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Proposed chicken, egg processing plants would bring hundreds of jobs, controversy to Mini-Cassia

By Laurie Welch | TIMES-NEWS WRITER

BURLEY — As California tightens animal welfare laws that may drive the poultry industry to neighboring states, a question has been hatched among locals: Will the chicken industry come to roost in Mini-Cassia?

A bolstered poultry industry could provide new jobs, increase the tax base and diversify agriculture locally. But some question the impact of more animal factory farms, and whether local farmers will be at risk when they contract with the large corporations.

Cassia County officials have been paving the way for the industry for months by establishing new guidelines for poultry confined-animal feeding operations. The new ordinance restricts the number of birds per facility to 4.2 million and implements a four-mile bio-security buffer that would keep such facilities separated by eight miles. The ordinance underwent minor amendments Monday and was unanimously passed by county commissioners.

Across the Snake River in Minidoka County, there is no cap on the number of animals allowed per poultry CAFO, nor any plan to create such cap. Minidoka County Commissioner Robert Moore said government shouldn't try to regulate businesses as long as the companies meet state guidelines for clean air and water.

"You can't tell companies they can only have four million birds if they need eight million to be profitable," said Moore. "You might as well tell them not to come."

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By Roberto Candia and Eva Vergara
Associated Press writers

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TALCA, Chile — One of the largest earthquakes ever recorded tore apart houses, bridges and highways in central Chile on Saturday and sent a tsunami racing halfway around the world. Chileans near the epicenter were tossed about as if shaken by a giant, and the head of the emergency agency said authorities believed at least 300 people were dead.

The magnitude-8.8 quake was felt as far away as Sao Paulo in Brazil — 1,800 miles to the east. The full extent of damage remained unclear as dozens of aftershocks — one nearly as powerful as Haiti's devastating Jan. 12 earth-

quake — shuddered across the disaster-prone Andean nation.

President Michelle Bachelet declared a "state of catastrophe" in central Chile but said the government had not asked for assistance from other countries. If it does, President Obama said, the United States "will be

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AP photo

A woman sits in front a quake-damaged house in Talca, Chile, after a 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck the country early Saturday.

Dog-powered,
student-built

Sun Valley teacher — Idaho's sole Iditarod musher — will race in student-built sled

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

"But we can't wait to see it go."

SUN VALLEY — Trent Herbst will start the 1,150-mile Iditarod Great Sled Race on Saturday, entrusting his life to his dogs and a sled his fourth-grade students built.

And the 18 Community School students who constructed Herbst's sled will be at the race's start in Anchorage, Alaska, to cheer their teacher on.

"All the drilling and cutting make the sled building tough," said Emma Hansen.

The kids have spent a good part of this school year preparing for the race, which will be Herbst's fourth Iditarod.

They sewed hundreds of the 1,300 booties their teacher will put on his dogs' paws to keep them from cutting their pads on ice.

They packed the 70 pairs of work gloves and fleece and liner gloves Herbst will use during the 14 to 15 days he expects to be on the trail.

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Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



● Design, construct and race your own cardboard sled in the Blaine County Recreation District Snow Box Derby at the Rotarun Ski Area in Croy Canyon west of Hailey. The event is open to anyone 5 years and older. The entry fee is \$10 or \$25 for businesses. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. with races beginning at 10:15 a.m.

● If you want something a little warmer, but still fun, gather up the family and go bowling. There are great bowling lanes around the valley. Whether you are pro

material for just learning, it's a good time.

● The Family of Woman Film Festival shows "The Maid" at 3 p.m. and "Lemon Tree" at 7 p.m. at nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum. "Lemon Tree" filmmaker Eran Riklis will speak after the screening. Admission is \$15 per film.

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



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Community School fourth-grade students Emma Hansell and Hayden Baker work on teacher Trent Herbst's sled while Charlie Dunn watches recently at the school in Sun Valley. Starting Saturday, Herbst will race in the Iditarod Great Sled Race from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska, using a sled his students built.

Sled

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And they measured and packed the beef jerky, instant oatmeal, trail mix and PowerBars for Herbst, along with the food his dogs will require.

"A Husky burns 11,000 calories each day — eight times that of a Tour de France cyclist on a body-weight basis," said Herbst, who sports a red pony tail and bushy red beard that hangs below the first two buttons on his shirt. "The dogs' aerobic capacity is three times that of an Olympic marathon runner."

Herbst, 39, became interested in the Iditarod when one of his students wanted to follow the race from Anchorage to Nome on the Internet while Herbst was teaching in Switzerland. Herbst later took a two-year sabbatical and moved to Alaska, where he fell in love with the dogs that live to run.

He won the Chevrolet Most Inspirational Musher award last year because of the way he involved his students in his trek.

This year he's expanded the students' roles.

Each studied an Alaskan tribe, from the Aleut to the Inuit, paying particular attention to how disease, discrimination and other factors have threatened their existence. They learned to make and shoot a bow and arrow, and built their own Ojibwe-style snowshoes, which they will take to Alaska.

Herbst's class was a whirlwind last week as teacher and students prepared for the trip. Several students helped Herbst build the sled he will pilot, replacing the frame of broken hockey sticks last year's students used with laminated ash. And they checked out the plastic Herbst puts on the sleigh runners according to temperature, much as Nordic skiers apply different waxes as the temperature changes.

Flynn Stewart was among the students stretching webbing across their snowshoes, using frames they bought after earlier attempts to heat raw wood in a boiler snapped the wood.

"It's been great fun to do the math and measure out the webbing," said Stewart. "It's going to be really fun to try them out when we get to Alaska."

With the help of two of

Herbst's dogs and a recess break, the students got to test four of their own sleds they'd christened with names like "Pink Bunny" and "Orange Carrot."

"Whoa! They go fast!" marveled Katie Peters at the sleds, which reached speeds of about 10 miles per hour.

Herbst, the only Idaho musher registered for the race, said he'll run mostly at night because the dogs have a nocturnal instinct and tend to nap between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. — the warmest hours of the day.

"Dogs don't run well when the temperature's above 20 degrees in the sun," he said. "The colder it is the faster they go. But, then, the temperature can go to 80 below, as it did last year, and that's not fun, either."

Herbst doesn't have any delusions about winning the Iditarod. He won't even try.

He's there to take 16 young dogs on a training run — the culmination of dozens of runs they've made across the Camas Prairie and mountain meadows near Stanley since September.

"It's all about the relationship with your dogs. Being that close to dogs is what brings you back year after year out in the middle of nowhere," said Herbst, who races for Nature's Kennel Racing Team. "They love to run. I don't do anything but put a harness on them and they run."

Herbst's students, who leave for Alaska on Tuesday, plan to attend the Mushers Banquet before the race. They will attend the ceremonial start of the race in Anchorage and the official start the following day in Wasilla, and will visit one of the veterinary checkpoints along the trail.

They also hope to tour various Alaskan sights and museums, including the Kenai Fjords, Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Museum.

If time permits during their weeklong trip north, they'll take in the 75-year-old Fur Rendezvous in Anchorage, attractions at which include oyster-sucking contests, rat races and blanket toss.

"I can't wait," said Keegan Webber. "It's going to be a fun week of school."

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Mini-Cassia Adult Singles Regional Conference, 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Declo Stake Center, 213 W. Main Street, Declo, activities: snow shoeing and sledding, foods, humanitarian project, fireside and concert with "Preston Pugmire," must be 31 or older and single, LDS dress standards, \$10 donation, 438-8346 or 431-9628.

Third Annual Family of Woman Film Festival, with the showing of "The Maid" at 3 p.m. and "Lemon Tree" at 7 p.m., nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St. Ketchum, \$15 per film, 726-4857.

"The Glass Menagerie" presented by Company of Fools, modern American play, 8 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, \$25 adults, \$18 seniors (62 or over), \$10 students (18 and younger), and groups of six or more receive discount rate of \$18 per ticket, 578-9122 or www.companyof-fools.com.

HORSE CLINIC

Silver Spurs Equestrian Team horse clinic, presented by Blue Ribbon Training, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Silver Tree Indoor Arena, 3196 E. 3500 N., about two miles south of Twin Falls, session: Horsemanship/reining clinic by Paul Butler, (20 riders limit), \$110 plus arena fee, pre-register: 539-5804, 358-3200 or debi.johnson@lee.net or 731-9812.

TODAY'S REMINDERS

Meeting memo for Monday: Magic Valley Region of the Idaho Chapter American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraiser, meeting topic: farm and livestock update, 7 a.m., Depot Grill, 545 Shoshone St. S., Twin Falls; speaker: Rick Haines, 733-0874 or henri@lemoynerealty.com.

Meeting memo for Tuesday: Magic Valley New Neighbors, meeting luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Pandora's, 516 Hansen St., Twin

Falls, speaker: Jan Mittleider, \$12, reservations, 734-2422.

Meeting Memo for Thursday: NAIFA Southern Idaho meeting, program: medicare advantage updates with Jeff Haber, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, 737-4112.

Meeting memo for March 16: The Shoshone District Grazing Advisory Board, meeting, 9 a.m., Bureau of Land Management offices, Shoshone, 934-4956 or 539-0777.

To have an event listed or to update any meeting changes, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Mirela Sulejmanovic by e-mail at msulejmanovic@magicvalley.com; by phone, 735-3278; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O.Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

Jerome officials tout success of first town hall meeting

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — City officials were ecstatic after a standing room only crowd filled Jerome's City Council Chambers Thursday night for a town hall meeting.

"This was the first of a series of town hall meetings. I intend to have them as opportunities present themselves and to get community input," said Mayor

John Shine. "I believe town hall meetings are an excellent forum to communicate with our community. I was very excited by the high level of participation."

"Everything was very positive. We were able to open a dialogue with city officials and citizens," said City Administrator Ben Marchant.

"We talked about several ideas to redefine the areas where the city should go," he

said, adding that there is support for encouraging reinvestment in the downtown area.

"The big reaction we got was to the concept plan for a new city hall, fire station and police station," Marchant said of the proposal to build a municipal center on the site of the former Central Elementary School that the city recently purchased from the Jerome School District.

Other issues discussed

included the proposed skate park and fundraising efforts, recreation, transportation, facilities and growth.

The city garnered several volunteers to serve on municipal committees.

"All in all, the meeting ended on a very high note. I was very pleased," Marchant said.

