanted to make cesium-131 in eastern Idaho and signed an agreement to do so in 2005 but faced delays in the INL installing a special

device at the test reactor to make the process feasible.

Robert Chambers of the Pocatello Development Authority says that led IsoRay to look elsewhere.

The device was installed in September and can shuttle radioactive isotopes in and out of the test reactor without shutting down the reactor.

Idaho officials say IsoRay could still end up making some of its product in Idaho.

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Parents should bring the child's legal birth certificate and proof of completed immunizations.

Information: Nancy Knott, 837-4777.

every person served on Earth Day. There will be specials on environmentally friendly dishes and beverages.

Information: Missy Hintz, 726-4333.

Hours for the Merchant's Market are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information: 536-6159 or 536-6111.

or show up at 9 a.m. for general clean-up.

## Gooding Bridge Club announces results

Gooding Duplicate Bridge released its results for April 10.

Section A: 1. Kathy Rooney and Mary Steele; 2. Bob and Phyllis Parish; 3. Max Thompson and Veeta Roberts; Section B: 1. Bob and Phyllis Parish; 2. Claire Major and Louise Smith.

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave.

For partnership information or directions: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

— staff reports

## Group plans Earth Day celebration

The Environmental Resource Center invites the public to participate in its Earth Day celebration.

As part of a grant from Coca-Cola and the National Recycling Coalition, they have received nine recycling barrels for the city of Ketchum and have decided that there is no better day than Earth Day to install and dedicate them. They will host a dedication ceremony at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the recycling kiosk on Fourth Street.

Despos! Restaurant, 211 Fourth St., Ketchum, will donate \$1 to the ERC for

## Wendell Merchant Market kicks off Saturday

The Wendell Merchant's Market will begin its 2009 season Saturday in conjunction with the Wendell Arbor Day Celebration. The event begins at 9 a.m. with a free continental breakfast at the Wendell Grade School. Arbor Day continues with speaker Dave Keisig of the College of Southern Idaho Horticulture program. Free tree samplings and door prizes will be given out.

The Merchant's Market will have a variety of vendors. There will be free drawings for two gift bas-

## WR clean-up projects need volunteers

On May 2, the Environmental Resource Center will hold its annual Clean Sweep event.

Participants should meet at 9 a.m. at these locations: Ketchum, Atkinson Park; Hailey, Hop Porter Park; Bellevue, Memorial Park.

Volunteers will sign in and receive breakfast goodies, garbage bags, gloves, a clean-up assignment and a lunch ticket.

Volunteers are also needed for morning set-up, post-event clean-up, general clean-up and other tasks. Those interested in volunteering can call 726-4333 to sign up for specialized tasks,

## Dr. Gott

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risk factor is hepatitis C. Skin symptoms include one or more itchy, symmetrical lesions, darkened color (usually a reddish-purple), dry mouth, hair loss and many more. Oral symptoms include tender or painful lesions, a gray-white color and blue-white "pimples" within the mouth.

Treatment is aimed at reducing symptoms and speeding up the healing process. Common medications include antihistamines and topical corticosteroids or retinoic acid creams.

Severe cases may benefit from immunosuppressant medications. Dressings over topical creams may reduce damage done by scratching.

Because lichen planus is generally not harmful, mild symptoms often do not require treatment. In some instances, treatment may not help and symptoms could last for weeks, months or even come and go for years; however, most cases clear up within 18 months.

Because your sister probably has chronic liver disease, her immune system is likely compromised. I suggest you urge her to seek out a second opinion from a dermatologist. If she is on any medications (over-the-counter, herbal, prescrip-

tion, etc.), she needs to discuss this with her physician, because her problem could be a reaction to one or more of the drugs or supplements.

To provide related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Dermatitis, Psoriasis and Eczema." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a check or money order for \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

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## DEATH NOTICES

## Luis I. Zavala

JEROME — Luis Ibarra Zavala, 48, of Jerome, died Saturday, April 18, 2009, at his home.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

## Rada M. Bostic

PULLMAN, Wash. — Rada M. Bostic, 96, of Pullman, Wash., and formerly of Burley, died Friday, April 17, 2009, at the Pullman Regional Hospital.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley (Kimball Funeral Home of Pullman, Wash.).

## Mary B. Craig

RUPERT — Mary Blanche Haskin Barksdale Craig, 95, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Rupert and Burley, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nev.

An urn placement ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 24, at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

## Fern Serr

JEROME — Fern Serr, 70, of Jerome, died Sunday, April 19, 2009, at Sunbridge

Care Facility in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome (visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the mortuary).

## Elizabeth H. Hale

BURLEY — Elizabeth Helen Hamblin Hale, 92, of Twin Falls and formerly of Burley, died Saturday, April 18, 2009, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

## Virgil Malone

Virgil Malone, 94, of Twin Falls, died Monday, April 20, 2009, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

## Tiffany House

Tiffany House, 30, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 19, 2009, at home.

Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

## Bonnie Smart

JEROME — Bonnie Smart, 63, of Jerome, died Monday, April 20, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

## SERVICES

**John A. Pereira** of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. today at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wendell (Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

**Emma June Mallory Hodge** of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Paul LDS 3rd and 4th Ward Church, 300 S. 500 W. of Heyburn; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Virginia McFarland Estes** of Burley, memorial Mass at noon today at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

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

**Bert Iverson**, formerly of Wendell, memorial service

at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

**Orvid L. Swearengin** of Rupert, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Morrison Funeral Home, 188 S. Highway 24 in Rupert.

**Lois V. Bacon** of Tacoma, Wash., and formerly of Wendell, private inurnment at 1 p.m. Friday at the Jerome Cemetery (Tuell-McKee Funeral Home in Tacoma, Wash.).

**Anna Ghnine "Nine" Reed** of Declo, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service at the funeral home; graveside service at 4 p.m. Friday at West End Cemetery in Buhl.

**Leonard D. Knight** of Riverton, Wyo., and formerly of Hailey, graveside service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hailey Cemetery.

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## Court weighs state's duty to English learners

By Joan Lowy  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court seemed to divide into liberal and conservatives camps Monday during arguments in a case that could limit the power of federal courts to tell states to spend more money to educate students who aren't proficient in English.

Some of the court's more liberal justices — David Souter and Stephen Breyer — repeatedly challenged assertions by attorney Kenneth Starr that court oversight of Arizona's English learners program was no longer needed because the Nogales Unified School District, located near the state's border with Mexico, had made progress educating students learning to speak English.

Souter pelted Starr, who as special counsel investigated President Bill Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky scandal, with a series of statistics showing a vast gap in academic test scores between Nogales students learning to speak English and native English-speaking students in Nogales and elsewhere in the state.

"I'm sure progress has been made," Souter said, "but it doesn't seem to me that ... you could say the objectives are achieved."

Starr is representing Arizona state legislators and the state superintendent of public instruction, who want to be freed from a lower court order that the state come up with a new program to teach English learners and provide enough money for that program that it can reasonably be expected to achieve its goal. The state could be

forced to spend potentially hundreds of millions of dollars to comply.

Starr said the amount of money being spent shouldn't be the issue, but rather that the "sea change" that has taken place in state's efforts to address the problem in the nine years since voters passed a ballot measure requiring intense English immersion for students learning the language. He called the court's continued oversight an intrusion into state government.

A key issue in the case, now called *Horne v Flores*, is the power of federal courts to take over functions of state or local governments when trying to remedy civil rights violations.

Parents of students attending Nogales schools sued the state in 1992, contending programs for

English-language learners were deficient and received inadequate funding from the state.

In 2000, a federal judge found that the state had violated the Equal Educational Opportunities Act's requirements for appropriate instruction for English-language learners. A year later he expanded his ruling statewide and placed the state's programs for non-English speaking students under court oversight.

Since then, the two sides have fought over what constitutes compliance with the order. Arizona has more than doubled the amount that schools receive per non-English speaking student and taken several other steps prescribed by the No Child Left Behind Act, a broader education accountability law passed by Congress in 2002.



AP photo

Garrett Bentley looks at a display of crosses for the 13 victims of the massacre at Columbine High School to mark the 10th anniversary of the killings near the Columbine Memorial in the southwest Denver suburb of Littleton, Colo., on Monday.

## Flags lowered on anniversary of Columbine

By Kristen Wyatt  
Associated Press writer

DENVER — With words of hope and healing, Coloradans on Monday marked the 10th anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings that left 12 students and a teacher dead.

Flags flew at half-staff over the school and dozens of mourners lay roses and carnations at a nearby memorial.

About 70 people gathered outside the state Capitol to push for gun control, while lawmakers inside passed a resolution honoring the victims.

"Columbine will not become just a metaphor for tragedy," Rep. Ken Summers told lawmakers before they passed a resolu-

tion called "Triumph Over Tragedy." Summers was a pastor in the Columbine neighborhood when the shootings occurred.

Two seniors at Columbine unleashed an attack with guns and pipe bombs on the morning of April 20, 1999. A bigger bomb, which they hoped would destroy the crowded cafeteria, failed to go off.

The gunmen, Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, committed suicide.

At the gun control rally, Tom Mauser, father of Columbine victim Daniel Mauser, said the shooters did not kill the victims' spirits, and "they did not kill our spirits either."

At the gun control rally, 13 people with ribbons in school colors white and blue wrapped around their

necks lay on the ground to represent the victims and 23 others representing the wounded encircled them.

Andrew Goddard of Richmond, Va., whose son Colin was wounded at the Virginia Tech University massacre two years ago, also attended the rally. He said new police tactics that emerged after Columbine probably saved his son's life.

"They (Columbine victims) paid a huge price for that small lesson, but that lesson did benefit the students at Virginia Tech," he said.

At Columbine, police and deputies followed a standard tactic of establishing a perimeter before advancing carefully toward a gunman. Afterward, many agencies adopted a new policy of

aggressively attacking the shooter.

Virginia Tech student Seung Hui-Cho killed 32 people and committed suicide on April 16, 2007.

A memorial service was planned for Monday night in Clement Park, next to the school in the south Denver suburbs.

On the anniversary, Oprah Winfrey canceled an episode schedule to air Monday, "10 Years Later: The Truth about Columbine."

Winfrey posted a message Monday morning on her Facebook page, saying that after she reviewed the taped show, she decided to pull it because of its focus on the two gunmen. She urged viewers to keep the Columbine community in their thoughts.

## Obama defends secret memo release to CIA employees

By Pamela Hess  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Days after releasing top-secret memos that detailed the CIA's use of simulated drowning while interrogating terror suspects, President Obama went to the spy agency's Virginia headquarters on Monday to defend his decision and bolster the morale of its employees.

"I acted primarily because of the exceptional circumstances that surrounded these memos, particularly the fact that so much of the information was public," Obama said.

Last week, Obama's Justice Department published previously classified memos that described the Bush administration's legal justification for CIA interrogation techniques that included methods criticized as torture. Republican lawmakers and former CIA chiefs have criticized the release of the memos, contending that revealing the limits of interrogation tech-



President Obama speaks at the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Va., Monday.

AP photo

niques will hamper the effectiveness of interrogators.

The memos detailed the use of waterboarding — a form of simulated drowning that Attorney General Eric Holder has denounced as torture — as well as sleep deprivation, isolation and physical violence.

According to the declassified memos, waterboarding was used on alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed 183 times in March 2003. Suspected al-Qaida logistics chief Abu

Zubaydah was subjected to the treatment 83 times in August 2002.

Obama said Monday that a court case was going to force the memos to be released and that much of what they contained had already been compromised through leaks to news media.

The president urged the hundreds of CIA employees who gathered in a secure auditorium to ignore the recent controversy. "Don't be discouraged by what's happened the last few weeks," he said.

## Friends say imprisoned U.S. journalist is Iran's pawn

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Hometown friends and colleagues of an American journalist imprisoned in Iran for espionage maintain that she's a political pawn and not a spy — though a local newspaper editor hesitates to declare her innocent.

Roxana Saberi, who grew up in Fargo, was convicted last week after a one-day trial behind closed doors and was sentenced to eight years in prison. American diplomats objected, and Iran's president said this week that she should be allowed a full defense in her appeal.

The comments of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has helped to ease the shock of Saberi's conviction, said Donald Clark, a North Dakota state legislator who lives near Saberi's parents in Fargo.

"It looks like a setup deal to me. She's a pawn in a bigger chess game," Clark said Monday. "This is something that would be a key in opening up relations with the United States, if they desire that. It would be viewed as a goodwill gesture if they turn her loose."

Charley Johnson, the general manager of Fargo TV station KVLX, who hired Saberi in the 1990s after teaching her in a college class, took some hope from the latest developments.

"Looking at the comments

from Ahmadinejad, it seems to be a sign that something can be worked out sooner rather than later," Johnson said. "I don't think anyone thinks she went there to be a spy."

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## Iran leader sparks walkout at UN over Israel

By Frank Jordans  
Associated Press writer

GENEVA — Dozens of Western diplomats walked out of a U.N. conference and a pair of rainbow-wigged protesters threw clown noses at Iran's president Monday when the hard-line leader called Israel the "most cruel and repressive racist regime."

The United States decried the remarks by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as hateful — reinjecting tension into a relationship that had been warming after President Barack Obama sought to engage Iran in talks on its nuclear program and other issues.

Ahmadinejad — the first government official to take

the floor at the weeklong event in Geneva — delivered a rambling, half-hour speech that was by turns conciliatory and inflammatory. At one point he appealed for global unity in the fight against racism and then said the United States and Europe helped establish Israel after World War II at the expense of Palestinians.

"They resorted to military aggression to make an entire nation homeless under the pretext of Jewish suffering," he said.

Jewish groups had lobbied heavily for a boycott of the conference, warning it could descend into anti-Semitism or other anti-Israel rhetoric, which marred the last such

conference eight years ago in South Africa.

The meeting turned chaotic almost from the start when the two wigged protesters tossed the red clown noses at Ahmadinejad as he began his speech with a Muslim prayer. A Jewish student group from France said it had been trying to convey "the masquerade that this conference represents."

One of the protesters shouted "You are a racist!" before he and the other demonstrator were taken away by security.

Ahmadinejad interjected: "I call on all distinguished guests to forgive these ignorant people. They don't have enough information."

During his speech, he accused Israel of being the "most cruel and repressive racist regime" and blamed the U.S. invasion of Iraq on a Zionist conspiracy.

At the first mention of Israel, about 40 diplomats from Britain and France and other European Union countries exited the room.

Most of his remarks were not new but their timing and high profile could complicate U.S. efforts to improve ties with Iran. Alejandro Wolff, the U.S. deputy ambassador to the U.N., denounced what he called "the Ahmadinejad spectacle."

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs, asked by reporters about Ahmadine-

jad's remarks, replied: "Obviously, the president disagrees vehemently with what was said, as, from some of the video I saw, so did many others."

Gibbs said it proved that the United States was right to boycott the conference. Germany, Italy and at least six other countries also refused to attend the event, which began on the eve of Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day.

"We call on the Iranian leadership to show much more measured, moderate, honest and constructive rhetoric when dealing with issues in the region, and not this type of vile, hateful, inciteful speech that we all saw," Wolff said at the U.N. in New York.



AP photo

A nose of a clown is thrown at Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad by an activist, as he delivers his speech, at the UN Racism conference at the United Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, Monday.