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Chile

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there." Around the world, leaders echoed his sentiment.

In Chile, newly built apartment buildings slumped and fell. Flames devoured a prison. Millions of people fled into streets darkened by the failure of power lines. The collapse of bridges tossed and crushed cars and trucks, and complicated efforts to reach quake-damaged areas by road.

At least 214 people were killed and 15 were missing as of Saturday evening, Bachelet said in a national address on television. While that remained the official estimate, Carmen Fernandez, head of the National Emergency Agency, said later: "We think the real figure tops 300. And we believe this will continue to grow."

Bachelet also said 1.5 million people had been affected by the quake, and officials in her administration said 500,000 homes were severely damaged.

In Talca, just 65 miles from the epicenter, people sleeping in bed suddenly felt like they were flying through major airplane turbulence as their belongings cascaded around them from the shuddering walls at at 1:34 a.m. EST.

A deafening roar rose from the convulsing earth as buildings groaned and clattered. The sound of screams was confused with the crash of plates and windows.

Then the earth stilled, silence returned and a smell of damp dust rose in the streets, where stunned survivors took refuge.

A journalist emerging into the darkened street scattered with downed power lines saw a man, some of his own bones apparently broken, weeping and caressing the hand of a woman who had died in the collapse of a cafe. Two other victims lay dead a few feet away.

Also near the epicenter was Concepcion, one of the country's largest cities,



AP photo

Vehicles that were driving along a highway that collapsed during the earthquake near Santiago are seen overturned on the asphalt after an 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck central Chile early Saturday. The quake hit 200 miles southwest of the capital and the epicenter was just 70 miles from Concepcion, Chile's second-largest city.

where a 15-story building collapsed, leaving a few floors intact.

"I was on the 8th floor and all of a sudden I was down here," said Fernando Abarzua, marveling that he escaped with no major injuries. He said a relative was still trapped in the rubble six hours after the quake, "but he keeps shouting, saying he's OK."

Chilean state television reported that 209 inmates escaped from prison in the city of Chillan, near the epicenter, after a fire broke out.

In the capital of Santiago, 200 miles to the northeast, the national Fine Arts Museum was badly damaged and an apartment building's two-story parking lot pancaked, smashing about 50 cars whose alarms rang incessantly.

A car dangled from a collapsed overpass while overturned vehicles lay scattered below. "I can now say in all surety that seat belts save

lives in automobiles," said Cristian Alcaino, who survived the fall in his car.

While most modern buildings survived, a bell tower collapsed on the Nuestra Senora de la Providencia church and several hospitals were evacuated due to damage.

Santiago's airport was closed, with smashed windows, partially collapsed ceilings and destroyed pedestrian walkways in the passenger terminals. The capital's subway was shut as well, and transportation was further limited because hundreds of buses were stuck behind a damaged bridge.

Chile's main seaport, in Valparaiso about 75 miles from Santiago, was ordered closed while damage was assessed. Two oil refineries shut down, and lines of cars snaked out of service stations across the country as nervous drivers rushed to fill up.

The state-run Codelco, the world's largest copper



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producer, halted work at two of its mines, although it said it expected them to resume operations quickly, the newspaper La Tercera reported.

President-elect Sebastian Pinera angrily reported seeing some looting while flying over damaged areas. He vowed "to fight with maximum energy looting attempts that I saw with my own eyes."

The jolt set off a tsunami that swamped San Juan Bautista village on Robinson Crusoe Island off Chile, killing at least five people and leaving 11 missing, said Guillermo de la Masa, head of the government emergency bureau for the Valparaiso region. He said the huge waves also damaged several government buildings on the island.

Waves also flooded hundreds of houses in the town of Vichato, in the BioBio region.

The surge of water raced across the Pacific, setting off alarm sirens in Hawaii, Polynesia and Tonga and prompting warnings across all 53 nations ringing the vast ocean.

Tsunami waves washed across Hawaii, where little damage was reported. The U.S. Navy moved a half-dozen vessels out of Pearl Harbor as a precaution, Navy spokesman Lt. Myers Vasquez said. Shore-side Hilo International Airport was closed. In California, officials said a 3-foot surge in Ventura Harbor pulled loose several navigational buoys.

About 13 million people live in the area where shaking was strong to severe, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

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Otter asks media for compassion

Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter talked with the Idaho Press Club on Wednesday and made one thing abundantly clear: he’s not the sort of governor who wants to cut the budget.

Instead, he’s simply proposing cuts because revenues are down and the state’s Constitution requires a balanced budget.

His remarks were made in the context of media coverage. Otter made it clear he has a problem with headlines and articles that imply he wants to make cuts.

He didn’t tell reporters what to write but did appeal for them to understand where he’s coming from.

“I would like to see some compassion,” Otter said. “... This is a tough, tough position to be in and it’s not fun.”

On the plus side, Otter had one reason to thank the media: his recently submitted column wasn’t ignored.

“I appreciate the fact that it was printed, and printed in full,” Otter said.

Cutting off fingers

Legislators aren’t happy about cuts either. In the Joint Finance-Appropriations meeting on Friday, Sen. Nicole LeFavour, D-Boise, compared the process of school cuts to asking the education community how their fingers should be cut off. “It’s like cutting off fingers,” she said, adding that the budget situation is forcing educators to agree to things that they don’t like. “I just want to express some sadness about that

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Ben Botkin

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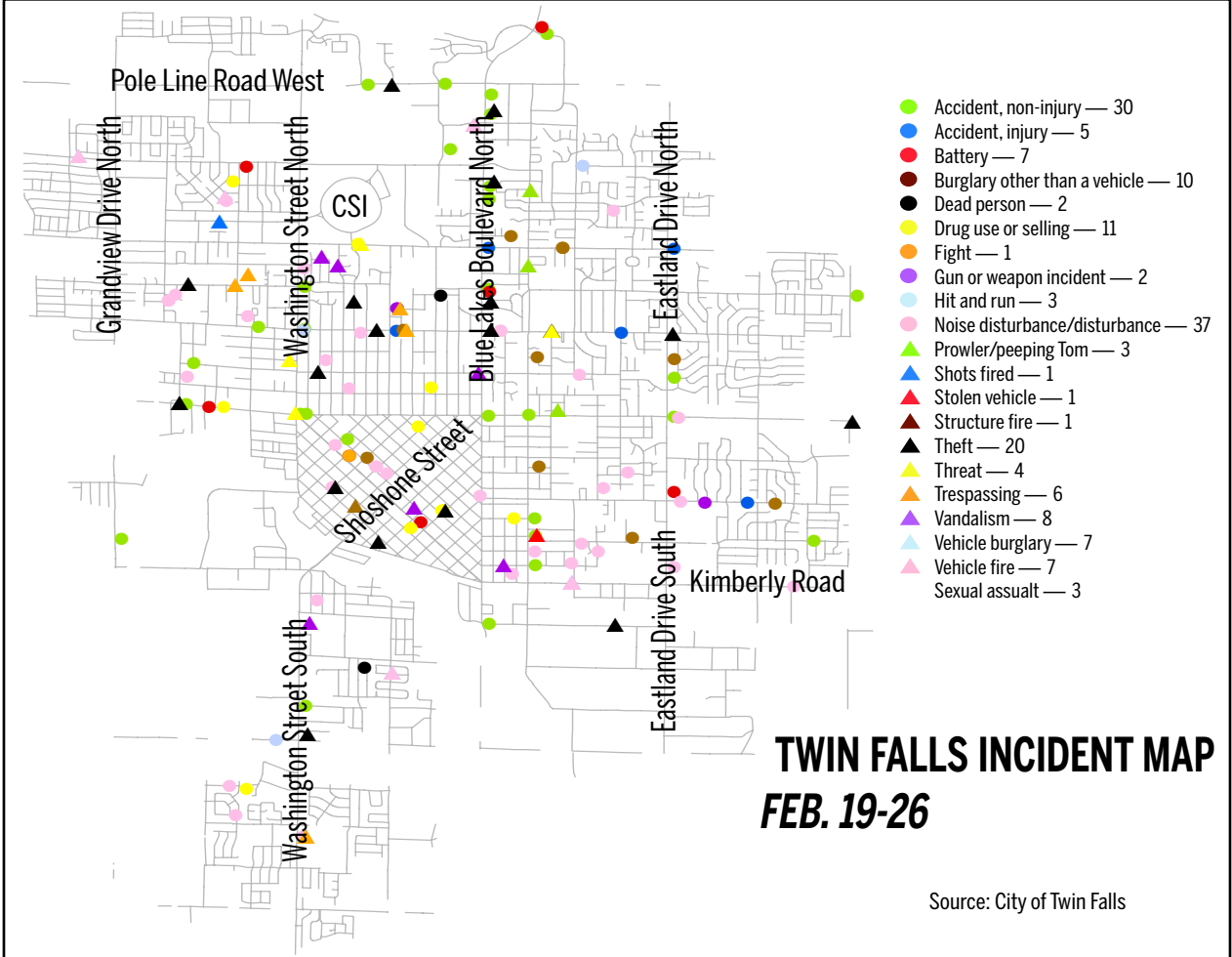
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situation,” she said. JEAC will make decisions about the education budget on Monday.

Budget ideas

A Web site set up by the governor’s office to gather suggestions about cuts has garnered 493 submissions. Seventy eight are already in place and almost 300 have gone to state agencies for a closer look, the governor’s office said. Suggestions included increasing energy efficiency in state buildings and the Capitol. “I’m pleased to report that hundreds of state-owned buildings throughout Idaho are outfitted with such improvements as better insulation, high-efficiency light bulbs, and motion sensors that turn out the lights and turn down the heat when rooms are unoccupied,” Otter wrote in a letter to legislators. It’s not too late to give ideas. The site’s address is <http://efficiency.idaho.gov>. Ben Botkin may be reached at bbotkin@magicvalley.com.



Health and Welfare announces additional closures until June

Times-News

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will close its offices every other Friday from this Friday until at least June 11. In January, the department announced it would close its offices every other Friday for half of the day because of state budget reductions. The decision to further reduce office hours follows additional budget reductions announced last week. According to an IDHW press release, the unpaid hours for employees will save about \$1 million of the state’s general fund this fiscal year. Employees will take 108 furlough hours, amounting to a pay reduction of 5.2 percent. During the closures, the director’s office will remain open. Essential services such as crisis-response services for mental-health or child-protection issues will not be affected.

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Hearings will discuss setback rules on CAFO waste

By John Plestina Times-News writer

JEROME — The public will have a chance in April or May to attend hearings on Jerome County’s proposed zoning changes for rules governing confined-animal feeding operations. During a combined work session on Thursday, the county commissioners and Planning and Zoning Commission decided to hold a public hearing on the changes but no date was set. For now, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Mike Seib will review changes to the proposed ordinance and the P&Z Commission will further review it on March 29.

Unwanted odors and, in some cases, angry neighbors of dairy operations, prompted the county to consider the zoning changes. County officials have worked trying to alleviate problems by changing setback distances and maximum timeframes for storage of raw animal waste. The current ordinance sets a 300-foot setback from property lines. Many complaints involve odor issues emanating from raw waste storage near neighbors’ houses. Setbacks are proposed to increase from 300 feet to 1,000 feet from any residence not associated with the waste or composting operation. There is also a proposal for a 21-day turnaround time limit for removing manure piles. County Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown explained that if anyone stores animal waste after 21 days, it must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest dwelling that is not associated with the animal waste operation. The 1,000-foot limit would not apply if manure were mixed with soil and spread. P&Z Chairman Jack Nelson questioned the term “incorporated” and asked

how animal waste is incorporated with soil. The term was later changed to mixed. County Commissioner Joe Davidson said the purpose of mixing waste with soil is to reduce odors and a good neighbor policy. The question was raised of what would happen if a neighbor to an existing property with animal waste on the ground wanted to build a house. When Brown said he could not issue a building permit if legal setbacks were not met, county commissioners Davidson and Charlie Howell both disputed that. “It depends how they define it,” Brown said of the proposed ordinance changes. “If there is a 1,000-foot setback, it’s for equal parties then everybody has to adhere to 1,000 feet,” he said, and added that a lot might be determined at the public hearing. In a related discussion, it was determined that the Snake River Canyon rim is within a preservation zone and therefore the setback should be 1,000 feet to comply with an existing ordinance rather than 300 feet that had been discussed.

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In California, lawmakers may have regulated the entire industry out of the state, he said.

Moore, who also sits on the Burley Urban Renewal District Board, said an unidentified company has proposed a broiler plant in the North Burley urban renewal district project area, which lies west of the city of Heyburn.

Minidoka County Community Development Director Paul Aston said technically Heyburn cannot be impacted by any business that locates within North Burley city limits.

Heyburn City Councilwoman Cleo Gallegos said most Heyburn residents want to see an increase in available jobs and wouldn't mind having a good, clean processing plant for a neighbor. But Heyburn Mayor George Anderson said he can't believe a processing plant wouldn't somehow impact Heyburn, which lies downwind of the proposed site.

Industry-fashioned ordinances?

Hy-Line North America LLC Director of Operations Bill Garr said his company has worked with local officials to develop Cassia County's new ordinance, which will allow local farmers to build hen houses suitable to produce eggs for Hy-Line's Burley hatchery.

"Hy-Line North America has a standard operating arrangement with local producers at our other locations in the U.S. and would like to develop those arrangements in Idaho as well," Garr said.

But Shavone Hasse of Fruitland, a board member for the Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Environment, said if large corporations pull out they may leave local farmers bankrupted by the burden of paying for costly infrastructure.

"A lot of my concerns stem from people in the industry helping the county write ordinances," said Hasse. ICARE is a nonprofit with about 200 members, with less than a half dozen members in Mini-Cassia.

Moore said it's unlikely that farmers will be left high and dry. Any company investing so much in an area business plans to stay, he said.

Garr said Hy-Line first identifies potential producers who want to diversify their operations. It then provides the producers with building specifications and costs.

"We work with them to develop a cash-flow model that allows them to service the debt and earn a living," Garr said.

The local producer provides the land, facility and labor, while Hy-line provides the chickens and feed.

"Many of our contract producers have been with Hy-Line for over 20 years," Garr said.

Impact on the aquifer

According to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the nitrate concentration in Cassia County drinking water already exceeds state and federal guidelines, and the county is listed as a nitrate priority area.

Hasse said the scale of CAFOs in Cassia County and the whole region is unsustainable. There are too many animals producing waste and as a result nitrates, she said, for it to all be absorbed into the ground without contaminating the water.

She said Cassia County's decisions regarding CAFOs

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will also affect people within hundreds of miles because of the shared aquifer.

A June 26 Washington Post article by Douglas Gansler, Maryland's attorney general, stated the poultry industry also routinely uses roxarsone, an arsenic feed additive, to fight parasites and increase growth in chickens. Gansler wrote the carcinogen, which can ultimately make its way into drinking water, is linked to heart disease, diabetes and decline in brain function in humans.

Nitrates and arsenic are only part of concerns of a poultry industry expansion, as manure-based phosphorous caught in runoff could also create stinky algae blooms in waterways, which could affect recreation and ultimately tourism.

Smaller footprints

One company aiming for poultry production in Mini-Cassia is Magic Valley Poultry Corp. Company spokesman Bill Bean said the plan is to build a 239,000-square-foot broiler chicken processing plant in Burley, with 430 workers. But it may try to expand to 1,000 workers with a second shift.

Bean didn't respond to *Times-News* requests for an interview.

During county poultry hearings, Cassia County dairyman Brent Stoker testified that if Magic Valley Poultry stays true to its plan, the chicken waste would be processed through an extruder that will heat it above the boiling point, making it sterile. The waste will then be pelletized and sold as commercial-grade fertilizer.

"In that case, a chicken farm would have less impact and a smaller footprint than any dairy around," Stoker said.

While a major facility like Magic Valley's Poultry's proposal will likely draw the most debate, there's also concern over the proliferation of smaller facilities that provide chickens or eggs to the larger corporations.

Cassia County's new poultry CAFO ordinance regulates facilities with more than 50,000 birds, but contract growers may choose to operate below that range. If laws don't change, farms with fewer than 50,000 birds may slip through the regulatory cracks, Stoker said.

As part of their legwork before making decisions on the county ordinance, Christensen and other county officials visited plants in Arkansas last summer and two plants in California in January.


All the plants had very little odor, he said, and there weren't rampant feather problems in the towns like he'd heard. Although rogue feathers were noticed, they weren't more evident than the occasional potato or sugar beet found on Mini-

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THE COMPANIES

Hy-Line North America, 1651 W. 27th St., Burley

- Hy-Line genetically breeds and distributes egg-laying chickens.
- The company incubates eggs, with stock shipped as soon as it hatches.
- The \$17 million Burley hatchery became operational in 2009 and employs about 40 workers.
- The company was established in 1936. Its corporate headquarters are in Des Moines, Iowa.
- Hy-Line's Burley plant manager, Mike Pruitt, and the company's attorney testified during Cassia County's poultry confined-animal feeding ordinance hearings.
- The new Cassia County CAFO ordinance will allow the company to contract with local farmers for eggs.




Magic Valley Poultry Corp.

- Magic Valley Poultry has announced intentions of building a 239,000-square-foot broiler chicken processing plant in Burley with associated growing sheds.
- The company would initially employ 430 workers, expanding up to 1,000 if a second shift is added, and process up to 13,000 birds per hour.
- Company spokesman Bruce Bean testified during Cassia County's CAFO ordinance hearings.

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

North Burley

- Minidoka County Commissioner Robert Moore, who sits on the Burley Urban Renewal Board, said two poultry companies have shown interest in locating companies in Mini-Cassia.
 - Moore said one company wants to locate a broiler plant in Burley's urban renewal project area in North Burley, south of Interstate 84 and west of Idaho Highway 27. The company does not intend to use urban renewal money, according to Moore.
 - Due to confidentiality requested by the company its name has not been revealed.

Jerome

- Jerome city officials discussed a request in February from an unidentified Mini-Cassia poultry company, which is interested in building an \$8 million hatchery just outside Jerome city limits.
- City officials are trying to determine if the city's sewage system can accommodate the operation.

Cassia roadways during harvest, Christensen said.

Christensen said the plants he visited were also older and less technologically advanced than the one proposed by Magic Valley Poultry.

Hy-Line officials declined a request by the *Times-News* to allow a photographer or reporter inside its Burley facility, citing the bio-security risk it would pose to the baby chicks, although a group of Mini-Cassia officials were given a facility tour in 2009.

Christensen said the industry is basically self-regulating because of its need for bio-security.

According to the National Chicken Council, bio-security in the industry is used as a tool by companies to minimize the effects of disease and infections such as salmonella and avian influenza.

Hasse said any industry that "self regulates" or requires bio-security provisions should be setting off alarm bells for officials.

Animal rights

By adopting Proposition 2, California has set the stage for stricter welfare laws for farm animals in other states as well.

Proposition 2, designed to prevent the cruel confinement of farm animals, passed in November 2008 and is slated to go into effect in 2015. Most poultry companies already operate within industry guidelines set for animal

welfare, but opponents say abuses are rampant.

Hy-Line was targeted by the animal-rights group Mercy for Animals in 2009, which released an undercover video on the Internet that showed clips of the company's plant in Spencer, Iowa, where live male chicks were destroyed in a grinder.

According to the National Chicken Council's animal-welfare guidelines, that procedure — called maceration — is the recommended practice for destroying unwanted chicks.

Burley Economic Development Director Doug Manning said he toured the Burley Hy-Line hatchery, and said it disposes of male chicks with a suction device.

Male chicks are considered a useless byproduct of the egg industry so millions of them are killed a year, said Heather Carlson, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals communications assistant manager in Washington D.C.

"Some chicks are tossed into trash bags to suffocate or are thrown into high-speed grinders called macerators while they are still alive," Carlson wrote in an e-mail to the *Times-News*.

"This is about how we should behave as human beings or producers of food," Hasse said. "If you are willing to abuse animals you aren't going to have any qualms about contaminating your neighbor's groundwater. The way you treat animals is an indication of your moral compass."

"It comes down to size. If you are considered large you have to live by Idaho's clean-air and water rules."

— Cassia County dairyman Brent Stoker

caught off-guard like it was when the dairy industry came to Idaho.

Sen. Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home, chairman of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee, has introduced legislation to give the Idaho State Department of Agriculture more power to enforce CAFO rules, including those for poultry.