## When bad food hijacks our brains

Scientist: we can have 'conditioned hypereating' for fatty, sugary foods

By Lauran Neergaard  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Food hijacked Dr. David Kessler's brain.

Not apples or carrots. The scientist who once led the government's attack on addictive cigarettes can't wander through part of San Francisco without craving a local shop's chocolate-covered pretzels. Stop at one cookie? Rarely.

It's not an addiction but it's similar, and he's far from alone. Kessler's research suggests millions share what he calls "conditioned hypereating" — a willpower-sapping drive to eat high-fat, high-sugar foods even when they're not hungry.



Kessler

In a book being published next week, the former Food and Drug Administration chief brings to consumers the disturbing conclusion of numerous brain studies: Some people really do have a harder time resisting bad foods. It's a new way of looking at the obesity epidemic that could help spur fledgling movements to reveal calories on restaurant menus or rein in portion sizes.

"The food industry has figured out what works. They know what drives people to keep on eating," Kessler tells The Associated Press. "It's the next great public health campaign, of changing how we view food, and the food industry has to be part of it."

He calls the culprits foods "layered and loaded" with combinations of fat, sugar and salt — and often so processed that you don't even have to chew much.

Overeaters must take responsibility, too, and basically retrain their brains to resist the lure, he cautions.

# Field of death



AP photo

Palm Beach Equine Clinic Veterinary Technician Ginny Powell administers care to a dying horse Sunday at the International Polo Club of Palm Beach in Wellington, Fla. Officials were waiting Monday for test results to find out why 21 polo horses from a Venezuelan team fell fatally ill before a match during a tournament at the club.

## 21 polo horses die in Florida before match

By Brian Skoloff  
Associated Press writer

WELLINGTON, Fla. — Ladies in their spring dresses and men in casual linen suits sipped champagne and nibbled hors d'oeuvres as they waited for the U.S. Open polo match. What they ended up with was a field of death.

Magnificent polo ponies, each valued at up to \$200,000, stumbled from their trailers and crumpled one by one onto the green grass. Vets ran out and poured water over the feverish, splayed-out animals. But it was no use. One dead horse. Then another. Then more. And within a day, 21 horses were dead.

State veterinarians were still performing necropsies but suspect the horses died from heart failure brought on by some sort of toxic reaction in their bodies. Possibly tainted feed, vitamins or supplements. Maybe a combination of the three.

While polo club officials and several independent veterinarians insisted the

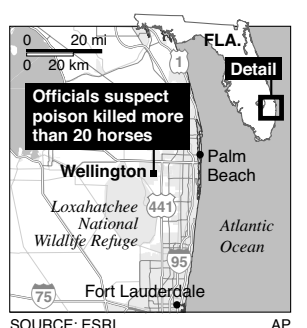
deaths appeared to be accidental, it remained a mystery that puzzled and saddened those close to a sport that has long been a passion of Palm Beach County's ultra-rich.

"The players, the owners of the horses were in tears. Bystanders and volunteers were in tears. This was a very tragic thing," said Tony Coppola, 62, an announcer for the International Polo Club Palm Beach in this palm tree-lined town some 15 miles west of the millionaire enclave of Palm Beach.

Spectators at the Sunday match had difficulty making out what was happening when the frenzy of workers and trucks hovered around the horse trailers. Soon blue tarps were hung and trailers were shuffled into place to obscure their view.

The match was canceled, replaced by an exhibition game, to keep the crowd busy. Rumors swirled and the death toll climbed.

Some horses died on scene. Others were shuttled to clinics for treatment, but there was nothing



SOURCE: ESRI AP

that could be done. Their fate was sealed.

All the dead horses were from the Venezuelan-owned team Lechuza Caracas, a favorite to win the title at what's described as the World Series of this sport. The team included about 40 thoroughbreds in all, maybe more. The team has not made any public comments since the deaths.

Polo club manager Jimmy Newman said it was like losing half the New York Yankees. "They lost some great horses," he said.

Dr. Scott Swerdlin, a veterinarian at Palm Beach Equine Clinic near the polo grounds, treated one of the sick horses. He said it appeared the animals died of heart failure caused by

some kind of toxin that could have been in tainted food, vitamins or supplements.

"A combination of something with an error in something that was given to these horses caused this toxic reaction," Swerdlin said Monday.

It may take days or weeks to get the results of toxicology tests, he said.

John Wash, the polo club's president of club operations, said doctors had ruled out any sort of airborne infection. "This was an isolated incident involving that one team," Wash said.

"This was devastating," he added. "It was heart-breaking to see that many horses to get sick all at once."

He said games would resume on Wednesday, with the finals taking place Sunday. The Lechuza team has withdrawn, the club said.

The team is owned by affluent Venezuelan businessman Victor Vargas, who also plays, but most of the horses and players are Argentine. The team travels most of the year.

## 'Stress test' results for banks worry some on Wall Street

By Martin Crutsinger  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Anxiety is growing again over the health of the nation's largest banks, and with Congress hesitant to commit more money, the Obama administration is exploring ways to strengthen them in the face of an unrelenting recession.

Results of the federal government's "stress tests" on big banks are due May 4, and Wall Street is increasingly worried they will show some banks are in worse shape than expected.

The renewed bank fears drove the stock market down on Monday in its worst showing in six weeks. Bank of America stock lost nearly a quarter of its value, and the Dow Jones industrial average fell almost 290 points.

Bank of America reported a first-quarter profit of \$2.8 billion, joining other banks whose earnings reports have looked positive at first blush. But some analysts say accounting steps are concealing the depth of the financial industry's woes.

The banks have been helped by income from trading and cheap borrowing, but they are still struggling with bad debt, said Joe Saluzzi, co-head of equity trading at Themis Trading LLC.

Investors are "looking at bank numbers and are saying they are not that great," he said.

Among the ideas being explored by the administration is converting the government's loans into equity stakes, which would improve the banks' bottom lines by increasing their capital reserves.

The Treasury Department will outline Friday how it plans to structure the stress tests, which aim to gauge the health of 19 big banks. So far, investors have been too optimistic about the results, warned Jaret Seiberg, a financial services policy analyst at Washington Research Group.

"What we're seeing is a re-evaluation of those positions," he said. "Until we have finality on what the stress tests will tell us, the markets will be very jittery about the banks."

The \$700 billion in bailout money approved by Congress last fall has dwindled to about \$135 billion, and the administration is under pressure to show it has other tools to strengthen weaker banks.

Critics have complained that the bailout money has failed to get banks to resume more normal lending to consumers and businesses. Increased lending is seen as vital to ending the financial crisis.

## Supreme Court to weigh free-speech issue of pit bull case

By Mark Sherman  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday it will explore a dark corner of Americans' fascination with animals, whether the sale of videos depicting dog fights and violent deaths of small animals is protected by the First Amendment's guar-

antee of free speech.

The justices in the fall agreed to hear arguments in the government's appeal of a court ruling that struck down a federal law aimed at the sale of images of animal cruelty.

Lawmakers were especially interested in limiting the sale of tapes

of fights between pit bulls and so-called crush videos that show women crushing to death small animals, often with their bare feet or high-heeled shoes.

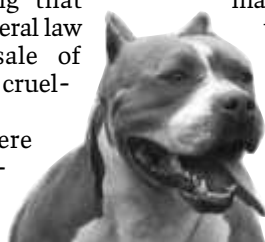
The federal appeals court in Philadelphia said the law, enacted in 1999, illegally restricts speech, although it acknowledged that preventing cruelty to animals is a worthy goal.

Robert Stevens of Pittsville, Va., was convicted and sentenced to 37 months in prison for selling videos of pit bull fights. The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also reversed

the conviction.

The appeals court described one video as including a "gruesome depiction of a pit bull attacking the lower jaw of a domestic farm pig."

Still, it rejected the government's argument that the law is justified by a "compelling interest in protecting animals from wanton acts of cruelty."







# OPINION

## QUOTABLE

"It is kind of sad. I wish I was still at the Tribune. I'd have a party with them right now!"  
— laid-off journalist Paul Giblin, of the East Valley Tribune in Mesa, Ariz., who along with Ryan Gabrielson won a Pulitzer Prize

### EDITORIAL

# This is no way to run state government

As we predicted editorially a month ago, this has become a Kempthorne April. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on Monday vetoed 10 bills — far and away a one-day record — because he hasn't gotten his way on transportation funding.

In so doing, Otter made former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne — and his flurry of vetoes at the end of 2003 and 2005 legislative sessions — look like a piker.

On Monday — the 99th day of this session — the governor made clear his quarrel was with the hardliners in the House Republican caucus, not with the Senate. The House has spiked bills to increase the state's gas tax by 7 cents, 5 cents, 4 cents, 4 cent over two years and 2 cents.

Our question is this: Why wasn't this issue resolved by negotiations in February or March instead of by vetoing everything in sight on April 20?

The governor's party controls nearly 80 percent of the Legislature. It's an insult to Idaho's taxpayers that Otter and lawmakers are now playing one-upmanship at a taxpayer cost of \$30,000 a day.

With a compromise or two, Otter might have won the cooperation of House Democrats — and enough votes to pass a gas tax increase. Instead, he spurned their overtures on education cuts and state personnel reductions.

Otter may not be finished wielding his veto stamp. He's promised to reject every appropriations bill that reaches his desk until the Legislature — meaning the House — approves a transportation funding bill.

And if that doesn't work, he said Monday, the governor will call a special session to begin the day after this session adjourns — if it ever does.

Otter is right about roads. Legislators have a moral obligation to provide some means for halting or at least slowing the deterioration of Idaho's transportation infrastructure.

But extortion isn't the way to get it done.

Each and every one of eight appropriations bills the governor rejected on Monday will have to start over from scratch in the Joint-Finance Appropriations Committee.

It's simply unacceptable that Otter can't do a more effective job in working with his own party in House. It's equally wrong that a majority in the House GOP caucus is more interested in getting its own way than in solving the state's problems.

There is, after all, a recession abroad in the land — a season for compromise and efficiency in government.

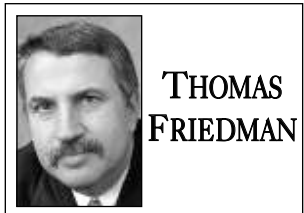
Our ivory-tower friends in Boise apparently didn't get the memo.

**Our view: Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter vetoed 10 bills on Monday, the 99th day of the legislative session. A meeting of minds with Republicans — and a few Democrats — in the House of Representatives two months ago would have headed that off.**

**What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

# Diplomacy in the age of pirates

I've been thinking lately of starting a new school of foreign service to train U.S. diplomats. My school, though, would be very simple. It would consist of a single classroom with a desk and a chair. At the desk would be a teacher, pretending to be a foreign leader. The student would come in and have to persuade the foreign leader to do something — to pull this or that lever. At one point, the foreign leader would nod vigorously in agreement and then reach behind him and pull the lever — and it would come off the wall in his hands. Or, he would nod vigorously and say, "Yes, yes, of course, I will pull that lever," but then would only pretend to do so.



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

The student would then have to figure out what to do next.

I'm wondering if President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton aren't those students, trying to deal with the leaders of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and North Korea. I say that not to criticize but to sympathize. "Mama, don't let your children grow up to be diplomats."

This is not the great age of diplomacy.

A secretary of state can broker deals only when other states or parties are ready or able to make them. In the Cold War, an age of great powers, grand bargains and reasonably solid client states, there were ample opportunities for that — whether in arms control with the Soviet Union or peacemaking between our respective client states around the globe. But this is increasingly an age of pirates, failed states, nonstate actors and nation-building — the stuff of snipers, drones and generals, not diplomats.

Hence the deja vu all over



again quality of U.S. foreign policy right now — the sense that when it comes to our major problems (Afghanistan, Pakistan, North Korea and Iran), we just go around and around, buying the same carpets from the same people, over and over, but nothing changes.

"We are dealing with states and leaders who either cannot deliver or will not deliver," notes the Johns Hopkins University foreign policy professor Michael Mandelbaum. "The issues we have with them look less like problems that can be solved and more like conditions that we have to manage."

The ones who can't deliver — the leaders of Afghanistan and Pakistan — are the ones who promise to do all sorts of good things, and pull all sorts of levers, but at the end of the day the levers come off the wall because the governments in these countries have only limited powers. The ones who won't deliver — Iran and North Korea — time and again tell us: "Yes, we need to talk."

The only thing that could change this is a greater exercise of U.S. and allied power. In the case of Afghanistan and Pakistan, that power would have to

be used to actually rebuild these states from the inside into modern nations. We would literally have to build the institutions — the pulleys and wheels — so that when the leaders of these states pulled a lever something actually happened, and the lever wouldn't just break off in their hands.

And in the case of the strong states — Iran and North Korea — we would have to generate much more effective leverage from the outside to get them to change their behavior along the lines we seek. In both cases, though, success surely would require a bigger and longer U.S. investment of money and power, not to mention allies.

Instead, I fear that we are adopting a middle-ground strategy — doing just enough to avoid collapse but not enough to solve the problems. If our goal in Afghanistan and Pakistan is nation-building, so they will have self-sustaining moderate governments, we surely don't have enough troops or resources inside devoted to either. If our goal is changing regime behavior in Iran and North Korea, we surely have not generated enough leverage from outside. North Korea's defiant missile launch and

Iran's continued development of its nuclear capability testify to that.

So, in sum, we have four problem countries at the heart of U.S. foreign policy today that we don't have the will or ability to ignore but seem to lack the leverage or the allies to decisively change. The big wild card — a critical mass of people who share our aspirations inside these countries rising up and leading the fight, which is ultimately what tipped Iraq for the better — I don't see. As such, I fear we are sliding into commitments in Afghanistan and Pakistan without a real national debate about the ends or the means or the exits. That is a recipe for trouble.

Given all that is on his plate, you cannot blame Obama for looking for a middle ground — not wanting to abandon progressives and women in Afghanistan and Pakistan, but not wanting to get in too deeply. But history teaches that the middle ground can be a perilous place. Think of Iraq before the surge — not enough to win or lose, but just enough to be stuck.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Story about homeless was appreciated

Thank you to the writer, photographer and everybody at the *Times-News* for the stories about the homeless.

Thank you to all the people who have donated and still are donating to us (the homeless) in Twin Falls.

Thank you again from the four guys on the bus.

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JIM E. LEE  
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MATT LOHMAN  
Twin Falls**

### Plans are afoot to destroy U.S. economy

More Obama taxes are coming! The proposed carbon cap and trade tax due to the global warming fraud will cost the average household \$3,000 a year in higher energy costs while forcing us to subsidize energy production in

### Tell us what you think

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other countries.

Six hundred-eighty worldwide scientists met in New York City in March for the second Heartland International Climate Conference. These scientists do not agree that global warming is human induced (anthropogenic) but that the sun goes through climate change cycles. Most feel that the climate is cooling now. Carbon dioxide has nothing to do with climate

change. Global warming is all about money (transfering wealth) and politics to create fear to control people through world government.

The U.S. Senate rejected the Kyoto Treaty 95-0 because it would destroy our economy. However, the United Nations International Panel on Climate Change plans to use the impending climate treaty to reduce our standard of living as our wealth

is shifted to form a global economy.

Large polluters including China, India and Brazil are exempt.