And the Idaho Supreme Court upheld Gooding County's regulations on CAFOs earlier this month, affirming the rights of counties to regulate water quality and other concerns beyond what state agencies do. The ruling concluded that Gooding County wasn't preempted from regulating water quality, and its cap on animal units per acre didn't violate CAFO owners' due-process rights.

ISDA spokeswoman Pam Juker said poultry CAFOs aren't currently regulated by the agency, but fall under the jurisdiction of DEQ.

DEQ issues CAFO poultry permits for facilities with more than 200,000 birds, and penalties for poultry permit violations include civil and criminal consequences.

"It comes down to size," said Stoker. "If you are considered large you have to live by Idaho's clean-air and water rules."

Those rules may soon be abided by large poultry companies seeking profitable conditions in Idaho, a scenario some job-seekers and area officials anxiously await.

"This is something I'm really excited about — it's about our future and the creation of jobs," Moore said. "Our future lies in agriculture and the future of agriculture lies in diversification."

Laurie Welch may be reached at lwelch@magic-valley.com or 677-8767.

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	10007	WF Mandarin Oranges	24	10.5 Z	\$14.16	\$0.59
	10599	WF Applesauce	24	15 Z	\$18.72	\$0.78
	10224	WF Canned Pineapple - Chunks, Tidbits, Sliced	24	20 Z	\$18.96	\$0.79
	10288	WF Grape Jelly	12	32 Z	\$20.28	\$1.69
	10596	WF Asst Canned Tomatoes - Whole, Stewed, Sliced, Crushed, Diced, and more	24	14.5 Z	\$13.92	\$0.58
	10097	WF Tomato Sauce	48	8 Z	\$16.00	\$0.33
	10096	WF Tomato and Vegetable Juice	12	46 Z	\$15.96	\$1.33
	10317	WF Mushrooms - Pieces & Stems	24	4 Z	\$14.16	\$0.59
	10503	WF Canned Corn - Whole Kernel, Cream Style	24	15 Z	\$13.92	\$0.58
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	10267	WF Chili - Hot, Mild, Thick & Chunky, Turkey	24	15 Z	\$23.28	\$0.97
	10225	WF Tomato Ketchup	16	24 Z	\$14.08	\$0.88
	10223	WF Chunk Light Tuna in Water	48	5 Z	\$24.00	\$0.50
	10208	WF Soup - Cream of Chicken & Mushroom	24	10.75 Z	\$15.60	\$0.65
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	10436	WF Mac & Cheese Dinner	24	7.25 Z	\$6.00	\$0.25
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	scan	Malt o Meal Asst Bagged Cereal - "GIANT" Size bags	1	GIANT	\$3.37	\$3.37
	10227	Shasta 12 Pack Soda Pop - Assorted	1	12/12 Z	\$2.19	\$2.19
	10226	WF Coffee - Regular, French Roast, Columbian	6	34-39 Z	\$29.94	\$4.99
	10089	Aquarius SPRING Water - Limit 4 per customer	1	24/.5L	\$2.50	\$2.50
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	10156	WF Detergent Buckets - Regular & w/Bleach	1	30 LB	\$5.99	\$5.99
	10159	Clorox Liquid Bleach - Regular Only	6	96 Z	\$10.74	\$1.79
	10150	WF Paper Towels - deluxe Tuff n Soft 8 roll	1	8 Roll	\$4.47	\$4.47
	10149	WF Bath Tissue - 24 pack 2ply, 12 pack Dbl roll, 9 pack Mega	1	24, 12, 9	\$4.47	\$4.47
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	2087	Rolled Oats - Regular or Quick	12	42 Z	\$22.56	\$1.88
	2033	WF Buttermilk Pancake Mix	1	7 LB	\$5.49	\$5.49
	scan	WF Maple Flavored Pancake Syrup	1	1 GAL	\$4.97	\$4.97
	2086	WF Cooking Oil - Vegetable, Canola, or Corn	1	1 GAL	\$7.29	\$7.29
	2088	WF White Rice - Long Grain	1	20 LB	\$9.97	\$9.97
	2043	Brown Rice - Long Grain	1	25 LB	\$17.97	\$17.97
	2044	Pinto Beans - Buy Idaho	1	20 LB	\$13.47	\$13.47
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	scan	Swensens Famous French Bread	1	Loaf	\$0.88	\$0.88
	scan	Potatoes - 10 lb bag - Buy Idaho	1	10 LB	\$0.95	\$0.95
	scan	Big Buy Bacon	24	16 Z	\$35.75	\$1.49
	scan	IQF Chicken Thighs and Legs (equals \$0.79 per pound!)	4	5 LB	\$15.88	\$3.97
	scan	Falls Brand 16 oz Breakfast Sausage Rolls	12	1 LB	\$23.88	\$1.99
	scan	Falls Brand Wieners and Franks - Local Company	12	2 LB	\$47.88	\$3.99
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Number of employers offering medical coverage falls

Small businesses hardest hit by benefit reductions

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The number of employers who offered full-time employees medical coverage has fallen more than 26 percent in seven years, say officials with Idaho Department of Labor.

The department's 2009 Idaho Fringe Benefit Survey found the number of employers offering full-time employees medical

coverage declined to 56 percent last year — down from 82 percent in 2002.

Idaho's smallest employers — those with fewer than 10 workers — pulled back the most, said Idaho Department of Labor Spokesman Bob Fick. The percentage of businesses with more than 10 employees offering health insurance was mostly unchanged from 2007.

In 2005 the percentage had fallen to 74 percent, and by 2007 it was down to 63 percent before hitting 56 percent in 2009.

On average employers offering insurance paid 83 percent of the monthly pre-

mium for single coverage, but only 56 percent of those workers with access to that coverage took advantage of the option.

The decline in employers offering health care coverage was not as precipitous in the case of family coverage. The 2009 survey found 53 percent of employers offered family coverage to full-time workers, down from 62 percent in the 2002 survey. Only a third of employees with access to family plans participated in 2009, but employers, on average, covered just 38 percent of the monthly premium.

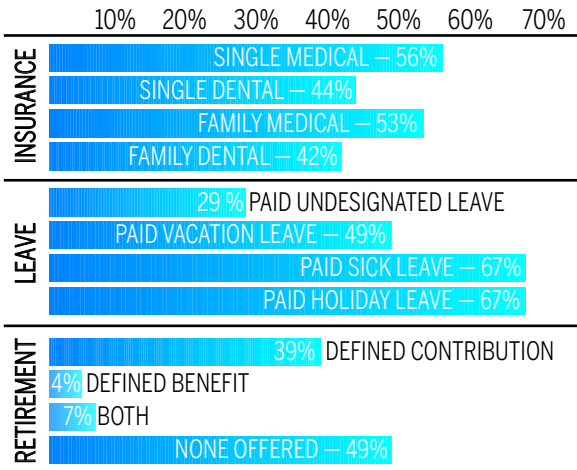
By size of firm, all of the

state's largest employers offered health insurance as did over 90 percent of those with 100 to 250 workers. Seventy percent of businesses with 10 to 50 workers provided insurance, but only 40 percent of those with fewer than 10 employees provided coverage. Businesses with fewer than 50 workers employ half of Idaho's labor force.

Access to health insurance through the workplace during 2009 was substantially lower for part-time workers and their families with 11 percent of employers offering both.

See **BENEFITS**, Business 2

PERCENT OF IDAHO EMPLOYERS OFFERING BENEFITS TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN 2009



SOURCE: Idaho Department of Labor

AGAINST THE GRAIN



Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Ryan Buttars, with the Agri-Service marketing department, and Clint Schnoor, Agri-Service vice-president, stand by a Massey Ferguson tractor at the Twin Falls location at 3205 Kimberly Rd. in Twin Falls.

Agri-Service employees take ownership in one of North America's largest farm equipment dealerships

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Clleve Buttars, the outgoing founder and owner of one of the largest farm equipment dealerships in North America, always had a dream of giving his employees ownership in the company.

For nearly 20 years the equipment retailer grew, despite constant fluctuations in agriculture and a downturn that has become the deepest recession in decades. Buttars believes it was his employees that helped carry the company through the good and the bad — selling and servicing the company's trademark-red Massey Ferguson tractors to farmers and ranchers in Idaho, Utah and Oregon.

So, after careful planning, and despite all odds, Buttars crafted a letter that was sent to employees earlier this month, announcing that the company's nearly 150 employees now have ownership in the company.

"I have been looking into having my business become employee owned for a few years, and the timing just seems right," Buttars said. "Right now, employees are trying to understand how it works, but as they find out more, I think they will all be thrilled."

Agri-Service became what is known in the complicated world of business and finance as an ESOP, or a company with an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. It joins other Idaho companies that are 100 percent employee owned, such as

WinCo, Clear Springs Foods, and Pacific Steel and Recycling.

Agri-Service opened its first retail and service center in Twin Falls in 1990 with Buttars and four employees, but the company quickly grew to include seven other locations in Idaho, Utah, and Oregon with approximately 150 employees — making it one of the largest sellers of Massey Ferguson, Hesston, Gleaner in North America.

As an employee-owned business, employees receive the value of stock in the company, which is redeemed when an



Equipment is parked on the lot of Agri-Service in Twin Falls. The business, which started in 1990 with one location and four employees, now boasts eight locations in Idaho, Utah and Oregon with about 150 employees.

employee retires or is terminated.

"The longer they stay, the higher the value of their share of the company," Buttars said. "If the company continues to grow as it has in our 20-year history, every employee who stays with us will have a very nice personal retirement fund to enjoy when they are done working."

Publicly traded stock value is determined by stock prices on the open market. However, the yearly value of Agri-Service stock will be determined by an evaluation done by a govern-

ment-approved trustee. Buttars said the goal is to constantly grow the company so that employee-stock value multiplies.

Buttars added that he hopes employees will take their ownership literally, treating the business like their own as they make their day-to-day decisions.

Kevin Bermingham, a service technician in Twin Falls, said employees talk about the change in the breakroom —

See **AGRI-SERVICE**, Business 3

Hummer: Just too big for its own good

Sale to Chinese company collapses, leaving GM no choice but to let icon die

By Dan Strumpf
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — One thing you can say about the Hummer, roaring down the road, towering over subcompacts like an NBA center in a sea of toddlers: It always drew a reaction.