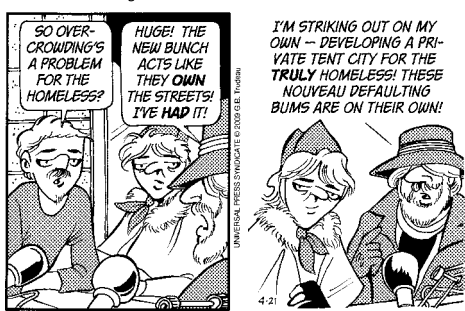
Also, Obama has promised to ratify the U.N. Law of the Sea treaty which will give foreign dictators control over all oceans and international taxes on Americans.

There is an international movement to replace the dollar by some global United Nation's currency. Treasury Secretary Geithner in speaking to the one-world government promoting Council on Foreign Relations declared that the Treasury Department was "actually open" to the idea of a global currency. This would destroy our economy. H.J. Resolution 41 will stop this madness. Our elected officials must support this bill, stop the climate and Sea Bed treaties.

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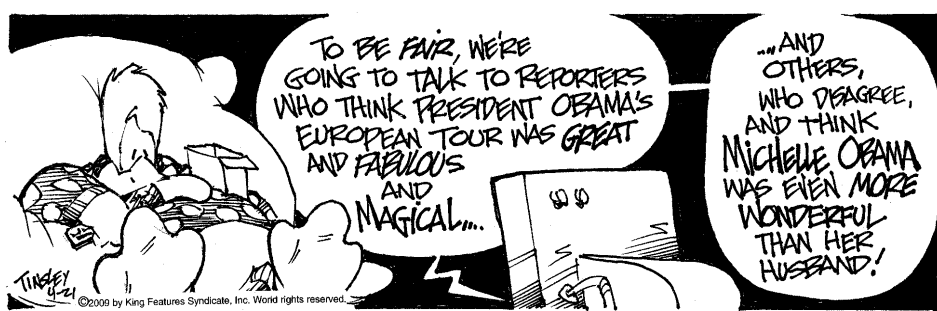


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# 130 inmates moved back to Idaho from Okla. prison

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Department of Correction officials say a decline in the number of state inmates has made room for 130 prisoners to be brought back to the Gem State from Oklahoma.

The inmates arrived in Idaho on Monday.

Idaho has been relying on out-of-state prisons to house its inmates for a decade. But Department of Correction Director Brent Reinke said in a prepared statement Monday that the criminal justice system — from the courts to the treatment providers to the parole board — are functioning more efficiently. He says that's led to an unprecedented decline in the state's prison population, with 100 fewer inmates in state custody compared to last July.

Now 188 Idaho inmates remain at the Oklahoma prison. They are expected to be brought back by this fall.

# Readings show Four Corners marker off by 2.5 miles

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Tourists who want to put a hand or foot in each of four states at the Four Corners area are apparently off the mark — by more than a couple miles.

According to readings by the National Geodetic Survey, the Four Corners marker showing the intersection of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah is about 2.5 miles west of where it should be.

The only place in the United States where four state boundaries come together was first surveyed by the U.S. government in 1868 during the initial survey of Colorado's southern boundary line.

The intended location was 109 degrees west longitude and 37 degrees north latitude. But, because of surveying errors, the popular tourist spot is actually just a bit off.

The accurate location would be downhill to the east of U.S. 160 in Colorado and northeast of the San Juan River as it flows into New Mexico.

# Some areas of Utah have high landslide potential

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A geologist says some areas of Utah are poised to have an active landslide season.

"Many areas in northern Utah right now have a heightened landslide potential," said Francis Ashland, of the Utah Geologic Survey.

Among those area are some parts of Morgan, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah counties.

"There's billions of dollars of real estate sitting on landslides," Ashland said.

Most of the Wasatch Front has been wetter than normal and that nearly a month's worth of precipitation came with last week's two-day storm, Ashland said.

But no flooding is expected, at least in the short term, said Brian McInerney, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service.

# Pocatello lobbies for Education Board seat

POCATELLO (AP) — The Greater Pocatello Chamber of Commerce has endorsed Pocatello resident Arlen Wittrock to fill a vacant seat on the state Board of Education.

Executive Director Matt Hunter said Wittrock is a good choice for the volunteer position due to his background in education, business and local government.

"Arlen taught at both the high school and college

level," Hunter told the Idaho State Journal. "He's been a very strong coalition builder in the community."

Pocatello, home of Idaho State University, is the only city in the state with a university but no local representation on the board. The last board member from the city was Karen McGee, who resigned two years ago.

Hunter said a formal letter recommending Wittrock will be sent to Gov. C.L.

"Butch" Otter.

However, Otter could appoint someone from outside southeast Idaho to the position.

"We think it's important to have someone from the area," Hunter said. "Arlen's background makes him the best choice."

Wittrock has served on the Idaho Association of Chambers of Commerce, Bannock County Development Board, Economic

Advisory Board and the Regional Advisory Committee formed by state education Superintendent Tom Luna.

"I'm very happy to have the support of a group like the Greater Pocatello Chamber of Commerce," said Wittrock, who works as the public affairs spokesman for On Semiconductor in Pocatello. "I believe strongly in open communications between all stakeholders,

teachers, parents and taxpayers."

Wittrock must submit an application that will be reviewed by Lt. Gov. Brad Little.

Blake Hall resigned April 3 after nearly nine years on the board to devote more time to his law practice in Idaho Falls. He was appointed to the board in September 2000 and his term was scheduled to expire on March 1, 2010.

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## Changes for Simplot

Lofto to replace Whitacre, who was named CEO-elect

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

Garrett Lofto, a crop advisor for the Morris, Manitoba area, has been named president of the J.R. Simplot Company Agri-Business Group, according to company officials.

Lofto will succeed Bill Whitacre, who in February was named chief executive officer-elect of the J.R. Simplot Company.

Whitacre replaced Larry Hlobik, who retired after serving for seven years as president and CEO.



Lofto

"This change is all part of the succession planning that began months ago when Whitacre was called

to be the next CEO," said Lisa Davis, public relations and government affairs officer with the J.R. Simplot Company.

Lofto joined Simplot in 1992 and has held numerous leadership positions in the AgriBusiness Group, including his most recent role as vice president of wholesale sales.

Lofto is a member of the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists, and previously served on the board of directors and executive policy committee for the Canadian Fertilizer Institute.

"The Simplot board expressed high confidence in Garrett's ability to lead our AgriBusiness organization," said Whitacre. "He is an experienced and effective leader."

As vice president of Simplot's Wholesale Sales division, Lofto has led the organization to record year-over-year growth.

See **SIMPLOT**, Agribusiness 3

## NEW DIRECTOR



CINDY SNYDER/For the Times-News

Lance Phillips was named Farm Service Agency county executive director for Twin Falls County in early April.

## T.F. Farm Service Agency announces new director

Phillips brings background of conservation to region

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

The Farm Service Agency has named a new county executive director for Twin Falls County.

Lance Phillips brings a background in conservation and specialty crops to Twin Falls. He served as district manager for the Malheur (Ore.) County Soil Conservation District for five years before he joined the

Farm Service Agency (FSA) year-long training program. During the past year he has worked in 14 different county offices from Lewiston to St. Anthony, including a week or so in Twin Falls.

"I saw the whole state," Phillips said. "I've seen so many different management styles and met so many people."

Phillips spent his career involved with agriculture but not necessarily production agriculture. After receiving his

bachelor's in horticulture from Central Washington University, he and his wife Angie moved to Weiser where she taught health education and special education for five years at Fruitland.

He worked as a nursery manager during those years and also bought a 120-acre farm with his father. In addition to orchard crops, they also did rotational grazing and

See **DIRECTOR**, Agribusiness 3

## Program open for pea growers

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

Producers who have raised peas or other pulse crops in the past may be able to add to their base acres.

In the past, pulse crop growers have not been eligible for payments through the farm bill programs. This move makes pulse crops eligible for counter cyclical payments if crop prices fall.

"It could pay off," said Lance Phillips, Farm Service Agency county executive director for Twin Falls County.

Adding pulse crop acres may increase the total base acres on a farm or may increase the eligible payment acres for the farm if the farm is enrolled in the new ACRE program.

Growers must bring verifiable evidence of their pulse crop acreage and yield history for the period between 1998 and 2001. Pulse crops are defined as dry peas (green, yellow, Austrian, Umatilla and wrinkled), lentils, large chickpeas and small chick peas. Base acres must be enrolled before August 14, 2009.

"It's a new program. We'll help them work through it," Phillips said.

In other farm policy news, Twin Falls County growers who suffered a yield loss in 2008 thanks to a natural event may be eligible for disaster payments.

Although Twin Falls County did not receive a disaster designation in 2008, Elko County, Nev. recently did. And because Twin Falls is contiguous to Elko County, that makes Twin Falls eligible also.

But, growers must have crop insurance coverage on all crops to qualify for disaster payments. Growers who did not buy crop insurance last year but suffered a loss resulting from frost, hail or wind have a second chance to get all their crops covered. The buy-in deadline is May 18, 2009.

Growers may be eligible for a payment if the calculated expected revenue is less than the estimated revenue or the loss is at least 50 percent, said Lance Phillips, county executive director for the Farm Service Agency in Twin Falls County.

Not all crops are eligible for catastrophic crop insurance, but FSA offers a program for those non-insured crops through NAP. Crops can be covered through NAP for \$100 per crop or a maximum of \$300 per farm.

## Glanbia to invest \$90 M in facilities

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

Glanbia PLC and its joint venture partner, Greater Southwest Agency, announced Friday that it will invest \$90 million to expand its cheese and whey processing facilities in New Mexico.

Glanbia officials say the investment will increase capacity at the Southwest Cheese plant by 33 percent.

Once the upgrades are completed, the annual capacity of the facility will increase to more than 4 billion pounds of milk, 400 million pounds of cheese and 26 million pounds of high-value added whey proteins.

"From commissioning of the facility in October 2006 to today, this business has grown significantly to where it is now operating at full capacity — processing over 2.7 billion pounds of milk annually," said John Moloney, group managing director for Glanbia. "Scale production is a key platform in our growth strategy and Glanbia is very pleased with the progress of Southwest Cheese."

Mike McCloskey, chairman of Southwest Cheese, added that the success of Southwest Cheese is a reflection of the partnership that exists in the joint venture.

He said Glanbia has provided the know-how and manpower to operate a large-scale facility, while Southwest Cheese has provided an ongoing supply of milk from the region.

## Where milking time is all day long

Dairyman makes long-range investment in robotic milking

By Carol Stender  
Agri News

UNDERWOOD, Minn. — It's milking time all day long on Ardy Johanson's Underwood farm.

His cows can be milked at any time, up to six times a day, thanks to robotic milkers.

Johanson is the eighth Minnesota dairy farmer and first in Otter Tail County to

install a robotic system.

He started using robotic milkers on Jan. 7 and can already see the benefits. Less human labor is required and the robotic system can track each cow's production, milking frequency, milk quality and activity.

His cows are still transitioning to the robotic milking style. He has a 110-cow herd with 95 milking, he said. About 75 per-

cent of them have acclimated to the system and the remaining 10 to 12 cows need to be moved to the robotic milker for milkings. Once there, the cows know what to do. As they enter the robotic milker, pellets drop into a feeding chute. As the cows eat, the robotic arm washes the udder and places each cup on a teat. The cups automatically drop once the quarter is milked.

The robotic milker tests the milk for temperature, color and conductivity. If the conductivity reading is high, the machine will separate the milk and, when Johanson checks the machine's information, will know to treat the cow.

An RFID is attached to a collar worn by each cow. If the cow has already been milked, but enters the robotic milker, the head gate opens, releasing the cow back into the barn.

See **MILK**, Agribusiness 2

## AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

### MAGIC VALLEY BLM and Rangeland panel to discuss rangeland wildfires

The Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Rangeland Resource Comm-

ission will host a three-day workshop to discuss the Murphey Complex fire and other rangeland wildfires.

The workshop will be held at 8:30 a.m. on May 12 through the 14th in Twin Falls.

The title of the workshop

is "Large Wildland Fires;" A Burning Issue in the Twin Falls District."

To learn more about the program or to register, go to [www.idrange.org](http://www.idrange.org).

A tour of the burned areas will be included during the workshop. An estimated

150-200 people are expected to attend.

### Cassia and Minidoka FSA to hold 2008 Farm Bill training

BURLEY — The Cassia

and Minidoka County Farm Service Agencies will hold a public meeting to discuss the 2008 Farm Bill on Wednesday. The meeting will be held at the Cassia County Extension Office at 1600 Park Ave. in Burley. The meeting

will be held from 1 to 4 p.m.

A panel of speakers from various agencies will discuss farm bill changes and new programs implemented to the 2008 Farm Bill.

— Staff reports

### Dates and deadlines

- May 31 - Deadline for final loan & LDP availability date for corn, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, safflower seed, small chickpeas, soybeans and sunflower seed.

- June 1 - Deadline for 2009 DCP Sign-up Period.
- June 30 - Deadline to report all crop acreage.
- August 1 - Deadline to request farm combinations and farm divisions to be effective for the current FY for farms

- subject to DCP.
- September 9 - Deadline to submit MILK Income Loss Contract Extension applications.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 3 columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Each column lists Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary items.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indexes such as Dow Jones Industrials, Dow Jones Transportation, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks like AlliantEgy, AlliantTch, AmCasino, etc. with their prices and changes.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Explanation of stock symbols and notations used in the report, including terms like 'Name', 'Div', 'Last', 'Fund Name'.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of commodity prices including Live cattle, Feeder cattle, Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, etc.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices including Cheddar, Swiss, Brie, etc.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices including Russet Burbank, Yukon Gold, etc.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices including Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc.

METALS/MONEY

Table of metal and money prices including Gold, Silver, Copper, etc.

BEANS

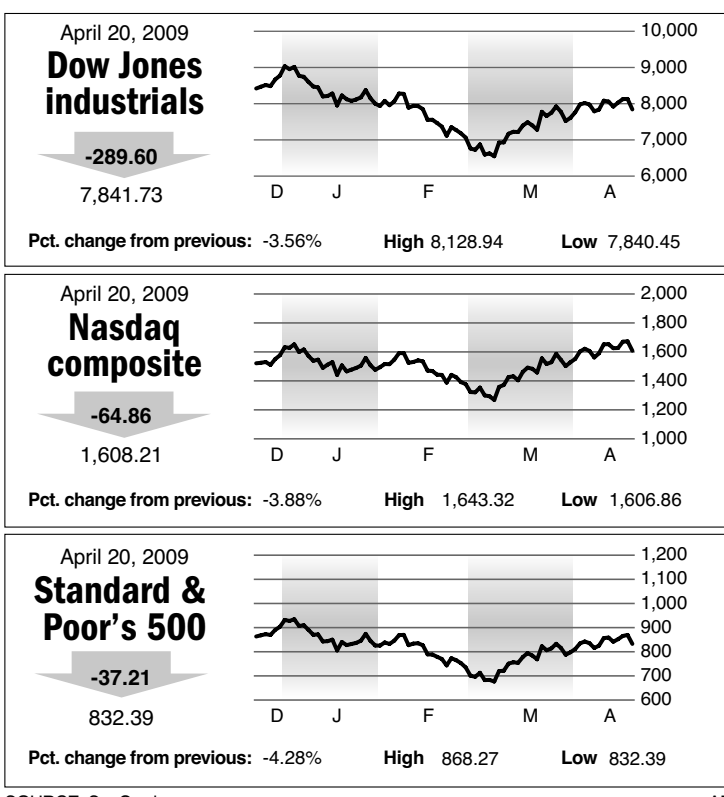
Text describing bean prices and market conditions.

GRAINS

Text describing grain prices and market conditions.

Table of grain prices including Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, etc.

TODAY ON WALL STREET



SOURCE: SunGard

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors are back to worrying about banks. Long-present unease about soured loans bubbled over on Monday after Bank of America Corp. said it set aside \$13.4 billion to cover lending losses, even as it posted a profit for the first quarter, and as anxiety grew about the results of the government's "stress tests" to determine if banks will need more government bailout money.

FUEL REPORT

The average price of fuel increased slightly in south-central Idaho compared to the previous week. The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline increased 3 cents to \$2.03, while the average price for diesel increased about 5 cents to \$2.28 per gallon.

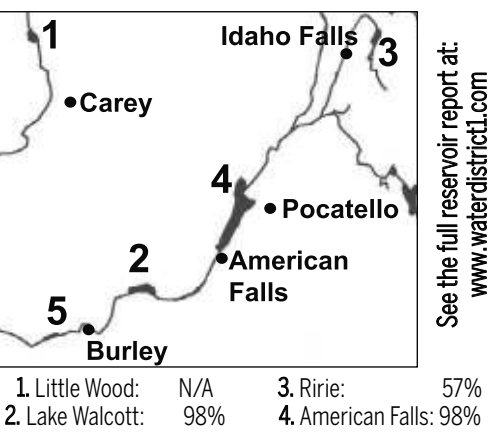
Gas prices

- List of gas prices from various stations like Twin Falls: Maverik Country Store, 120 6th Ave. W.: \$1.97.

Diesel prices

- List of diesel prices from various stations like Twin Falls: Stinker-Sinclair, 2259 Addison Ave. E.: \$2.29.

RESERVOIR LEVELS



- 1. Little Wood: N/A 3. Ririe: 57%
2. Lake Walcott: 98% 4. American Falls: 98%
5. Milner: 93%

COMMODITY PRICES

Table of commodity prices including Dairy, Feed, Hay, Small grain, and Livestock.

MARKET TRENDS

Dairy trends

Milk intakes are increasing seasonally throughout the country with the exception of California and the Pacific Northwest where volumes are mostly steady.

Wheat trends

Local wheat prices were mixed last week — the most recent report. Soft-white wheat ranged from 5 cents lower to 8 cents higher; Hard-red wheat ranged from 10 cents lower to 27 cents higher; and DNS from 8 cents lower to 50 cents higher.

Barley trends

Local barley prices were mixed, ranging from \$1.51 lower to \$2.25 higher this week. The USDA did not report any barley export sales last week.

Hay trends

No updates available. The U.S. Department of Agriculture did not update its Idaho Weekly Hay report.

Milk

Continued from Agribusiness 1. Cow activity is also tracked by the machine. Higher activity levels mean a cow is in heat. Cows can be milked up to six times a day, but Johanson's herd is averaging 2.6 to 2.7 milkings per day.

# A less gassy future

Researchers look to cows' diets to reduce emissions

By Robert Imrie  
Associated Press writer

WAUSAU, Wisconsin — The U.S. dairy industry wants to engineer the "cow of the future" to pass less gas, a project aimed at cutting the industry's greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent by 2020.

The cow project aims to reduce intestinal methane, the single largest component of the dairy industry's carbon footprint, said Thomas P. Gallagher, chief executive officer of the U.S. Dairy and Dairy Management Inc.'s Innovation Center in Rosemont, Illinois.

One area to be explored is modifying the dairy cows' feed so they produce less methane, said Rick Naczi, the leader of the initiative.

"Right now there is some work being done on fish-oil additives and some other things," he said. "The cow is responsible for the majority of the greenhouse gas on the farm itself. We know there are ways that we can find to cut or reduce that production."

Another possible solution is targeting the microbes in the cow's gut,



AP photo

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Naczi said. "You can change the mix of the bacteria in the cow's rumen and change the methane production that way."

He expects the research to develop some solutions within a year.

The initiative could have a huge effect in Wisconsin. The state has about 1.25 million dairy cows, or about 14 percent of the national total.

Dairy Management Inc. manages the national dairy checkoff program, which collects 15 cents per hundredweight of raw milk produced by farmers to fund research and promotion of dairy products.

Greenhouse gas emissions are blamed for global warming. Cutting the dairy

industry's emissions by 25 percent would be equivalent to removing about 1.25 million passenger cars from the nation's roads every year, Gallagher said.

The University of Arkansas' Applied Sustainability Center estimates the dairy industry contributes less than 2 percent of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

But consumers increasingly demand products that are produced, packaged and distributed in a sustainable way, Gallagher said.

The industry said it has dramatically reduced the carbon footprint of its products by 63 percent over the past 60 years through production efficiencies, nutrition management and

technological improvements.

Other greenhouse gas emission projects to be explored include turning digester-generated methane into energy that can be sold. A pilot program in California identifies the best energy-efficiency practices in milk processing plants and assesses current and new packaging formats.

Managing agricultural operations in a sustainable way can improve efficiencies and cut costs, said Bryan Weech, livestock agriculture program director with World Wildlife Fund. Those efforts can also protect watersheds and improve soil health and water quality.

## Nursery growers reminded of closing date for insurance

Times-News staff

SPOKANE — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency says nursery growers with current insurance policies must renew 2010 Nursery Multi-Peril Crop Insurance by Friday, May 1.

Nursery insurance numbers in the Pacific Northwest continue to increase — having more than \$403 million in coverage protection under the Federal MPCI program for crop year 2009.

Through a collaborative effort between nursery and landscape associations, growers, the insurance industry and USDA, an enhanced and improved nursery policy was available beginning in crop year 2006.

New for 2010 is a policy change for nursery growers in Bonner and Boundary Counties, providing them with Type 58, coniferous evergreen trees and Type 62, coniferous evergreen shrubs to be insurable as non-irrigated field grown plants the second and subsequent years after set out.

A policy statement was added to the Special

### GET MORE INFORMATION

A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the U.S. or at the website address: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

Provisions of Insurance to ensure the insurance product better fit the needs of Idaho nursery growers.

MPCI Nursery insurance provides protection for wholesale nurseries producing and marketing nursery plants grown in standard nursery containers or in the field.

Coverage is based on a plant inventory value report declaring a value of insurable plants — the lower of a nursery grower's own prices or prices contained in a Plant Price Schedule maintained by USDA.

USDA officials say recent nursery insurance program improvements provide growers with the flexibility to obtain a valuable risk management tool that specifically fits their business plan's needs.

## Bids to remove cows being accepted

Times-News staff

Interest from dairy farmers in Cooperatives Working Together's seventh herd retirement round is high, and farmers who are members of CWT have one week left to submit their bids, CWT representatives said Thursday.

"There's been a big surge in the number of calls and emails we've received, and the www.CWT.coop website has recorded more than 3,500 new visitors since we announced the opening of the bidding process on April 1," said Jim Tillison, chief operating officer of CWT.

Tillison said an analysis of web traffic on CWT's

website indicates that the majority of the visits are coming from major dairy states, led by California.

"We know the pain of low milk prices combined with high production costs is a national phenomenon, and we are expecting a significant number of bids from across the country," he said.

According to CWT, all bids must be postmarked by May 1.

A review of all the bids will occur in the third week of May, and audits of successful bidders' farms will start in the following week, Tillison said.

All bidders will be notified whether or not their bid has been accepted no later than June 19.

## Camera captures wolves killing lambs

By Jeff Barnard  
Associated Press writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — A motion-detector camera has photographed two wolves killing lambs on a ranch in Eastern Oregon — the first documented wolf attack on livestock in Oregon since they started moving into the state in 1999.

Baker City-area sheep rancher Curt Jacobs said Wednesday his family — third generation sheep ranchers — had been moving ewes and lambs from the ranch compound, where they had been brought in for lambing, out to pasture last week.

When his brother and nephew went out to gather a band to load into trucks Friday morning, they found more than a dozen lambs penned near the house had been driven through the fence and killed. Only a few had been eaten.

Initially, they thought it was a cougar, but then saw tracks in the mud around the dead lambs included toenails. They figured it was



AP photo

This April 13 photo provided by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife shows two wolves standing near the bodies of two dead lambs in Baker County, Ore.

wolves and called the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Wolf coordinator Russ Morgan mounted four motion-detector cameras on fence posts in hopes of catching the wolves walking by and looking in. Some carcasses were put out to attract the wolves.

Monday morning, Jacobs,

52, found the wolves had come back and killed more lambs. One of the cameras captured a photo of two wolves looking right at it, with dead lambs at their feet.

The attack is likely to revive the contentious debate over whether ranchers should be allowed to shoot wolves on sight.

## Director

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raised crops from alfalfa to asparagus.

They received a Spirit of Idaho award for conservation for their efforts to improve wildlife habitat for deer, elk, pheasant, quail and ground squirrels. Much of their work from planting windbreaks to installing buffer strips was done through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners programs.

Since joining FSA, he and his father have purchased a 160-acre farm near Burns, Ore., that his father is managing for forestry. His father is a retired U.S. Forest Service biologist.

As district manager for the Malheur County SCD, Phillips managed a staff of four other people and a grant budget of between \$1 and \$2 million annually. At the time, Oregon devoted a portion of the state's lottery proceeds to grant programs and the district was able to work with landowners on large projects.

Phillips was also a certified planner for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, a partner with conservation districts and also FSA for some farm bill programs.

He grew up in central Washington and worked both in orchards and in the

timber industry setting chokers during the summers.

Phillips is excited to be in Twin Falls County. "This is a great opportunity to be in a great agricultural area," he said.

He is looking forward to seeing what specialty crops can be grown in Twin Falls County.

In his spare time he enjoys landscaping but with three children under the age of 6, he hasn't had a lot of spare time lately.

"I have a heart for working with farmers and ranchers," Phillips said. "They are good people doing what I like to do."

## Simplot

Continued from Agribusiness 1

"Agriculture is the most important industry there is," said Lofto. "It is a role we take very serious, evidenced by our significant investment in resources centered

on meeting this important need."

Lofto holds a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from the University of Manitoba, Canada and a masters of business admin-

istration from the University of Phoenix.

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The Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame celebrated its 50th annual banquet Tuesday evening at the Turf Club, Twin Falls, with six new inductees: Rick Haines, Filer, from left, ag broadcaster; Bill Hazen, Gooding, University of Idaho extension agent; Tom Basabe, Grand View, Simplot Livestock; John Renner, Gooding, rancher; and Tom Williams, Hollister, rancher. Not in the photo is inductee the late John Basabe, Emmett & Grand View, Simplot Livestock.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Abnormally warm and sunny. Highs low 80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Lows upper 40s.
Tomorrow: Warm and dry. Highs low 80s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Weather forecast for Twin Falls from today to Saturday, including temperature, moon phases, and barometric pressure.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing weather data for various locations including Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and Lewiston.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny and warm. Highs upper 70s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Lows upper 40s.
Tomorrow: Warm and dry with a light breeze developing.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing forecast for various regions like Sun Valley, Boise, and Northern Utah.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table of regional forecasts for cities in Idaho.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table of national forecasts for various US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table of world forecasts for international cities.

Quote of the Day by Gregg Middlekauff: 'Kindness can become its own motive. We are made kind by being kind.'

More GM workers laid off

Fiat head to resume talks of alliance with Chrysler
DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. began firing 1,600 white-collar workers Monday and Fiat's CEO left Italy to resume critical talks on an alliance with Chrysler LLC...

Las Vegas Sun wins Pulitzer, NY Times gets five

NEW YORK (AP) — The Las Vegas Sun won the Pulitzer Prize for public service Monday for exposing a high death rate among construction workers on the Las Vegas Strip. The New York Times received five Pulitzers...

MEET SKIP, the Inspiration behind the Horse Monthly Publication. Advertisement featuring a photo of a woman with a horse and text about the publication.

GET 'ER DONE! WHILE THERE'S LOTS TO CHOOSE FROM. Advertisement for Hesston Series balers and a 2009 RENT - PURCHASE PROGRAM table.

USED EQUIPMENT. Advertisement listing various farm equipment for sale or rent, including tractors, big balers, small balers, and windrowers.

Both automakers are living on a combined \$17.4 billion in government loans and have said they'll need more money to survive. Chrysler must cut its debt and its labor costs and forge an alliance with Fiat Group SpA by April 30, or President Obama says Chrysler won't get any more help.

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# No-till gardening feeds soil

By Dean Fosdick  
For The Associated Press

At bottom, gardening is all about dirt — its care and feeding, its microbes and fungi, bacteria and earthworms.

Science has gradually recognized that the soil's vibrant but delicate food web must be treated carefully to produce the best yields.

Turning the soil before planting is generally conceded to be more disruptive than building it up year after year with rich natural substances.

## INSIDE

Compost and mulch alike, but very different.

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"We lose organic matter whenever we till the soil," said Mark Alley, an agronomist and professor of soil fertility and management at Virginia Tech. "That practice adds up a lot when you think about certain areas of Virginia having been tilled for more than 400 years."

No-till growing means adding layers of plant and animal matter to the topsoil rather than plowing, shaping and otherwise disturbing it.

"It reduces runoff and evaporation losses, increases organic matter in surface soils, which increases the rooting environment for seeds," Alley said. "All this makes things more productive."

Farmers began to embrace the no-dig philosophy in the mid- to late 1970s with development of a no-till corn planter, said Brian Jones, an extension agent for Virginia's Augusta County.

"It was prompted by technical innovations along with increased farmer awareness about conservation," said Jones, who doubles as coordinator of the Virginia No-Tillage Alliance. "They were becoming concerned over how much soil they were wasting each year. Now, more than 50 percent of the state's farmers have switched to no-till."

Growers save a lot of time and fuel previously used on sod busting. "At least 30 percent of their machinery inventory had been tied up in tillage equipment," Jones said. "They sold it off because no-till requires only planters and harvesters to bring in a crop."

The same planting principles apply to

See **NO-TILL**, H&G 2



AP photo

Brian Jones, a county extension agent and agronomist, poses near a variety of protective top dressings growing on a no-till test plot March 10 in rural Rockingham County, Va.

## Make a garden and take it with you

Times-News

Families can make a portable garden at the next free Family Day at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, from 3 to 5 p.m. May 2 in The Center's Hailey classroom, 314 S. Second Ave.

Participants will tour an exhibition of paintings of barns, grain silos and other agricultural structures by Boise artist Chris Binion to get them thinking about farms and rural landscapes. Then families will put together their own gardens to take home.

Family Days are free, drop-in activities; no registration necessary. Projects are inspired by current gallery exhibitions, and many activities require adults to be hands-on helpers to their children.

Information: [www.sunvalleycenter.org](http://www.sunvalleycenter.org) or 726-9491.



Photos by SARAH DORIO/AP photos

This outdoor space designed by Brian Patrick Flynn includes a dining table for 12 made out of leftover lumber from a deck build out, mismatched chairs from flea markets all painted and upholstered the same, a plug-in outdoor entryway chandelier and an area rug pattern painted on the deck.