The beefy, military-inspired SUV began as a macho icon for enthusiasts like Arnold Schwarzenegger, who held photo ops in Hummers in his early days as governor. For others it was a symbol of excess, environmental ruin and tackiness — a view that seemed to grow in direct proportion to gas prices and economic distress.

And now the brand is likely no more. General Motors Co. said Wednesday its bid to sell Hummer to a Chinese heavy equipment manufacturer had collapsed. Government regulators in Beijing failed to approve the sale and GM said it would have no choice but to let the brand die, 18 years after its first and most enormous model started lumbering off the assembly line.

"Finally," said Ann Mesnikoff, director of the green transportation campaign at the Sierra Club in Washington. "The Hummer was the epitome of gas guzzling."

Schwarzenegger, who was instrumental

See **HUMMER**, Business 3

Finally, senators near a deal on financial reform

It's been a year and a half since the collapse of Lehman Brothers, and you have to wonder how big a financial crisis we have to go through before we get the new regulatory apparatus in place to make sure it doesn't happen again.

There are many parties to thank for this stalemate: Liberal Democrats who insist that the only solution is to micromanage the financial services industry from Washington. Conservative Republicans who can't accept that their deregulation went too far and can't bear the thought of handing a legislative victory to President Obama. A financial services industry that says it supports regulatory reform in general but can't agree to any specific changes. And regulators, in denial about their own failures, who remain determined to preserve their power and influence.

Now, however, there appears to be a good chance for a breakthrough. By early next week, look for Sens. Chris Dodd of Connecticut and Bob Corker of Tennessee to unveil a creative bipartisan proposal that will hit all the right notes in terms of both policy and politics and will have the best shot at Senate passage. As Democratic chairman of the Senate banking committee, Dodd has shown the patience and

See **PEARLSTEIN**, Business 3



Steven Pearlstein

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WINGS CHARTER SCHOOL



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Wings Charter Middle School, at 647 Filer Ave. Ste. 100 Twin Falls, cut the red ribbon along with the Twin Falls Chamber Ambassadors. Wings Charter Middle School is a new member of the Chamber. They are looking for students who are intellectually curious and capable of learning, but are underperforming in school. Pictured from left: Ms. Letha Blick, administrator, cutting the ribbon; Mrs. Major, board member; McKenzie Smith, student; Mrs. Tanaka, board member; and Mr. Doggett, board member. Information: 734-2902.

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Local Modern Woodmen plan fundraiser

The Twin Falls members of Modern Woodmen of American camp will sponsor a fundraiser Saturday to benefit the Herrett Center Robotics Program. The fundraiser itinerary will be breakfast at Applebee's from 7 to 9 a.m. for \$7 per person. The money raised will be matched by Modern Woodmen's home office, up to \$1,000 through the fraternal benefit society's Matching Fund Program, and will be used to purchase supplies for a new robotics program.

For more information about how you can contribute to this fundraiser event, contact Terry Downs at 316-2244.

Benefits

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In addition to health coverage, the 2009 survey assessed availability of retirement plans, dental coverage and paid days off for vacation, holidays and sick leave.

Unlike health insurance, there was little change from 2007 to 2009 in the availability of dental insurance, paid time off or retirement plans,

although most of those were defined contribution plans like 401(k)s.

Over 750 randomly selected employers representing the spectrum of size, geographic location and industry sector responded to the survey. The results on a statewide basis have a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

BUHL CHAMBER BOARD



Courtesy photo

Buhl Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 2010, from left, are: Joan Hurlock, Pam McClain, Kalen Wright, Janet Franklin, Patty Beltran, Heidi Detmer and Holly Langdon. Franklin serves as president; Beltran, treasurer and Wright, recording secretary. Rick Stoltenburg, vice president, is not pictured.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Courtesy photo

Buhl Chamber of Commerce honored Cheryl Russell as the Volunteer of the Year at its annual banquet on Jan. 9. The award was presented by Janet Franklin, Chamber president, to Russell, right, who volunteers at every Chamber event.

SERVICE AWARD



Courtesy photo

Terry Huddleston was named the recipient of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award at the Chamber's annual banquet on Jan. 9. Huddleston's support of community residents and businesses through the years was recognized by Chamber president, Janet Franklin.

CAREER MOVES

Roth joins Coldwell Banker Conklin & Company

Jason Roth and Roth Real Estate have joined Coldwell Banker Previews International — Conklin & Company as a full-time associate broker.

Prior to joining Coldwell Banker, Roth was the designated broker of his own company, Roth Real Estate. Roth has been a resident of the Wood River Valley since 1977, and graduated from Wood River High School. He attended The College of Idaho in Caldwell, earning a Bachelor of Science degree and a minor in creative writing. After a brief time in Canada, Roth moved home in 1995, and founded a high-end kitchen and bath design firm in Ketchum.

In 2003, he sold that company in order to focus full-time on real estate brokerage.

He has been a licensed Realtor since 2000. Coldwell Banker Conklin & Company, at 491 N. Main St., Ketchum, can be reached at 622-3400, www.cbpreviews-sunvalley.com, or to learn more about Jason Roth visit www.rothre.com.

VISION COMMUNICATIONS



Courtesy photo

The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors had a ribbon cutting for Vision Communications to celebrate their partnership with AT&T. The business is at 1414 Overland Ave., Burley, and is owned by Debra Smith, who is pictured cutting the ribbon, and managed by Mikayla Cahoom. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Reach them at 679-7255.

PARTY HARDY




Courtesy photos

The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors had a ribbon cutting for Party Hardy to commemorate their grand opening. Party Hardy is at 1430 17th St., Heyburn, and is owned and managed by Dawn and Daniel Lage, who are pictured cutting the ribbon with their son, Jonah. Call them at 436-4386.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Sound Ideas in Uncertain Times

The IRA Factory



Terry R. Downs

I am walking through the parking lot to the grocery store and a car pulls up. The driver, a friend, asks me if I can give him directions to the IRA factory. I laugh at his attempt at humor. My friend was alluding to a conversation we had held earlier. I had told him then, that I often encounter basic misconceptions related to tax qualified plans.

I have received earnest questions that indicate a general misunderstanding of IRAs and other tax qualified plans. The question will be something like "Are IRAs a good investment these days?" The question mistakenly confuses the tax deferral properties of an IRA with the investment properties of the underlying asset. In response to questions like these, I have developed an approach to cut through the fog of "Financial Speak."

The first step in utilizing tax qualified accounts is to understand their basic function. Getting a handle on this can help savers build a larger nest egg. Some have found the following illustration humorous. I offer it in hopes it will help improve the understanding of qualified plans and the financial statements that report their results.

I draw a picnic table with several wrapped gifts on it. I then draw a cloudy sky with rain drops. To complete this masterpiece of stick figures, I sketch in an umbrella protecting the packages from rain and spoilage. The next part of the conversation usually revolves around the client poking fun at my artwork.

I tell them the gift packages represent wealth accumulation. The package could be a mutual fund, a certificate of deposit (CD), an annuity, or other financial instrument. The rain represents the spoilage of taxation on the individual's savings vehicle. The tax spoilage is reduced with the umbrella. The umbrella illustrates the function of a tax qualified plan. It could be an IRA, a 401(k), 403(b) or other qualified plan. If an account statement is handy, I point to the account's designation. With pencil in hand, I circle Roth IRA. This is the type of qualified plan as illustrated by the umbrella. I then refer to the portion of the statement that describes the investment vehicle. I point to Neighborhood Bank CD. I circle it and note that this is the type of investment product. It is illustrated by the gift box.

The type of qualified plan and the description of the investment appear on the same statement. But they are separate elements reported on the same document. The statement shows both the type of tax qualified account, in this case a Roth IRA. It also describes the asset, in this case a CD.

There are limitations to using a cartoon to convey financial concepts. Please consult with your financial or tax professional when making use of tax qualified plans. A financial professional or the institution he represents should gladly explain your statement to you. Unlike my friend, I am sure you know we do not have an IRA Factory in our community.

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Buffett: Execs should pay price for risky bets

By Josh Funk
Associated Press writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Billionaire Warren Buffett, in his annual letter to shareholders, sternly urged companies to develop harsh penalties for executives who get into trouble with risky investments.

Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. delivered a 61 percent jump in net income because the value of its investments and derivatives rose sharply in 2009 after taking a beating the year before. But its businesses' exposure to housing construction helped keep it from outperforming the S&P 500 for the first time since 2004.

Buffett used most of his letter, released Saturday, to reiterate the business basics that have made his company a juggernaut. But it did include a section about how corporations should manage risk. Buffett said CEOs and the boards that hired them should pay a steep price if their companies get into trouble with risky investments.

Buffett lamented that shareholders, not CEOs and directors, have borne most of the burden of company failures during the economic crisis.

"In my view a board of directors of a huge financial institution is derelict if it does not insist that its CEO bear full responsibility for risk control," Buffett wrote. "If he's incapable of handling that job, he should look for other employment. And if he fails at it — with the government thereupon required to step in with funds or guarantees — the financial consequences for him and his board should be severe."

Buffett told his shareholders he takes responsibility for the risks Berkshire takes. He also has 98 percent of his net worth tied up in Berkshire stock, so he takes a personal hit if the company has trouble.

Berkshire's derivative contracts helped deliver a largely unrealized \$787 million gain in investments in 2009 after a \$7.5 billion loss recorded in 2008.

Most of Berkshire's deriv-

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atives operate similar to insurance policies. Some of them cover whether certain stock market indexes will be lower 15 or 20 years in the future. Others cover credit losses at groups of 100 companies, and some cover credit risks of individual companies.

That investment gain helped Berkshire post net income of \$8.055 billion, or \$5,193 per Class A share, for 2009. That's up 61 percent from last year's \$4.994 billion, or \$3,224 per share, and better than analysts expected.

Revenue rose 4.4 percent

to \$112.5 billion in 2009.

But Buffett also acknowledged mistakes in the past year, including letting debt and losses at fractional jet ownership unit NetJets grow for too long, and suggesting a credit card through the Geico insurance unit that turned into a fiasco that had to be sold for a \$50 million pretax loss.

Buffett devoted much of his letter to educating new shareholders about the company. Berkshire added about 65,000 shareholders in February as part of its \$26.7 billion acquisition of railroad operator Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. So those new investors may not be familiar with Buffett's hands-off approach to managing its roughly 80 subsidiaries.