# Small touches

By Melissa Rayworth  
For The Associated Press

In a season of cost-cutting and "staycations," many Americans are taking a second look at their outdoor living area.

Whether you've got a sprawling yard, mid-size patio or even a single balcony, you can create a great space for relaxing and entertaining, say designers Mallory Mathison, Janine Carendi and Brian Patrick Flynn.

Sprucing up outdoor space doesn't have to cost much. Prices for new outdoor items are likely to be lower this summer than last year, and the flea market/yard sale circuit is full of treasures needing only minor rehabbing.

Some advice on making your outdoor living area gorgeous — and functional:

## Define the space

"Think of it as an outdoor room," Flynn says. "Just like a house has four walls, I like to visually create four walls outside, even if it's a small space."

Construct a pergola or simple wood frame around your outdoor dining area, which will define the space without penning you in. It can be attached to your home or freestanding. Flynn suggests attaching curtains to the upper supports; this adds drama to small spaces and breaks up larger ones.

Plants can also define the space: "Rows of plants create a privacy screen," Flynn says, while still keeping things airy. Choose potted plants that remain lush all summer, Carendi says: "If they flower a short period of time, that's fine. But make sure the leaves are green the rest of the time."

For flooring, Carendi suggests covering cement patios with decking tiles — available at home improvement stores and easily installed — for a more organic look. If you have a deck, Flynn suggests painting it the same color as your house. (If it's made of high-end wood, though, it may look best stained.)

Mathison likes outdoor rugs made of polypropylene. They resemble sea grass or rope, she says, but are inexpensive, easily cleaned, moisture-resistant and won't fade.

## Lighting

For daytime, umbrellas do double-duty: blocking unwanted sun on blistering days and gathering warmth around your table

## Re-create your outdoor space with simple changes



This outdoor space designed by Brian Patrick Flynn includes an outdoor art piece and a low-to-the-ground table for eight.

on chillier ones. In urban town house gardens, Carendi says, they can also be angled to block an unappealing view.

At night, these designers love adding a warm glow outdoors. Try using hurricane lanterns or hanging a candelabra filled with pillar candles (easy to suspend from the pergola Flynn recommends, or hung on an iron arm like a hanging plant).

If you have an electrical outlet, hang strands of small lights — Carendi suggests using all white ones — or look for outdoor hanging fixtures that plug in.

## Seating and dining

The range of choices in outdoor furniture — especially compact pieces for small spaces — has increased in recent years, says Carendi. Her advice: Prices should be low this summer, so go for quality. You're seeking not just style, but also comfort and durability.

Though it may seem unnecessary, do buy plastic covers to keep outdoor furniture in good shape for years to come: "It's

See **OUTDOORS**, H&G 3



This outdoor living room designed by Brian Patrick Flynn includes curtains to create privacy, bold color to add energy and a low-to-the-ground table for eight.

# Snag something distinctive at welding students' auction

Times-News

This could be your chance to find the perfectly distinctive piece for your home or garden — when College of Southern Idaho welding students hold an auction

Saturday to raise money for their club.

Welding instructor John Peterson said the auction will feature about 25 items that students have made this year, including tables and chairs,

stools, a 7-foot decorative crane and chicks, elk pictures, a large metal tree and other metal sculptures. Also included in the auction will be bully barns and several items from CSI diesel technology students such as

inspections and brake jobs. Proceeds will help pay for new equipment the club purchased this year.

Peterson said people are welcome to come to the CSI welding lab — in room 105 of the Desert

building — at any time to look at the items that will be for sale. All of the wares will be completed and ready for inspection no later than Friday. The live auction will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in the lab.

# Compost v. mulch

## What are their similarities and differences?

By Dean Fosdick  
For The Associated Press

Compost and mulch. Both are great soil conditioners, but how do they differ?

Each serves as a time-release fertilizer and insulator.

When augmented with livestock and poultry manure, nutrient-rich compost leaches into the earth and feeds countless microorganisms, earthworms and fungi. With time, watering and mixing, discarded green kitchen scraps, yard litter and garden wastes decay into crumb-textured "brown gold" — a greatly enhanced growing medium.

Mulch, meanwhile, is a protective cover that also works its way into the topsoil. It's made up of natural or synthetic substances — everything from crushed rock and plastic sheeting to wood chips, discarded newspapers and straw.

Mulch minimizes gardening chores by smothering weeds, conserving moisture, eliminating erosion and aerating packed soils. It also protects tender plants from frost and cold in winter, and from evaporation and heat stress in summer.

Compost generally is



Compost or 'brown gold' is the product of decomposed green kitchen scraps, yard litter and garden wastes.

AP photo

applied as a soil amendment in late fall or early spring in layers 1 to 2 inches deep. Coarse mulch then can be layered over the enriching compost to protect young plants from the elements.

Both are available for little or no cost, but there are some cautions about their use.

Regarding compost:

- **Beware nitrogen burn.** I planted a shoulder-high blue spruce on a hillside several years ago and covered its root ball with a new batch of manure-rich compost. It was too new and too rich. It soon took on the look of a discarded Christmas tree by dropping its needles and turning copper in color. It was dead, the victim of a

too-hot compost and an overeager gardener. The moral of the story? Allow compost to mature before using it.

- **Don't introduce weeds** into your garden by way of the compost bin. Inspect plant and garden debris before adding it to the pile.

- **Place composting sites** well away from the house. Decomposition often produces unwelcome odors. Decaying mixtures frequently attract insects and snakes. The operation also might be unsightly. Consider screening it.

- **Leaves decay** more quickly when shredded. Grass breaks down faster when turned. Adding such things as seaweed, livestock

and poultry manures loads the blend with nutrients. Wood stove ashes contain potassium and sweeten acidic soil. Coffee grounds perk up acid-loving plants like blueberries, azaleas and rhododendrons and help loosen compacted ground.

- **Don't spread** compost over edible garden crops if any of its components were sprayed with a pesticide.

Regarding mulch:

- **More is not** necessarily better. Mulch can over-winter bark-gnawing voles and other plant-killing critters.

- **Don't pile** mulch directly against tree trunks or shrubs. It can smother them. Rake it instead into a doughnut-like pocket where water can collect.

## No-till

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backyard gardens. They vary from farm fields only in scale and in varieties grown.

The first year is the hardest for no-till practitioners. The ground must be cleared of debris, weeds and other obstructions before nutrient-rich compost and protective mulch can be used.

"Initially, some digging of perennial roots may be required," said Charles Dowding, a commercial gardener and author of "Organic Gardening the Natural No-Dig Way" (Green Books, 2007). "If the soil is full of durable perennial weeds, a long-term (smothering) mulch for a year is worthwhile. It becomes much easier thereafter."

The essence of no-till gardening is staying ahead of weed growth, not allowing

weeds to seed and creating a clean plant bed with just a few weed seeds germinating, he said.

"In my garden, I manage, almost single-handed, over two acres of weed-free vegetables, fruit trees and bushes, flowers and herbaceous plants with lovely clean soil that I need to spend very little time weeding, compared to most of my neighbors," said Dowding, from Somerset, England.

Because no-till encourages the soil food web to become so active, fewer nutrients need to be added, and only soils with deficiencies will require synthetic minerals, he said.

"The only additions I make are occasional rock dust, from volcanic basalt, and seaweed. I am not certain that the soil needs

them but I have a feeling that many soils are low on trace elements and therefore benefit from small additions of these intensely rich soil foods," Dowding said. "Adding them to compost heaps is another way of making extra health available."

Digging up the soil to destroy weeds is a failed practice, said Jeff Lowenfels, a lawyer from Anchorage, Alaska, and co-author of "Teaming With Microbes: A Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web" (Timber Press, 2006). It only encourages weed growth by exposing seeds to sunlight, he said.

"Heck, we've all seen plants grow through pavement," Lowenfels said. "They don't need tilled soil. The least amount of disturbance when planting in a

garden is best."

Soil, then, is a great deal more than just the granular stuff holding plants erect. It teems with life but like any vigorous thing, must be nourished.

"In organic growing situations, the gardener has to make sure the microbes are getting enough food so that they can feed the plants," Lowenfels said. "I call organic fertilizers 'microbe foods,' which is what they are."

Dowding recommends that gardeners new to a no-till system begin with a small area and experiment to find their favorite growing methods. "If it seems strange or difficult at first, do persevere, because the potential rewards are significant, especially the reduction in weed growth."

## Tabletop tips

Barbara Thornburg  
Los Angeles Times

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. — Homeira Goldstein's elegant soirees and tabletop settings — a mix of high and low, real and fake — are legend in Southern California's South Bay. "There are no rules for setting a table," she says. "The most important thing is to just be creative."

A few of her tips for artful dining:

### Place settings

"I believe in place settings. A large charger is like the red carpet at the Academy Awards. It's an announcement of something good that's going to happen. One of my favorites is an 18 1/2-inch stainless steel charger covered with black velvet. It's very dramatic."

### Centerpiece

"The whole idea of a dinner is bringing people together," she says. A beautiful, low centerpiece is best, so you can look into the eyes of other guests, she says. "Or go for one that's very tall and narrow that doesn't interfere with your line of vision."

### Candlelight

"I always use candles on a



KEN HIVELEY/Los Angeles Times

The Manhattan Beach, Calif., home of Homeira Goldstein is loaded with artwork, and the dining room — featuring a custom-made table — is no exception.

table to set the mood. A centerpiece of just candles is always lovely — the more the better."

### China

"Feel free to mix and match. Just make sure the dishes visually complement each other. Also select plates in different sizes, shapes and textures. It makes for a more exciting table."

### Napkins

"Add a decorative element to your napkin," she says. And don't think you have to use a conventional napkin ring. "You can top a napkin with a fresh leaf or

flower from your garden or add a silk flower." Fold and roll a napkin and have it coming out of a pretty chiffon gift bag. "It doesn't have to be expensive. There's no end to what you can do."

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## EF rating is the key to gas water heater selection

**DEAR JIM:** I noticed a leak from my gas water heater, so I need a new one. I have a large family taking many showers in the morning, so a tankless one will not work. How do I evaluate and compare new gas water heaters? — Paul K.



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**DEAR PAUL:** You have no choice but to replace your water heater now because it leaks. Since heating water accounts for the greatest portion of your utility bills, after heating and cooling, many people replace their old water heater with a new efficient one before it leaks. Even the best glass-lined steel tanks will eventually leak.

A gas tankless water heater would provide the greatest efficiency and lowest utility bills. If your family does need a large quantity of hot water in a short period, you are correct a tankless model may not be able to produce enough instantaneously. Consider the possibility of changing your family's morning hot water usage patterns, and then perhaps a tankless model may meet your needs.

A typical tank-type water heater can instantaneously provide more hot water than a tankless one. This is because there are 40 or 50 gallons of hot water in reserve. Once the hot water is being used, the gas burner can create another 30 or so gallons of hot water each hour. This combination of the tank size and the amount of water the burner can heat in one hour is called the first hour rating.

If your existing water heater has been able to provide enough hot water, select another one with the same size tank. The newer, more efficient models probably have a higher recovery efficiency and output, so the new one will likely produce more hot water than your old one while using less gas.

The efficiency of gas water heaters is compared by the EF (energy factor) rating. Use the EF rating as a number indicating how much of the gas heat ends up as usable hot water. It is affected by the energy efficiency of the burner and heat exchanger and the standby heat loss from the large tank of hot water. EF ratings for Energy Star-qualified gas water heaters typically range from about .62 to .67.

Using the EF rating alone is an adequate way to select



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a gas water heater. The better water heaters also have longer warranties, and you may want to purchase an extended warranty. If you are technically oriented, also compare the tank wall insulation levels and looks for models with heat trap pipe fittings at the inlet and outlet. These factors are taken into account in the EF rating.

If you think you may be able to get by with a smaller, less expensive water heater, estimate your hot water needs using the following amounts in gallons: shower — 10, bath — 20, shaving — 1, hand/facing washing — 2, shampoo — 2, hand dishwashing — 4, and dishwasher — 8.

**DEAR JIM:** I live in a very old house which has thick true masonry walls. Even though the walls seem soundproof, a lot of road noise comes in through the windows. What is the best method to remedy this problem? — Janice R.

**DEAR JANICE:** Sound enters through your windows in two ways. Some of the sound is transmitted through the glass and frame. Even more sound comes through air leaks around the window, so first caulk and weatherstrip the windows. If this does not adequately reduce the noise, install indoor or outdoor storm windows to create an extra glass layer and air gap. Magnetic interior storm windows are the easiest to install yourself and least expensive.

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# Outdoors

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an investment," Carendi says.

Flynn and Mathison suggest combing flea markets for old wrought iron and rattan pieces. Add a fresh coat of spray paint, says Flynn, then "cover cushions with brand new outdoor fabric. You've got this one of a kind, designer-looking set for pennies on the dollar."

Mathison agrees: Spray painting, she says, "is so noncommittal. If you paint it lime green and then hate it, you can always do it again." Shops that spray paint cars may spray an entire set of outdoor furniture for as little as \$30, she says, and the paint is durable.

For outdoor dining, Flynn suggests a large, low wooden table, which you can make yourself by adding legs to a slab of decking or an old exterior door. For a small space, such as a balcony, don't pick a table that's too tiny, Mathison says. Choose one at least 24 inches wide so two people can dine comfortably.

## Art and accessories

These designers advise having fun with bold color outdoors. White or very light colors will show dirt and pollen quickly, so go for deeper shades.

No need to match outdoor styles and colors with your home's indoor design. But Carendi recommends keeping all the small details (plastic dishware, napkins, upholstery fabrics) in coordinating colors. A random collection of mismatched colors and items, she says, can "make the yard look like a yard sale."

Flynn's advice: Bring art outdoors by having a favorite image, perhaps a photo you've taken, made into a large outdoor banner — the weatherproof kind stores use for advertising a sale — to hang on an exterior wall.

Other outdoor items that merge style and function: colorful planters and pottery, a pretty outdoor storage box for toys, candles, grilling accessories, etc., and an herb garden (pretty, easy to tend, and saves money at the grocery store).

"One of the most amazing things about creating your outdoor living space is that when the weather gets nice, you can be outside working on it," says Flynn, who is based in Atlanta. Enjoy the fresh air, put in a bit of effort, he says, and "two weeks later, you're entertaining in a space you made yourself."

## Sweet homes

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# A kitchen of color and convenience

By Bonnie S. Benwick  
The Washington Post

On paper, Paula and Greg Jacobson's Rockville, Md., kitchen contains the elements of a standard upscale remodel, yet the finished design is full of their taste and style.

Comfort and color define the space. Kitchen designer Deborah Krasner adjusted surface heights and suggested ways in which Paula, a part-time cooking instructor who has arthritis and fibromyalgia, and Greg, who is a foot taller than his wife, would both be happy working in the room. Krasner says four zones — hot, cold, wet, dry — trump the old triangle theory of equidistant access to stove, sink and fridge.

The couple started with Spanish Gaudi tiles in mind as inspiration, but the final palette is all Paula. Greg is colorblind.

Here are five features that make the Jacobsons' kitchen livable and lovable:

1. Krasner advised against using a different color for each chair, but Paula had to have a range: "I can't help myself. I go for the vibrancy every time." Her husband chose the chairs for style and comfort. Tall bar stools would have been uncomfortable for Paula, so the island's seating area was kept at dining-table height.

2. The backsplash is a showstopping focal point made up of circle-shaped tiles Paula found at Architectural Ceramics in Rockville. There are four sizes and seven colors: eggplant, plum, robin's-egg blue, navy blue, red, yellow and lime green. Each color is used elsewhere in the room, including in the seating. The gas cooktop and wall ovens are set lower to accommodate Paula, who is 4 feet 10 inches tall, but the soapstone countertops along the "hot" wall and on the "cold" sink wall are at a standard 36 inches, a height suitable for her husband.

3. An 11-foot-long island might cause extra steps in the kitchen, but Paula stays on the cork-flooring side of



Using a different color for each chair.



The backsplash is a showstopping focal point.

the island when she's cooking, with access to all work zones. The island is 32 inches tall, a lower counter height that is comfortable for her. Paula had saved a magazine photo of the blue Kohler sink; "I saw it and had to have it," she says. They made sure to incorporate the color in the tile backsplash.

4. Vertical pullout pantries put staples on display: "It's possible to see everything in them and helps prevent my buying items I already have," Paula says. She and her designer worked to limit the number

of overhead (and less accessible) cupboards. Dishes, glasses and mugs are in drawers next to the dishwasher.

5. The kitchen has 13 drawers that were fitted into the normally unused toe-kick space, below where standard lower cabinets would end. They work especially well for Paula because of her height; it's easier for her to reach down than up.



Vertical pullout pantries.

The kitchen contains the elements of a standard upscale remodel, yet the finished design is full of their taste and style.



A long island.



The kitchen has many drawers.

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3			7					6
2		1	6			8		
	9					7		
6			1			3		
	5	8	7			2		
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1	6					3	5	

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6	9	7	4	2	8	1	5	3
8	1	2	5	3	7	4	9	6
5	3	4	9	1	6	8	2	7
1	6	8	2	4	9	3	7	5
4	7	5	3	6	1	9	8	2
3	2	9	8	7	5	6	4	1
7	5	3	6	8	4	2	1	9
2	8	1	7	9	3	5	6	4
9	4	6	1	5	2	7	3	8

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"Danger! What danger do you foresee?"  
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Earlier this month we looked at a deal from Eddie Kantar that featured avoiding a possible fourth-round loser in a side-suit, where dummy was relatively short of trumps. In today's deal you should avoid taking a finesse for the trump queen if it might preclude ruffing a possible fourth-round loser in dummy.

In six spades you have two concerns: the trump suit and the fourth heart. But if you successfully play for a 3-2 trump split — which represents a two-thirds chance — you are home free.

Win the opening lead and cash the spade ace-king, leaving the queen at large. Now attack hearts. Cash the three top hearts. If the spade queen trumps one of your heart winners, that will not present a problem, since you can still ruff your heart two with dummy's mighty spade four.

By contrast, if you take the trump finesse and it loses, you may not be able to ruff your fourth heart safely. The player with the doubleton heart may have three spades, or, if you cash the spade ace before finessing, the defenders may be able to play a third round of trumps and kill the ruff in dummy. (Imagine today's West with four hearts instead of two. The trump finesse is now fatal to declarer.)

Note that if trumps are 4-1 on-side, you can cross back to dummy to finesse in trumps on the third round. You will still make if hearts break, or if you can arrange some red-suit pressure.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.  
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NORTH 04-21-A  
♠ 4 3 2  
♥ 8 6 5  
♦ A K 3 2  
♣ A K 5  
WEST  
♠ Q 10 9  
♥ 9 3  
♦ Q J 10 9  
♣ Q 10 4 2  
EAST  
♠ 8 7  
♥ J 10 7 4  
♦ 8 7 4  
♣ J 9 7 3  
SOUTH  
♠ A K J 6 5  
♥ A K Q 2  
♦ 6 5  
♣ 8 6

Vulnerable: Neither  
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 NT	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

\*Quantitative, not Blackwood

Opening lead: Diamond queen

**BID WITH THE ACES**

South holds: 04-21-B

♠ A K J 6 5  
♥ A K Q 2  
♦ 6 5  
♣ 8 6

South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
?

ANSWER: There are three options: to raise in no-trump, to jump in hearts (a game-force), or to bid a simple two hearts. The third is the least aggressive but also the right call. If partner does not pass, but corrects to two spades, you will advance with two no-trump, getting your values across nicely.

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Pirates end Marlins' 7-game win streak

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## Poor Lions! Another tough decision

The Detroit Lions didn't get to 0-16 by drafting wisely — think Charles Rogers, Joey Harrington, Mike Williams and the like.

DAVE GOLDBERG

Now they face a dilemma. Even if they make what's considered the "right" pick with the first selection in Saturday's draft, they could prolong their decade-long agony.

That's because having the No. 1 overall spot commits the Lions to guaranteeing more than \$30 million to an unproven player. If it's potential franchise quarterback Matthew Stafford of Georgia, it's hardly a guarantee.

### The failure rate for first-round quarterbacks is still pretty high.

Stafford has all the tangibles: big, strong-armed, reasonably mobile. He worked out wonderfully at his pro day, the orchestrated party his university threw for scouts. Then he worked out wonderfully when the Lions had him in.

But his career at Georgia was a mild disappointment — he was so-so in some of his biggest games, making bad reads, throwing key interceptions and demonstrating that what you see in shorts isn't necessarily what you get when the game is played for real.

The Lions could play it safe by taking Baylor offensive tackle Jason Smith or Wake Forest linebacker Aaron Curry, and use Daunte Culpepper at QB. Smith could be this year's Jake Long, a solid left tackle with a dozen good years ahead of him. And Curry is likely to be a starting line-backer for 10-12 years even though he's not spectacular; he's never been used as a pass rusher, for example.

So Stafford is the likely choice: pass rushers, left tackles and, of course, QBs tend to be the most coveted players.

Yet the failure rate for first-round quarterbacks is still pretty high.

Basically, there are good years and bad years, 2004 being a good year with Eli Manning, Philip Rivers and Ben Roethlisberger, 2006 being not so good with Vince Young and Matt Leinart sitting on benches in Tennessee and Arizona. Even Jay Cutler, the third QB taken that year and by far the most successful on the field, has issues. Cutler got himself traded to Chicago after owner Pat Bowlen got tired of his non-responsiveness to messages.

Smith and Curry are safe picks. But Detroit gambles on ... MATTHEW STAFFORD, QB, Georgia.

Just for fun, this first round includes seven players from a state that normally doesn't produce NFL players the way Florida, Texas and California do. For those who keep score and mock everybody's mocks, please note that these are for guessing purposes only. One trade or one unexpected pick and everything is thrown off.

2. ST. LOUIS: Jason Smith, T. Baylor.  
3. KANSAS CITY: Aaron Curry, LB, Wake Forest.  
4. SEATTLE: Matt Sanchez, QB, Southern Cal.

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## CSI's Montreal commits to Boise State

By Mike Christensen  
Times-News writer

Boise State men's basketball coach Greg Graham didn't have to sell Daequon Montreal on his program. For that job, Graham turned to former BSU and College of Southern Idaho standout Reggie Larry.

Montreal, a NJCAA honorable mention All-American at CSI this past season, sat down with Larry on his recruiting trip to

Boise last week. That discussion was one of the key ingredients in Montreal's decision to commit to play for the Broncos next season.

He is expected to sign a National Letter of Intent as early as today to make things official.



Montreal



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WATCH: A video of Daequon Montreal talking about signing with Boise State.

Montreal will come into a good situation with the Broncos, who are losing second-team All-Western Athletic Conference power forward Mark Sanchez. Sanchez averaged 13.0 points and 7.2 rebounds and was named the team's MVP.

"The four spot is wide open," said Montreal. "The four spot is the spot that they've run their offense through a lot in the past few years. This past two years it was Mark and the two years before that it was Reggie. The next two years could be Me."

Both Larry and Montreal

hail from the East Coast, Larry from Newark, N.J., and Montreal from Syracuse, N.Y. As sophomores at CSI, they averaged remarkably similar numbers with Larry scoring 15.2 points and grabbing 8.2 boards during the 2005-06 season, while Montreal's stat line included 15.9 points and 8.9 rebounds.

At BSU, Larry, who is back in Boise after suffering an

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# Bobcats fend off Spartans



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Minico's Tory Sanford (8) slides into second base as Burley shortstop Shari Hoskins makes the play Monday in Burley. The Bobcats won 16-10.

## Winless Minico gives Burley all it can handle

By Ryan Howe  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — For a team still looking for its first win, the Minico Spartans still have plenty of fight.

Burley found that out Monday as it needed every dagger it had to finish off its rival for a 16-10 Great Basin Conference West victory.

Burley (14-4 overall, 3-1 GBW) led 13-2 after four, but the Spartans rallied with five runs in the top of the sixth to avoid run-rule defeat.

"They never quit," Burley coach Tim Campbell said of Minico. "They thought they could come back, and they got some points when a lot of teams would have given up and quit."

Still, the hole was too deep to climb all the way out of. Burley totalled 13 hits and drew 15 walks. However, the Bobcats couldn't capitalize with bases loaded in the fifth and sixth, much to Campbell's displeasure.

"We've got to take advantage and keep working to get people moved around and get them off the bases rather than leave them all out there on the pond," Campbell said. "We need to make quicker adjustments on speed of (opponents') pitchers earlier in the game."

Molly Mills was 4-for-5 with a pair of doubles and four RBIs for Burley while Courtney Scheer was 3-for-5 with three RBIs and Stacy Campbell drove in

four runs. Mills also pitched a complete game.

"We have our ups and downs, but when we're good we're really good," Mills said. "We have that one inning, it seems in every game, that we struggle. It definitely shows we're good when we can battle back after a bad inning and finish the game when we need to."

Minico (0-17, 0-3) got two RBIs from a 3-for-4 effort by junior Tory Sanford.

"I think we've come a long ways," Sanford said. "We're doing a lot better batting and we don't have as many errors. We just fight, do our best and see what happens."

Spartans coach Steve Latta said he was pleased with his team's resilience.

"They're starting to work under pressure now," Latta said. "We didn't leave near as many girls on base as we have in the past, and we had a few errors that really cost us. We've got to play seven innings. Today we played a good solid five innings."

Minico hosts Jerome today in the first of a two-day, home-and-away conference series with the Tigers. Burley hosts conference foe Wood River today.

**Burley 16, Minico 10**  
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Jena Bingham and Laura Hurtado; Molly Mills and Courtney Scheer. W: Mills. L: Bingham. Extra-base hits - 2B: Minico, Tory Sanford, Hannah Felt; Burley, Mills 2, Stacy Campbell. 3B: Minico, Bingham.

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## Valley's Hall to continue hoops career

By Ryan Howe  
Times-News writer

HAZELTON — Katie Hall dominated in the Valley. Now she'll climb to the mountain top.

On Monday, Hall, a Valley High senior, signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball for Western State College of Colorado, an NCAA Division II program in Gunnison, Colorado.

"I'm excited, nervous, scared," Hall said. "I'm looking forward to it."

The Mountaineers compete in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. At 7,700 feet above sea level, Western State is said to have the highest gym in the nation.

Hall's decision came after investigating schools as far away as California, South Carolina, Missouri and Oregon. The fond relationship she forged with the Western coaching staff helped her choice.

"As soon as I stepped off the airplane, I felt like I could interact with the coaches more," she said. "The program is fairly young, most of the girls will be sophomores next year. I want to go into a group of girls that I can play with for more than a year."

Hall finished her high school career with 1,211 points and 1,005 rebounds. She averaged 13.4 points and 10.8 rebounds per game during her senior year, leading the Vikings to a Canyon Conference title and the

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Times-News file photo

Valley senior Katie Hall plays against Kamiah on Feb. 20 during the semifinal round of the Class 2A state girls basketball championship tournament at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise.

## Parker's 38 helps Spurs even series

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker had 38 points and eight assists to help the San Antonio Spurs beat the Dallas Mavericks 105-84 on Monday night in Game 2 of their first-round playoff series.

Dallas was trying to send the Spurs to consecutive home playoff losses for the first time since 2002, but couldn't contain San Antonio's speedy point guard. Parker had 27 points in the first half. Jason Terry finished with 16



### Monday's scores

Spurs 105, Mavericks 84  
Celtics 118, Bulls 115

points for Dallas, which suffered one of the worst losses in the playoff rivalry. Game 3 is Thursday in Dallas.

The Mavericks beat the Spurs 105-97 on Saturday night for their first road playoff victory in three years. But it was hardly rare territory for San Antonio: The Spurs have come back to win four series after losing Game 1 since 2002.

They put together a convincing response in the second game and the frustration for Dallas could be seen all the way down its bench. Mavs owner



AP photo  
San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker, center, is defended by Dallas Mavericks guard Antoine Wright, left, Monday during the first quarter of Game 2 of the Western

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# Bruin boys, girls golfers win at Gate City invite

Times-News

Sara Federico carded 74 to take the top spot at the Gate City Invitational golf meet Monday as the Twin Falls girls and boys won the team standings.

Bruin Hannah McNeley placed second with a 78, and the Bruins were the only team to have every member card under 95 as they blew away the competition. Twin Falls recorded 325 strokes, and Highland came in second at 370.

The boys team won with 301 strokes, just seven better than Madison. Bobcat golfer Trevor Blanchard medaled with 67, while Bruin Derek McDowell tied with Highland's Quinn Carbol for second with 70. Jordan Hamblin tied for fourth with 74.

## 2009 Gate City Invitational At Highland Golf Course, Fossilville, Boise

Team scores: 1. Twin Falls 301; 2. Madison 308; 3. Highland 309; 4. Skyline 336; 5. Idaho Falls 345. Individual top 5: 1. Sara Federico, Twin Falls, 74; 2. (tie) Derek McDowell, Twin Falls, 70; Quinn Carbol, Highland 70; 4. (tie) Jordan Hamblin, Twin Falls 74; Marcus Montague, Skyline, 74. Highland: Quinn Carbol 70, Ches Carbol 80, Brady Smith 81, Aric Harumi 78, J.P. Dameron 88, Alex French 87, Alex Davenport 88, Lucas Hahn 94. Madison: Marcus Montague 74, Boston Murdoch 78, Matt Anthony 91, Mike Wachs 93, David Briggs 99. Twin Falls: Jordan Hamblin 74, Derek McDowell 70, Blake Fischer 79, Brennan Lancaster 78, Derek Cook 79.

**Girls**  
Team scores: 1. Twin Falls 325; 2. Highland 370; 3. Idaho Falls 399; 4. Madison 441. Individual top 5: 1. Sara Federico, Twin Falls, 74; 2. Hannah McNeley, Twin Falls, 78; 3. (tie) Addi Thomson, Highland, 84; Mandi Meyers, Idaho Falls, 94; 5. (tie) Cassie Papaioannou, Skyline, 85; Allison Federico, Twin Falls, 85. Highland: Marissa Morrison 93, Addi Thomson 84, Andrea Matkin 94, Taylor Howell 99, Monica Widen 139. Idaho Falls: Mandi Meyers 84, Lauren Morrison 106, Asha Davenport 111, Aleece Griffin 98, Diane Isom 127, Madison: Alyssa Edelmeyer 102, Sierra Miller 88, Chance Beattie 142, Megan Willis 113, Tenisha Walker 138. Skyline: Cassie Papaioannou 85, Taylor Jorde 112. Twin Falls: Sara Federico 74, Hannah McNeley 78, Allison Federico 85, Jenna Sharp 88, Arika Jones 94.