Berkshire's holdings include clothing, furniture and jewelry businesses, but its insurance and utility businesses typically account for more than half of the company's revenue. It also has major investments in companies such as Coca-Cola Co. and Wells Fargo & Co.

Hummer

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in popularizing the vehicle, had a much different reaction two decades ago when he first saw the Hummer's direct military ancestor. Then a body builder turned movie star, he was on his way to the set of "Kindergarten Cop" in Oregon when an Army convoy packed with Humvees thundered past.

"I put the brakes on," Schwarzenegger said at the 1992 ceremony that AM General held to start production of civilian Hummers. "Someone smashed into the back of me, but I just stared. 'Oh my God, there is the vehicle,' I said. And from then on, I was possessed."

Hummer's earliest predecessor was the jeep, the boxy multipurpose vehicle built in large numbers for the Army in World War II. The jeep evolved into the Humvee, which saw heavy action — and entered Americans' consciousness — during the Gulf War.

In the late 1990s, GM bought Hummer from AM General and began selling a smaller but still outsized model, the H2. Sales boomed after its 2005 introduction of an even smaller model, the H3, that was roughly equivalent in size to other automakers' full-size SUVs.

Hummer's image began to change as gas prices began creeping higher, the economy started to crack and the U.S. entered the most difficult period of the Iraq war. Sales, which peaked at 71,524 in 2006, plunged to just more than 9,000 vehicles in 2009. In January, GM sold just 265 Hummers in the U.S.

Robert Thompson, professor of popular culture at Syracuse University, said that just as the Hummer had cemented an image of military might combined with



AP photo
A Hummer H2 vehicle is seen for sale at a GM dealership in Dublin, Calif. The beefy, military-inspired SUV — a macho icon for fans like Arnold Schwarzenegger and a symbol of ruin for environmentalists — was done in by high gas prices and bad economic times. Unless a last-minute buyer steps forward, Hummer is going the way of Saturn and Pontiac.

off-road brawn, changes in public sentiment turned SUVs "into tantamount to the creation of the devil himself."

"Hummer almost becomes the extreme case of that — the ruler of the devils," Thompson said.

For Eric Sitterle, a technical recruiter in Cincinnati, his Hummer H2 isn't a devil — it's a great big toy.

"You feel like a kid driving a Big Wheel, a Tonka toy," said Sitterle, 28, who also sits on the board of Hummer's national owners club. "There's not very many vehicles that can climb the side of a mountain and take you on a luxury cruise at 80 miles per hour on the way home."

Sitterle bought his H2 in 2007. He noticed other people's attitudes toward Hummers started changing soon after. Some even approached him at gas stations in the summer of 2008, when gas prices shot above \$4 a gallon for the first time ever.

"Why that vehicle? Why so much gas?" Sitterle said they would ask. "Sometimes I'd give them a completely arrogant response."

Pearlstein

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persistence to keep at the task even after months of playing political rope-a-dope with industry lobbyists and Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, his Republican counterpart. And in deciding to pick up negotiations where Shelby left off, Corker has been a profile in courage these past few weeks in the face of social and political ostracization by some of his fellow Republicans.

Some credit also goes to Obama, whose decision to embrace a more populist critique of Wall Street in recent weeks has rattled financial markets and persuaded big banks to push for a compromise rather than leave a cloud of regulatory uncertainty hanging over their heads. Apparently nothing focuses the mind of a Wall Street banker so much as the prospect of being forced to shut down his proprietary trading desk.

Politically, the big sticking point has been the administration's proposal to create an independent agency to regulate all consumer loan products and prevent the kinds of abuses that led to the subprime mortgage debacle. For consumer groups, the new agency became a litmus test for whether the needs of ordi-

nary Americans would be put on an equal footing with the needs of investors and fat-cat bankers.

For banks and other unregulated lenders, by contrast, the proposed consumer agency came to represent an unwarranted intrusion of government regulators into their business. Much like the "public option" in the fight over health-care reform, the consumer agency quickly assumed symbolic importance way beyond its practical significance. Lines were drawn in the political sand that both sides vowed never to cross.

The compromise hammered out between Dodd and Corker would establish a single regulator of federally chartered banks with a dual mission and an independent source of funding, based on my conversations with several key players. One division would promulgate and enforce rules to protect consumers; the other would fulfill the traditional role of supervising banks for safety and soundness. Supervisors from both divisions would participate in the periodic reviews of bank operations, and any conflicts between the two would be resolved by the head of the agency.

A more interesting and

ultimately important issue concerns bank bailouts and the treatment of financial institutions considered too big or too interconnected to fail. Both the Bush and Obama administrations argued that these institutions should be identified ahead of time and regulated exclusively by the Federal Reserve, with higher capital requirements and an obligation to contribute to a bailout fund.

Although the House adopted that approach, senators are balking. Republican senators in particular are dissatisfied with the Fed and want to strip it of all responsibility for bank supervision. And a number of senators from both parties, unhappy about the recent bailouts, reject the idea that the government should protect any institution from going under, no matter how big or interconnected.

Dodd, Corker and Democratic Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia are putting the finishing touches on a plan reflecting these judgments. As they envision it, any time a big financial institution is threatened with insolvency, the government would be authorized to take it over and close it down in a bankruptcy-like

process. The government could provide temporary loans to ensure an orderly liquidation process and prevent financial panic, but only to the extent that the loan would be repaid from proceeds of the sale of the bank's assets. Although insured depositors would be protected, creditors, counterparties and investors would all suffer losses.

What's likely to emerge from these still-ongoing discussions is a comprehensive regulatory reform bill that not only has the support of key sectors of the financial services industry, but also improves on the legislation passed last year by the House. In committee, Corker could find himself the lone Republican voting for the bill unless Shelby decides to reassert his rightful role as the Republican dealmaker. But my guess is that once the bill reaches the Senate floor, Republicans will face the difficult political choice of either embracing financial re-regulation and handing the president a victory or defending industry practices that even Wall Street is now unwilling to defend.

Steven Pearlstein is a columnist for the Washington Post.

Agri-Service

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usually discussing ways to grow the company.

Tom Ricks, a salesman in Terreton, said it's the same sentiment throughout the company's other locations.

"It says a lot for the company to put that kind of trust in each employee," he said. "The younger employees who stay around for their whole careers will really reap the benefit."

Buttars said the conversion to an ESOP was orchestrated by John Kober, a managing partner of Morgan Lewis, a worldwide law firm that specializes in ESOP transactions.

"It took a lot of work to get all the negotiation and paperwork done to create an

employee-owned trust," said Sharon Tse, Agri-Service CFO. "But it is great for the employees. The whole thing was done for their long-term benefit."

Buttars said he plans to spend more time with employees and customers now that the company is employee owned.

"I still have a contract to work for Agri-Service for a few years," he said. "I've turned a lot of the daily operations over to Clint Schnoor, our new Chief Operating Officer, and the executive management team."

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Floyd L Bonebrake

SHOSHONE — Floyd L Bonebrake, 88, passed away Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010.

Floyd was born Aug. 11, 1921, in Bryant, S.D.

He is survived by two children, Jean of Shoshone and Dwight of Boise; one sister, Lucil Ward of Porthadlock, Wash.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by four brothers, Harold, Lloyd, Milo and Lyle Bonebrake. Floyd married Lucil Randal on April 29, 1940, in Algona, Iowa, and was married 68 years. She preceded him in death Nov. 11, 2008.

Floyd enlisted in the Army in 1944, where he served with the Co. “K” 155th



Infantry in the Philippines during World War II, where he earned a Bronze Star and a Victory Medal. Floyd earned an honorable discharge on April 28, 1946. After returning home from the war, Floyd and Lucil moved to Minnesota for a short time. They eventually moved to California and ran antique shops, worked at Aero Jet and also managed senior housing. They moved to Idaho in October 2008.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise. Condolences may be sent to the Floyd Bonebrake Family, P.O. Box 142, Gooding, ID 83330.

Walter John Kaster

BUHL — Walter John Kaster, age 72, of Buhl, passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, surrounded by his loving family.

Wally was born April 2, 1937, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was the first born of Art and Irmgard Kaster. Wally attended school at Clover Lutheran School and graduated from Filer High School (1955). Following graduation, he served in the National Guard.

In September 1958, he married his best friend and the love of his life, Ann Walters. This union was blessed with their three children. Of their 52 years of marriage they lived, farmed and ranched on the Clover Tract. He was also an active member of his church, Clover Trinity Lutheran, and an active supporter of Camp Perkins and Lutheran Laymen's League. He tried many diverse hobbies and activities. Among them were golf, fishing, officiating sports activities, driving truck, traveling, hunting (favorite is goose hunting), avid pinochle player, massage therapist, avid reader, member of the Bronco Nation and, most recently, driving his Rhino (UTV). Wally also served as a volunteer for the Laborers for Christ and Habitat for Humanity. He was best known for his quick wit and



clever sense of humor, and being the mayor of Clover. Wally's love of God and his family was always evident by all who knew him. He was a loving husband, dad, grandpa, and soon-to-be great-grandpa, faithful friend and devoted Christian.

Wally is survived by his loving wife, Ann; his son, Guy (Cari) Kaster of Buhl; and daughter, Christie (Brian) Willford of Kimberly. Wally is also survived by five grandchildren, Amy (Bryan) Howard of Meridian, Andy McGrew of Houston, Texas, Cami, Sara and Morgan Kaster of Buhl; sister, MaryAnn (Phil) Weisen of Twin Falls; brothers, John (Myla) Kaster of San Antonio, Texas, and Jerry (Pat) Kaster of Buhl; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and one son, Burton Kaster.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church. Memorial contributions may be made in Wally's name to the Clover School. Please join the family in celebrating Wally's life by visiting his everlasting memorial and signing the online guest-book at www.whitemortuary.com.

Wally was “One of a Kind” and will be greatly missed by all.

Gaylord Phillips

HEYBURN — Gaylord Phillips, age 93, of Heyburn, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valle Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Gaylord was born Dec. 29, 1916, to Luther Manley Phillips and Margarite Beatrice Bennett Phillips in Williamstown, Ky. His family moved from Kentucky to Buhl, when he was about 11 years old. He lived in Idaho the rest of his life.