## Amateur golf

**BOISE MAN WINS GOODING AMATEUR**  
Jon Crozier of Boise carded a two-day total of 140 Sunday to win the Gooding Amateur Golf Tournament.

Crozier defeated Challis player Jimmy Burnett by a single stroke.

Also, Dave Rasmussen carded a hole in one on the 165-yard No. 9.

## Gooding Amateur Golf Tournament April 18-19 36-hole, stroke play

	Overall	Championship flight - gross	Championship flight - net
Jon Crozier, Boise	69-71=140		
Jimmy Burnett, Challis	73-68=141		
Todd Points, Star	69-75=144		
Nate Smith, Boise	71-73=144		
Matt Meador, Boise	72-74=146		
Mark Dance, Boise	75-72=147		
Darren Kuhn, Pocatello	74-74=148		
Chris Inglis, Driggs	76-72=148		
Jon Crozier		141	141
Jimmy Burnett		144	144
Todd Points		144	144
Lap: Mark Dance		72	72
Nate Smith		136	136
Chris Inglis		142	142
Carl Funk		143	143
Lap: Eren Quintero		71	71
<b>First flight - gross</b>			
Chad Bunn		149	149
Nick Billiard		153	153
Gary Paulson		154	154
Lap: Casey Perkins		76	76

# Montreal

Continued from Sports 1  
CSI head coach Steve injury while playing professionally overseas, actually bettered those numbers. As a senior, the All-WAC performer tallied 19.4 points and 9.2 rebounds.

"I'm hoping (my numbers) can do the same," said Montreal.

There's good reason to think they will. As a sophomore, Montreal dealt with an Achilles' heel injury and suffered a hernia midway through the season while lifting weights. Surgery would have sidelined him for most of the remaining schedule, so he decided to play through the pain. But that led to some struggles near the end of the season. Montreal said the hernia limited what he could do with weights and conditioning.

"I haven't been at my full potential for a while," said Montreal, who had his hernia surgically repaired five weeks ago. "I'm not saying that's the reason I played the way I did toward the end of the year, but I guarantee if I was a lot healthier, things would have been different."

Montreal took a recruiting visit to Oral Roberts in the fall and visited South Florida earlier this month, but from the coaches to the system to the players, Boise State "was the right fit."

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First flight - net	
Chris Anderson	137
Marc Perron	139
Tony Billiard	141
Lap: Doug Mackay	70
Second flight - gross	
Harold Stroud	155
Chris Watson	168
Bruce Rathke	172
Lap: Mike Reeves	88
Second flight - net	
Mike Allen	133
Alan Schvaneveldt	141
Rich Thompson	143
Lap: Bob Anderson	72
Third flight - gross	
Dave Butler	174
Scott Taylor	183
John Lopez	184
Lap: Logan Briggs	89
Third flight - net	
Mike Walker	136
Joe Bedzyk	137
Gerald White	145
Mike Ellis	145
Lap: John Burgoyne	70

## Late Saturday Track & field

### T.F. GIRLS TAKE THIRD AT BANDANNA

The Twin Falls girls track team placed third at the Bandanna Invitational in Meridian with 54.14 points on the strength of six top-5 finishes.

The relay teams won the 4x200-, 4x400- and 4x800-meter relay races, and Madi Worst and Cheltzie Williams placed second in the 300-meter hurdles and high jump, respectively. Danielle Bowcut came in third in the 100-meter sprint.

The boys team finished seventh but with no individual medalists. Erik Harris was runner-up in the 1,600-meter run, and Chase Gomez was fourth in the 400-meter race. The relay teams took top-3 finishes in the 200, 400 and 800.

### 2009 Bandanna Invitational At Mountain View High School, Meridian, Boise

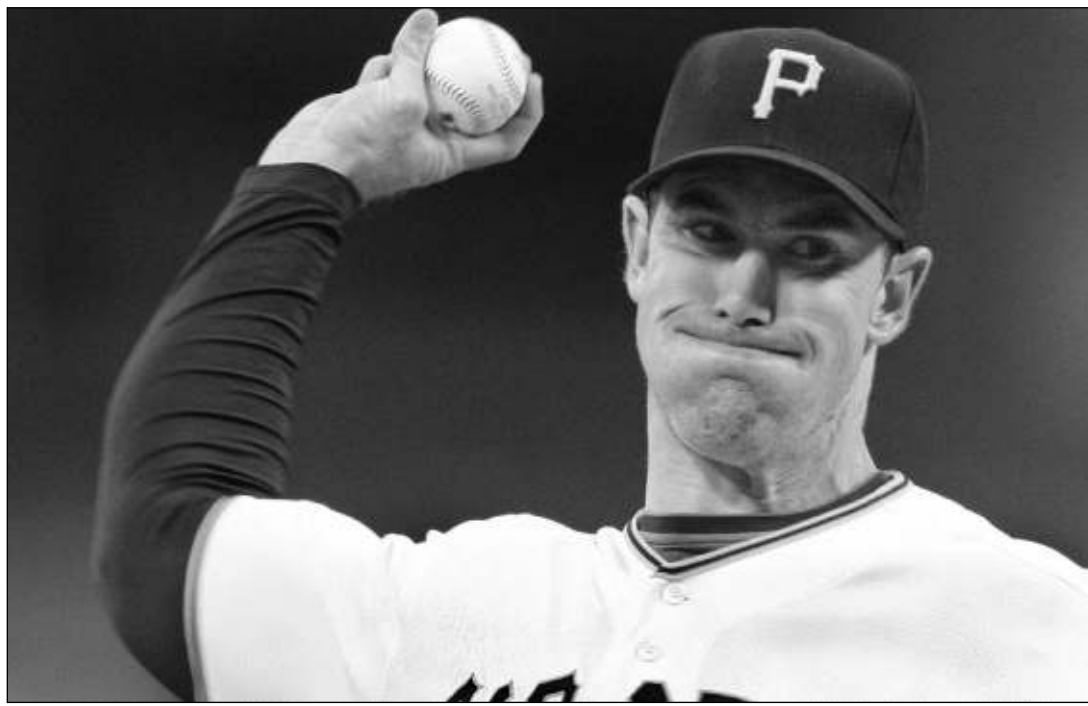
Team scores: 1. Eagle 76.33; 2. Centennial 73; 3. Mountain View 68; 4. Idaho Falls 60; 5. Capital 58; 6. Borah 52; 7. Twin Falls 47.83; 8. Vallivue 45.5; 9. Boise 43; 10. Columbia 35; 11. Skyline 34.44; 12. (tie) Timberline 21; Meridian 21; 14. Mountain Home 17; 15. Caldwell 14; 16. (tie) Nampa 9; Weiser 9; 18. Bishop Kelly 7; 19. Kuna 5.

**Individual events (Twin Falls only)**  
400 meters: 3. Chase Gomez, 51.16 seconds.  
800 meters: 7. Alex Schenk, 2 minutes, 1.21 seconds.  
1,600 meters: 2. Erik Harris, 4 minutes, 24.61 seconds.  
7. Spencer Lundgren, 4:36.90; 16. Karl Lundgren, 4:45.32.

3,200 meters: 4. Erik Harris, 9 minutes, 52.54 seconds.  
9. Nick Jacobs, 10:00.47; 17. Tyson Warth, 10:25.70.  
4,100 relay: 10. Twin Falls (Dustin Hegstrom, Kylon Myers, Brady McNew, Levi Lancaster) 45:26 seconds.  
4x200 relay: 2. Twin Falls, 1 minute, 32.50 seconds.  
4x400 relay: 3. Twin Falls, 3 minutes, 27.82 seconds.  
4x800 relay: 3. Twin Falls (Chase Gomez, Alex Schenk, Spencer Lundgren, Erik Harris), 8 minutes, 13.80 seconds.  
Pole vault: 4. Devin Bryant, 12 feet, 6 inches; 8. Jordyn Jones, 11-6.  
Long jump: 11. Russell Crane, 18 feet, 10 inches; 19. Brady McNew, 17-9.5.

Triple jump: 9. Russell Crane, 41 feet, 6.25 inches.  
Discus: 9. Justin Elmer, 130 feet, 6 inches.

**Girls**  
Team scores: 1. Centennial 81.5; 2. Eagle 79; 3. Twin Falls 54.14; 4. (tie) Vallivue 52.5; Capital 52; 6. Bishop Kelly 52; 7. (tie) Borah 46.28; Boise 46; 9. Mountain View 44.28; 10. Mountain Home 44.14; 11. Columbia 28.5; 12. Emmett 26; 13. Meridian 22.5; 14. Timberline 21; 15. Kuna 18; 16. Caldwell 12; 17. Idaho Falls 11; 18. Skyline 6.5; 19. Weiser 2.5; 20. Middleton, 14.  
**Individual events (Twin Falls only)**  
100 meters: 3. Danielle Bowcut, 13.10 seconds.  
800 meters: 12. Abby Beidenbach, 2 minutes, 35.08 seconds.  
1,600 meters: 6. Amanda Ward, 5 minutes, 22.51 seconds.  
3,200 meters: 10. Amanda Ward, 11 minutes, 52.91 seconds; 2. Stephanie Filas, 13:03.05.  
100 hurdles: 6. Madi Worst, 16.28 seconds.  
300 hurdles: 2. Madi Worst, 47.32 seconds.  
4x200 relay: 1. Twin Falls (Mercedes Blackwood, Brianna Bowcut, Madi Worst, Danielle Bowcut), 1 minute, 44.30 seconds.  
4x400 relay: 1. Twin Falls, 4 minutes, 29.4 seconds.  
4x800 relay: 4. Twin Falls (Abby Beidenbach, Amanda Ward, Isabel von Zastrow, Kylee Denny), 10 minutes, 25.06 seconds.  
High jump: 2. Cheltzie Williams, 5 feet, 2 inches; 8. Danielle Bowcut, 4-8.  
Long jump: 10. Cheltzie Williams, 15 feet, 3 inches.  
Triple jump: 8. Cheltzie Williams, 34 feet, 6 inches.  
Shot put: 10. Leia Weatherford, 31 feet, 5.5 inches.  
Discus: 23. Sierra Chappie, 82 feet, 4 inches.



Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Ross Ohlendorf throws Monday during the second inning against the Florida Marlins in Pittsburgh.

AP photo

# Pirates cool off Marlins

PITTSBURGH — Ross Ohlendorf allowed two hits over seven innings during Pittsburgh's third shutout in four games and Nate McLouth drove in four runs as the Pirates ended Florida's seven-game winning streak, winning 8-0 on Monday night.

The Marlins began the night with a major league-best 11-1 record and were coming off three consecutive come-from-behind victories in their final at-bat in Washington. This time, they fell behind 1-0 in the first and never caught up during their first loss in seven road games.

The majors' hottest team ran into one of its most surprising and, as if often does, pitching made the difference.

### REDS 4, ASTROS 3

HOUSTON — Joey Votto's two-run double in the seventh inning lifted the Cincinnati Reds to a 4-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Trailing 3-2, Paul Janish and Willy Taveras singled before Votto's hit helped the Reds win for the third time in four games.

Bronson Arroyo (2-1) allowed three runs and nine hits in seven innings. Arthur Rhodes got out of bases-

loaded jam in the eighth by striking out Hunter Pence. Francisco Cordero then pitched the ninth for his fifth save in five tries.

Geoff Geary (0-2) took the loss.

### PADRES AND PHILLIES RAINED OUT PHILADELPHIA

With steady rain falling, the San Diego Padres appreciated an early postponement of their finale against the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday night, especially with a cross-country flight to San Francisco looming and a game the next night.

The Padres won the first two games of the weekend series, but Raul Ibanez's two-run homer in the ninth inning Sunday gave Philadelphia a dramatic 5-4 victory.

The Phillies' rotation remains the same, with Jamie Moyer starting Tuesday against the Milwaukee Brewers. Joe Blanton and Cole Hamels will finish up the three-game series on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.

The Padres will skip right-hander Kevin Correia — Monday's scheduled starter — and begin their season against the San Francisco Giants

with ace Jake Peavy, then Chris Young.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE RED SOX 12, ORIOLES 1**

BOSTON — Dustin Pedroia went 4-for-6 with three run-scoring singles and David Ortiz had a two-run triple to lead the Boston Red Sox to a 12-1 win over Baltimore, completing a four-game sweep of the Orioles in the Patriots' Day game Monday afternoon.

Jason Varitek hit a solo homer and Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits to highlight Boston's season-highs in runs and hits (15).

The win was the fifth straight for the Red Sox, who won their sixth consecutive Patriots' Day game; and 27th in their last 33 at Fenway Park against Baltimore.

Boston led 3-1 before scoring three runs in the sixth and six in the seventh. The Orioles lost their fifth straight after a 6-2 start.

Justin Masterson (1-0), who replaced injured starter Daisuke Matsuzaka, held the Orioles to one run and four singles in 5 1/3 innings. Mark Hendrickson (1-2) was the loser.

**YANKEES AND ATHLETICS RAINED OUT**

NEW YORK — It didn't

take long for another first at the new Yankee Stadium: the first rainout.

Afternoon showers and a forecast for more rain in the evening caused the Yankees to call Monday night's game against the Oakland Athletics.

No makeup date was announced, but in addition to the remainder of this week's series on Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon, the A's return for another three-game set from July 24-26. With both teams off July 23, it could be made up then or as part of a day-night doubleheader later in the series.

New York's Andy Pettitte and Oakland's Dana Eveland, who had been set back to start the opener, were pushed back to Tuesday. The A's said Brett Anderson would start Wednesday.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi bypassed Chien-Ming Wang for his next turn following three terrible outings. CC Sabathia is to start Wednesday's series finale against Oakland, and Joba Chamberlain, A.J. Burnett and Andy Pettitte were scheduled to start this weekend in the Yankees' first trip of the year to Fenway Park.

**- The Associated Press**

## NHL PLAYOFFS

# White-Wash: Caps get back in series with 4-0 win

NEW YORK — While Alex Ovechkin tried to figure out Henrik Lundqvist, the Washington Capitals found a way to beat the New York Rangers.

Ovechkin went a third game without a goal, but earned two assists for the second-seeded Capitals, who methodically posted a 4-0 victory over the No. 7 Rangers and got back into the Eastern Conference first-round playoff series

Monday night. Behind 33 saves from 20-year-old Simeon Varlamov, the Capitals cut the series deficit to 2-1 — after a pair of home losses — and moved into position to tie the best-of-seven matchup Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden.

Despite playing only six career NHL games, Varlamov made a surprise start in Game 2, after Jose

Theodore was ineffective in the opener.

### BRUINS 4, CANADIENS 2

MONTREAL — Michael Ryder scored late in the second period and Tim Thomas made 23 saves to lead the Boston Bruins to a 4-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Monday night and a commanding lead in their first-round playoff series.

Phil Kessel, Shawn

Thornton, Chuck Kobasew also scored for Boston, which increased its lead in the Eastern Conference quarterfinal to 3-0 despite the absence of left wing Milan Lucic, who sat out a one-game league suspension.

Ryder, a healthy scratch for all but four of Montreal's 12 playoff games last season, put Boston ahead 17:21 into the second period.