Gaylord had a long and eventful life. He was a self-made man. He got an early start trading horses with his father and continued to buy and sell livestock throughout his life. He loved the rodeo and began on the rodeo circuit just before he got married. With the money he won from the rodeo, he bought cattle to build his herd. He owned a 40-acre farm in Heyburn, where he lived until his death. He also owned a ranch in Albion, which he sold.

Jay Whittle and Gaylord owned the Burley Livestock Commission Yard for about 20 years. After the sale of the livestock yard, he bought and sold cattle from his farm in Heyburn. He got his start as an auctioneer working for Frank Coffee. He then went to auctioneer school in Decatur, Ind. When he came home he and his wife, Melissa, started an auctioneer business. He used his auctioneer's skills not only for business but also for community service. He helped area churches to raise money to build their church buildings. He also helped the Elks raise money for their charities. Gaylord was an honorable businessman and a man of his word.

Gaylord enjoyed fishing,



hunting and going to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev., where he and Olive spent the bulk of the winter for the last 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Melissa Jeffs. They were married for about 14 years when she died of cancer. He then married Shirley Race whom he divorced after 11 years. He then married Mable Waite whom he divorced after 10 years. He then met and married Olive V. Gummow Martin. They were married 30 wonderful years that lasted until his death.

He is survived by his son, Gene Phillips (Carol Phillips, deceased) and their four children, Tina, Lonnie, Tony and Melissa; his daughter, Sherry Delgado and her three children, Wendy, Jamie and Victoria; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Additionally, he has five stepchildren; 17 step grandchildren; 14 step great-grandchildren; and many, many friends.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Edna C. Castro

Edna Carlene Wright Castro passed away Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010.

Edna was born March 25, 1942, and raised in Hansen, Idaho, where her parents owned a grocery store. When Edna was a teenager, her family moved to Twin Falls and Edna graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1960. At that time of her life, Edna was an avid golfer who loved fast cars.

Edna became a dental assistant and later pursued a career in business starting at Kellwood. Edna loved people and became a personnel manager at EF Johnson, then Woolworth. She earned an associate degree in business from College of Southern Idaho in 1980.

Edna was an artist who loved to crochet. She also won recognition for her photographs, drawings and paintings. Edna loved to brag about her children. She taught her kids and everyone around her to think positively and to always turn lemons into lemonade. Edna had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to laugh. Her light touched everyone who knew her.

Edna is survived by her husband, Robert Castro of



Twin Falls; her two children, Jeff Castro of Boise and Leslie Castro of Grand Junction, Colo.; and a granddaughter, Skyler. Edna is also survived by a sister, Debbie Degner of Kimberly, and several cousins, nephews and nieces that she adored.

Edna was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Joy and Leo Wright, and her brother, Vern Wright.

Edna's family invites you to a celebration of her life to be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, at White Mortuary, “Chapel by the Park,” 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Jason Stockton of the Church of Christ officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. At the family's request, there will be no public viewing.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Contributions may be given to the mortuary's staff or mailed to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 4527, New York, NY 10163. Condolences may be sent to www.whitemortuary.com.

Margaret Kulhanek

BURLEY — Margaret Ella Kulhanek, age 83, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 2, 1926, in Canon City, Colo., the daughter of Ruben Emil and Lena Dale Curtis Ong. At a young age, Margaret moved with her family to Idaho, where she received and completed her education. She married at a young age and had seven children. She inherited four more children when she married Robert Kulhanek in 1961.

She was a wonderful and hardworking mother of 11, worked as a clerk, a cleaning lady, and for the Idaho potato processing plants. Later in life, after all her children were grown, she completed her education as a certified dialysis technician and worked in this field for 17 years.

She was a talented seamstress, enjoyed painting with Tri Chem paints on pillowcases and dishtowels, and loved to cook, bake and can fruits and vegetables.

Margaret was an active member of the LDS Church and enjoyed doing temple work. She felt so peaceful and serene when she was in the Lord's house.

Margaret had a heart of gold and made everyone feel welcome and accepted. She was truly a great daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. She will be



missed immensely but never forgotten.

She is survived by her children, Sandi (Ron) Bryant, Lorna Boguslawski, Lonny (Gaydena) Kulhanek, Nelda Clark, Rhelda (Bob) Teeter, Joyce (Ron) Britton, Cordell Christensen and La Rae (Richard) Dean; 39 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Helen Shaffer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Larry Lang-Ley; daughter, Kathy Williams; brothers, Harold and John; and sisters, Ruby and Becky.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop David A. Hansen officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Winifred Stewart

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Winifred Rita Stewart, 81, of Sacramento, Calif., died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010, at Bruceville Terrace in Sacramento.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 12, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Dean McGuire

GOODING — Dean McGuire, 75, of Gooding, died Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, at his home.

No funeral will be held. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

DixieLee Egan

DixieLee “Dee” Egan, 75, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, at her home.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Heidi M. Bowser

Heidi Marie Bowser, 59, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, at her home.

Arrangements will be

Tina Marie Gonzalez

JEROME — Tina Marie Gonzalez, 44, of Jerome, Idaho, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at home.

Tina was born Jan. 28, 1966, at Riverside, Calif., to Charles and Linda Clubb Busbee. She graduated from Gilmer Christian School. She went on to receive her associate degree in business from the College of Southern Idaho. Tina had two children, Sarah and Daniel. She worked at CSI Child Development Center for eight years. Tina was very passionate about music. She sang and played piano. She enjoyed preparing baskets for the less fortunate at Christmas. More than anything, Tina loved being a great mom.

Tina is survived by her children, Sarah and Daniel Gonzalez; her parents, Charles (Linda) Busbee of



Buhl; two brothers, Rodney (Richard Stevens) Busbee of Boise and Michael (Traci) Busbee of Twin Falls; a nephew and niece, Ryan and Rachael Busbee of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Roy and Zella Clubb.

Memorial contributions may be made in Tina's name at any U.S. Bank branch. Memorial contributions will be utilized for a memorial at the Mountain States Tumor Institute Rose Garden.

A celebration of life for Tina will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 1, at Faith Assembly of God, 178 Filer Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Pastor Paul Springer will officiate. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Ervin W. Hoagland of King Hill, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the VFW Hall in Glenns Ferry (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

100 S.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and one hour before the funeral Monday at the church.

Linda Blakeslee of Boise, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Boise LDS 16th Ward Chapel, 6711 Northview; visitation from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church (Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa).

Ava Jean Stockham Beck Pearson of Prescott, Ariz., and formerly of Wendell and Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Robert L. Hoobler of Filer, memorial service at 11 a.m. June 25 at the Hansen Assembly of God Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

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A tale of two quakes

Chile was ready for quake, Haiti wasn't

By Frank Bajak
Associated Press writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The earthquake in Chile was far stronger than the one that struck Haiti last month — yet the death toll in this Caribbean nation is magnitudes higher.

The reasons are simple. Chile is wealthier and infinitely better prepared, with strict building codes, robust emergency response and a long history of handling seismic catastrophes. No living Haitian had experienced a quake at home when the Jan. 12 disaster crumbled their poorly constructed buildings.

And Chile was relatively lucky this time.

Saturday's quake was centered offshore an estimated 21 miles (34 kilometers) underground in a relatively unpopulated area while Haiti's tectonic mayhem struck closer to the surface — about 8 miles — and right on the edge of Port-au-Prince, factors that increased its destructiveness.

"Earthquakes don't kill — they don't create damage — if there's nothing to damage," said Eric Calais, a Purdue University geophysicist studying the Haiti quake.

The U.S. Geological Survey says eight Haitian cities and towns — including this capital of 3 million — suffered "violent" to "extreme" shaking in last month's 7-magnitude quake, which Haiti's government estimates killed some 220,000 people. Chile's death toll was in the hundreds.

By contrast, no Chilean urban area suffered more than "severe" shaking — the third most serious level — Saturday in its 8.8-magnitude disaster, by USGS measure. The quake was centered 200 miles away from Chile's capital and largest city, Santiago.

In terms of energy released at the epicenter, the Chilean quake was 501 times stronger. But energy dissipated rather quickly as distances grow from epicenters — and the ground beneath Port-au-Prince is less stable by comparison and "shakes like jelly," says University of Miami geologist Tim Dixon.



AP photo

A survivor is rescued from the rubble in Concepcion, Chile, Saturday after an 8.8-magnitude struck central Chile. The epicenter was 70 miles from Concepcion, Chile's second-largest city.

Survivors of Haiti's quake described abject panic — much of it well-founded as buildings imploded around them. Many Haitians grabbed cement pillars only to watch them crumble in their hands. Haitians were not schooled in how to react — by sheltering under tables and door frames, and away from glass windows.

Chileans, on the other hand, have homes and offices built to ride out quakes, their steel skeletons designed to sway with seismic waves rather than resist them.

"When you look at the architecture in Chile you see buildings that have damage, but not the complete pancaking that you've got in Haiti," said Cameron Sinclair, executive director of Architecture for Humanity, a 10-year-old nonprofit that has helped people in 36 countries rebuild after disasters.

Sinclair said he has architected colleagues in Chile who have built thousands of low-income housing structures to be earthquake resistant.

Idaho father awaits call from teenage son in Chile

BOISE (AP)— The father of a teenager from Boise doing volunteer work at a hospital in Chile says he hasn't heard from his son following the magnitude-8.8 earthquake there.

Breck Seiniger of Boise said late Saturday his son Sam Seiniger has been staying with one of the neurosurgeons who works at the hospital in the city of Concepcion, which is near the epicenter of the quake that hit Saturday morning.

Sam graduated two years early from Boise High School last year and has been in Concepcion since August taking the initial steps toward his goal of becoming a neurosurgeon.

The 16-year-old originally went to Chile as part of a Boise-based volunteer group that trained neurosurgeons in South America. Sam stayed on with one of the doctors in Chile after the Boise group dissolved last year.

400 requests for help the day after the Haiti quake but he said it had yet to receive a single request for help for Chile.

"On a per-capita basis, Chile has more world-renowned seismologists and earthquake engineers than anywhere else," said Brian E. Tucker, president of GeoHazards International, a nonprofit organization based in Palo Alto, California.

Chile's quake in 'elite class'

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — The huge earthquake that struck off the coast of Chile belongs to an "elite class" of mega earthquakes, experts said, and is similar to the 2004 Indian Ocean temblor that triggered deadly tsunami waves.