**- The Associated Press**

## Playoffs

**Continued from Sports 1**  
Mark Cuban punched a water cooler as San Antonio pulled away in the fourth.

The Mavericks haven't won a playoff series since 2006. Winning the opener was a start, but they'll have to figure out another way to stop Parker in Game 3.

Parker finished 16-of-22 from the field. He had 19 points in the first quarter alone, equaling the Mavericks' total.

### CELTICS 118, BULLS 115

BOSTON — Ray Allen picked the perfect time to snap out of his shooting slump.

Allen made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2 seconds left and finished with 30 points, leading the Boston Celtics a 118-115 win over the Chicago Bulls in Game 2 of their playoff series Monday night.

Ben Gordon nearly carried Chicago to a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. He scored with 12.3 seconds left to tie it, and had a playoff career-high 42 points. Then Boston set

up a play for Allen, who took a pass from Rajon Rondo and connected from the right side.

Allen had just four points on 1-for-12 shooting in Boston's 105-103 overtime loss on Saturday. The next two games of the series are scheduled for Chicago on Thursday night and Sunday.

### CAVS' BROWN HONORED AS NBA COACH OF YEAR

CLEVELAND — Mike Brown is the NBA's coach of the year after leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to their greatest regular season.

He was honored Monday after guiding the club to a franchise-record 66 wins, a second Central Division title and the No. 1 overall seed in the postseason. Cleveland leads the Detroit Pistons 1-0 in the first round of the playoffs.

Brown joined the Cavs in 2005 after two seasons as an assistant with Indiana. Bill Fitch in 1976 is the only other Cleveland coach to win the coaching award.

**- The Associated Press**

## Hall

### Continued from Sports 1

Class 2A state runner-up trophy. Hall will also graduate at the top of her class next month and has a full-ride scholarship.

"Her biggest asset is physically she's ready right now," said Valley coach Brian Hardy. "She's strong, and she can take the pounding that a college season is

going to dish out.

"She's put the hard work into it," Hardy added. "She's worked on the fundamentals and the classroom work to get herself in this situation. She earned it and she'll get the rewards for it."

Ryan Howe may be reached at 208-677-8786.

## Draft

### Continued from Sports 1

5. CLEVELAND: Michael Crabtree, WR, Texas Tech.

6. CINCINNATI: Eugene Monroe, OT, Virginia.

7. OAKLAND: Andre Smith, OT, Alabama.

8. JACKSONVILLE: Jeremy Maclin, WR, Missouri.

9. GREEN BAY: B.J. Raji, DT, Boston College.

10. SAN FRANCISCO: Brian Orakpo, DE/LB Texas.

11. BUFFALO: Robert Ayers, DE, Tennessee.

12. DENVER: Aaron Maybin, DE/LB, Penn State.

13. WASHINGTON: Everette Brown, DE/LB, Florida State.

14. NEW ORLEANS: Beanie Wells, RB, Ohio State.

15. HOUSTON: Vontae Davis, CB, Illinois.

16. SAN DIEGO: Tyson Jackson, DE, LSU.

17. NEW YORK JETS: Percy Harvin, WR, Florida.

18. DENVER: Josh Freeman, QB, Kansas State.

19. TAMPA BAY: Brian Cushing, OLB, Southern California.

20. DETROIT: Peria Jerry, DT, Mississippi.

21. PHILADELPHIA: Knowshon Moreno, RB, Georgia.

22. MINNESOTA: Malcolm Jenkins, CB, Ohio State.

23. NEW ENGLAND: Connor Barwin, DE/LB-TE, Cincinnati.

24. ATLANTA: Clay Matthews, LB, Southern California.

25. MIAMI: Darius Heyward-Bey, WR, Maryland.

26. BALTIMORE: Rey Maula, LB, Southern California.

27. INDIANAPOLIS: Brandon Pettigrew, TE, Oklahoma State.

28. BUFFALO: Michael Oher, T, Mississippi.

29. NEW YORK GIANTS: Larry English, OLB, Northern Illinois.

30. TENNESSEE: Kenny Britt, WR, Rutgers.

31. ARIZONA: Michael Oher, T, Mississippi.

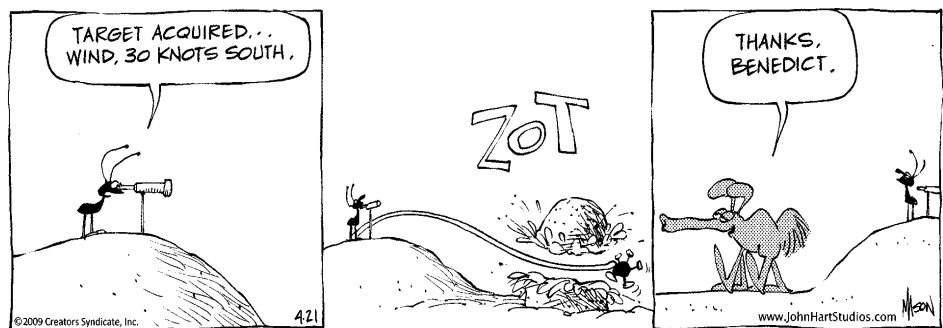
32. PITTSBURGH: Alex Mack, C, Cal.

**- The Associated Press**



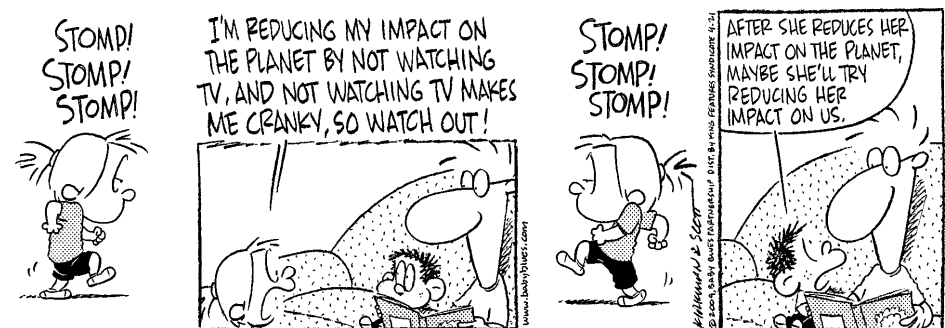
B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



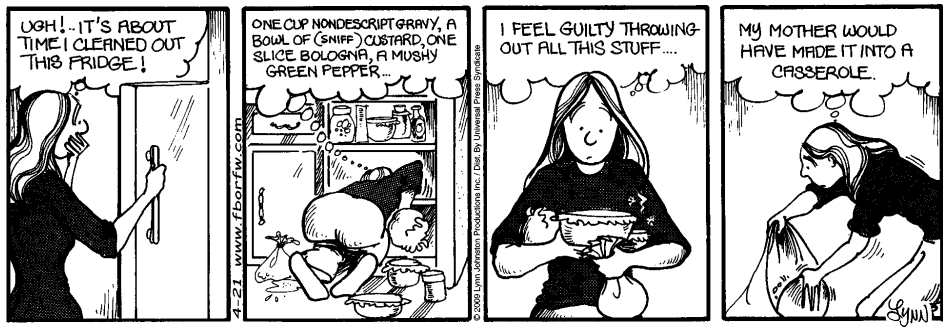
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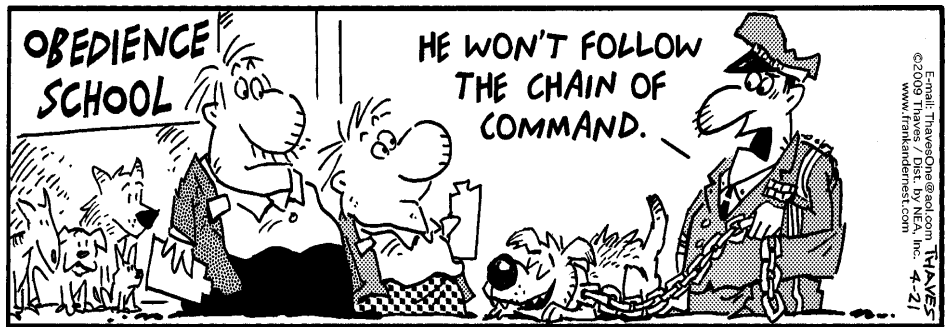
For Better or For Worse

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Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



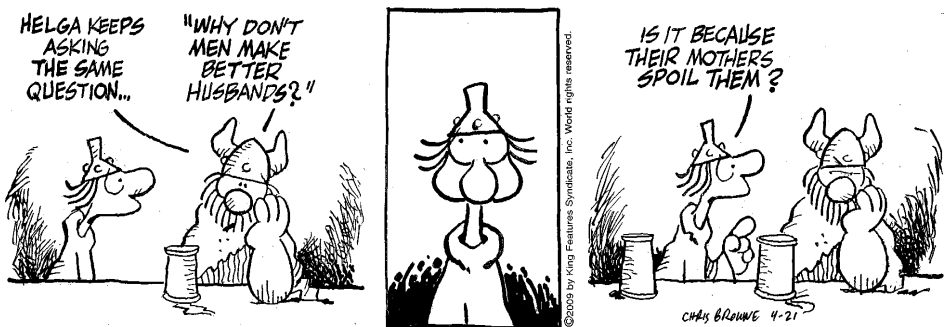
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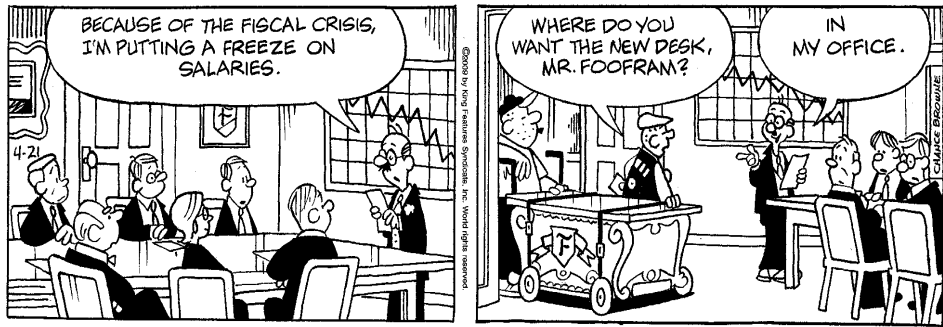
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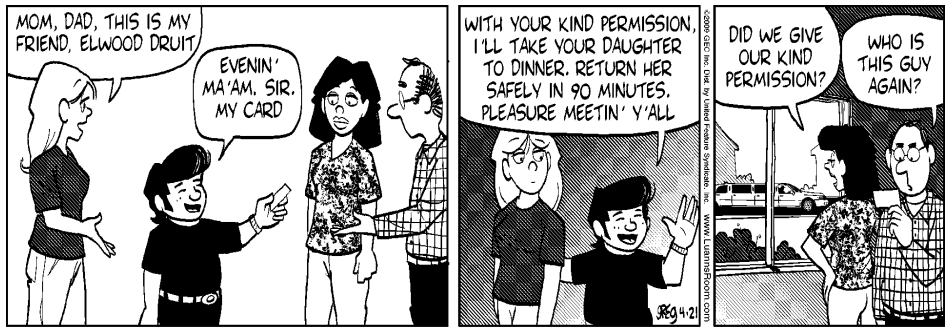
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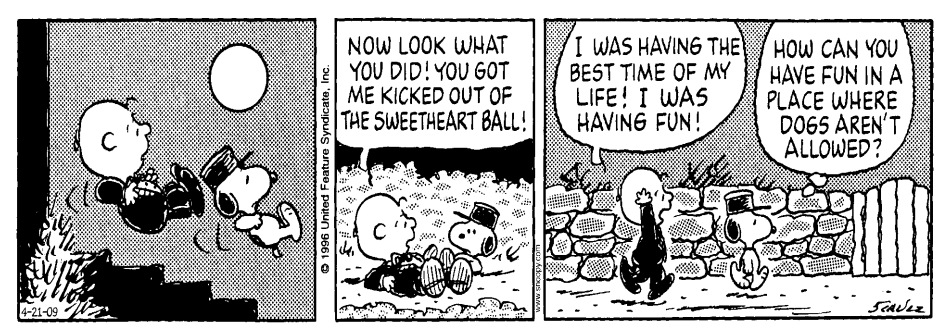
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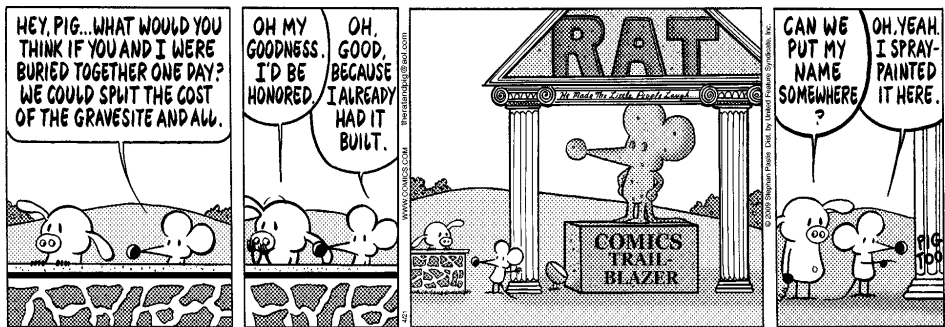
Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis



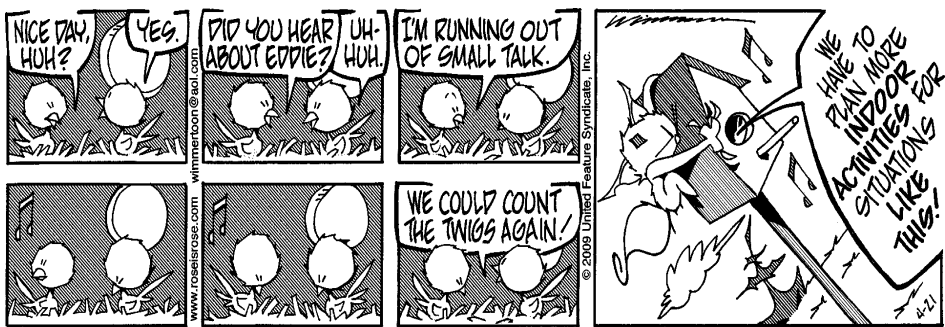
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Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



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Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



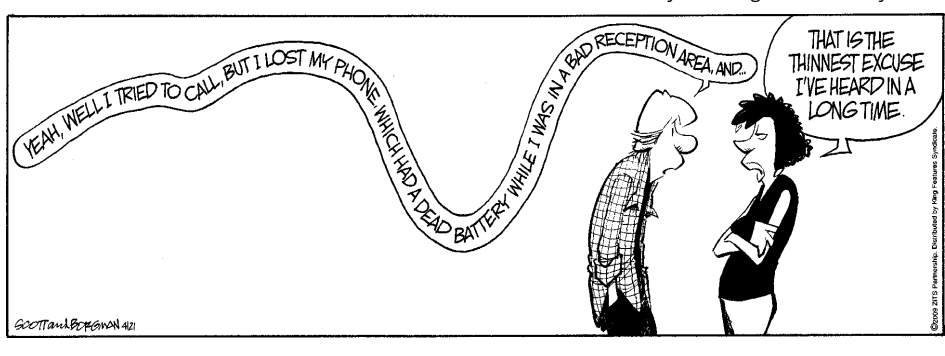
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