The magnitude-8.8 quake was a type called a "megathrust," considered the most powerful earthquake on the planet. Megathrusts occur when one tectonic plate dives beneath another. Saturday's tremor unleashed about 50 gigatons of energy and broke about 250 miles of the fault zone, said U.S. Geological Survey geophysicist Paul Caruso.

The quake's epicenter was

offshore and occurred about 140 miles north of the largest earthquake ever recorded — a magnitude-9.5 that killed about 1,600 people in Chile and scores of others in the Pacific in 1960.

"It's part of an elite class of giant earthquakes," said USGS geologist Ken Hudnut. "There's only a few in this league."

The Chile quake was smaller than the Sumatra quake of 2004, a magnitude-9.1 and was not expected to be anything nearly as

Megathrust quakes

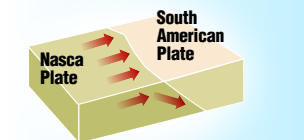
Scientists say the earthquake that struck Chile was a megathrust, the most powerful of all earthquakes. How they occur:

How megathrusts form

Stress builds between two tectonic plates where one is forced under the other (subducting plate, overriding plate)

What happened in Chile

Nazca plate dove beneath the South American plate



A sudden slip along the fault between these plates causes a megathrust

• Megathrust earthquakes often cause tsunamis; 2004 tsunami was caused by megathrust

• Since 1900, all five quakes of magnitude 9.0 or greater were megathrusts

Source: AP, Answers.com, U.S. Geological Survey, ESRI
Graphic: Tim Goheen, Judy Treible

destructive. That quake and ensuing tsunami killed 230,000 people. Another difference is that the Chile quake triggered tsunami warnings hours ahead of time in Hawaii and Pacific islands, allowing people time to flee to higher ground.

In 2004, there was little measuring technology in place to warn Indian Ocean countries about incoming

killer waves.

So far, the quake death toll has surpassed 200. Several more died when tsunami waves swamped an island off the country's coast.

Chile is no stranger to violent jolts. In fact, USGS geophysicist Ross Stein called the country an "earthquake hatchery." Thirteen temblors of magnitude 7 or larger have hit Chile since 1973.

Tsunami spares U.S., takes aim at Japan

By Mark Niesse
and Audrey McAvoy
Associated Press writers

HONOLULU — With a rapt world watching the drama unfold on live television, a tsunami raced across a quarter of the globe on Saturday and set off fears of a repeat of the carnage that caught the world off guard in Asia in 2004.

The tsunami delivered nothing more than a glancing blow to the U.S. and most of the Pacific, but Japan was still bracing for a direct hit and waves up to 10 feet high.

Scientists worried the giant wave could gain strength as it rounds the planet and consolidates.

The tsunami was spawned by a ferocious magnitude-8.8 earthquake in Chile that sent waves barreling north across the Pacific at the speed of a jetliner. But Pacific islands had ample time to prepare because the quake struck several thousand miles away.

By the time the tsunami hit Hawaii — a full 16 hours after the quake — officials had already spent the morning ringing emergency sirens, blaring warnings from airplanes and

ordering residents to higher ground.

The islands were back to paradise by the afternoon, but residents endured a severe disruption and scare earlier in the day: Picturesque beaches were desolate, million-dollar homes were evacuated, shops in Waikiki were shut down, and residents lined up at supermarkets to stock up on food and at gas stations.

Others parked their cars along higher ground to watch the ocean turbulence, and one brave soul stayed behind and surfed before being urged by an emergency helicopter pilot to get out of the water.

There were no immediate reports of widespread damage, injuries or deaths in the U.S. or in much of the Pacific, but a tsunami that swamped a village on an island off Chile killed at least five people and left 11 missing.

Waves hit California, but barely registered amid stormy weather. A surfing contest outside San Diego went on as planned.

Despite Internet rumors of significant problems in coastal areas of California, no injuries or major property damage occurred.

OBITUARY

Ruth P. Rieman

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Ruth P. Rieman, born in Lewiston, Idaho, in 1917, passed away in St. George, Utah, on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010.



educators. She and her husband were members of the First Christian Church, and she later attended the Rock Creek Community Church. Ruth and Bill enjoyed fishing,

camping, gardening and traveling during their 48-year marriage.

Ruth was preceded in death by a son, a sister, two brothers and her husband. She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce Rieman and Karen Pratt of Seeley Lake, Mont.; a daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Jack Gisler of Kanab, Utah; two grandsons, Eric and Kerry Gisler; and two great-grandsons, William and Philip Gisler.

The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. Memorials can be made to any education scholarship fund.

She was active in Camp Fire Girls leadership, Jaycettes, other civic projects and Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Society for women

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wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, flowers, food, visits and all other acts of kindness that were so graciously extended to us during our recent loss. They were deeply appreciated.

Elaine
Shawna, Julie, Christopher,
Josh, Jason & Families

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy, mostly dry. High 43.

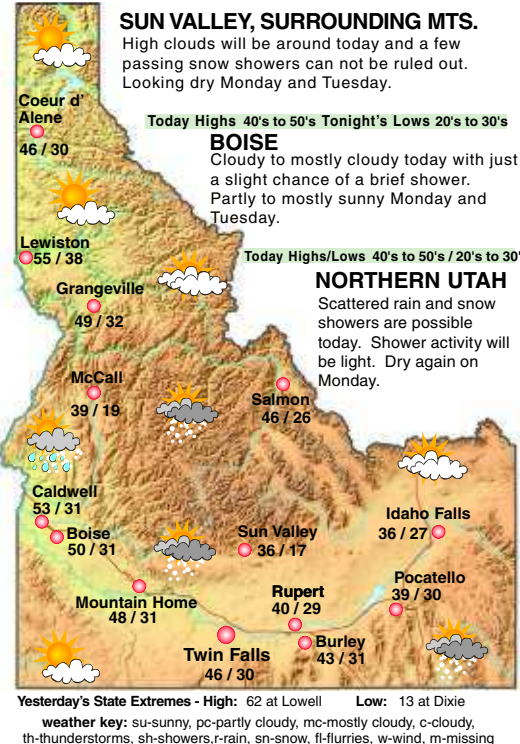
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low 31.

Tomorrow: Cool with broken sunshine. High 47.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature	Precipitation
Yesterday's High 44°	Yesterday's 0.02"
Yesterday's Low 31°	Month to Date 0.28"
Normal High / Low 44° / 23°	Avg. Month to Date 0.85"
Record High 67° in 1980	Water Year to Date 2.55"
Record Low -4° in 1962	Avg. Water Year to Date 4.69"

IDAHO'S FORECAST



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly cloudy to cloudy, mostly dry	Mostly cloudy and chilly	Partly to mostly sunny at times	Partly cloudy	Increasing clouds	A few snow showers
High 46°	Low 30°	50° / 31°	51° / 33°	45° / 30°	46° / 28°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 47°	Yesterday's Trace	Yesterday's High 75%	5 pm Yesterday 29.72 in.	Today Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 6:26 PM
Yesterday's Low 34°	Month to Date 0.49"	Yesterday's Low 42%		Monday Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 6:28 PM
Normal High / Low 45° / 25°	Avg. Month to Date 0.95"	Today's Forecast Avg. 81%		Tuesday Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 6:29 PM
Record High 62° in 1980	Water Year to Date 3.79"			Wednesday Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:30 PM
Record Low 1° in 1993	Avg. Water Year to Date 5.31"			Thursday Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:31 PM

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

Moon Phases

Full Feb. 28	Last Mar. 7	New Mar. 15	First Mar. 23
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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	Hi 50 Lo 31	Hi 54 Lo 35	Hi 53 Lo 35 r
Bonniers Ferry	49 34	50 31	49 31 r
Burley	43 31	47 30	46 30 pc
Challis	39 25	43 24	43 24 pc
Coeur d'Alene	46 30	50 32	50 32 r
Elko, NV	43 18	44 26	45 26 mx
Eugene, OR	58 39	58 43	49 43 r
Gooding	45 31	48 31	49 31 mx
Gracie	38 26	43 24	40 24 pc
Hagerman	51 31	54 32	55 32 r
Hailey	38 23	41 24	38 24 pc
Idaho Falls	36 27	38 24	39 24 pc
Kalispell, MT	47 31	48 30	50 30 pc
McCall	44 29	48 30	49 30 mx
Lewiston	55 38	60 41	61 41 r
Malad City	37 28	43 26	41 26 pc
Malta	42 29	47 28	45 28 pc
Missoula, MT	39 19	40 25	40 25 mx
Pocatello	39 30	42 29	41 29 pc
Portland, OR	58 40	58 43	49 43 r
Rupert	40 29	42 29	44 29 pc
Rexburg	32 25	35 23	36 23 pc
Richland, WA	57 35	59 35	57 35 r
Rogerson	34 16	35 25	35 25 sh
Salmon	46 26	48 28	48 28 pc
Salt Lake City, UT	46 34	47 32	53 32 r
Spokane, WA	50 33	54 35	54 35 r
Stanley	40 16	41 19	41 19 pc
Sun Valley	36 17	35 19	36 19 ls
Yellowstone, MT	33 10	34 9	35 9 pc

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	52 32	53 36
Baltimore	45 29	46 29
Birmingham	57 31	55 35
Boston	42 31	41 31
Charlotte, SC	57 37	60 41
Charleston, WV	58 28	58 26
Chicago	40 28	46 28
Cleveland	34 26	34 26
Denver	38 24	37 24
Des Moines	34 18	31 20
Detroit	37 26	35 28
El Paso	58 41	59 38
Fairbanks	16 -4	14 3
Fargo	26 5	27 8
Honolulu	75 65	76 63
Houston	63 49	52 40
Indianapolis	38 25	39 24
Jacksonville	60 35	62 45
Kansas City	41 23	38 19
Las Vegas	64 48	66 48
Los Angeles	65 51	69 52
Memphis	52 33	46 32
Miami	68 49	72 56
Milwaukee	36 28	31 24
Nashville	45 29	46 30
New Orleans	60 45	56 39
New York	37 32	42 30
Oklahoma City	52 34	40 29
Omaha	32 14	31 18

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	Hi 10 Lo 2	Hi 12 Lo 4
Edmonton	34 23	35 30
Kelowna	34 26	34 30
Lethbridge	43 30	47 30
Regina	29 23	32 25
Saskatoon	30 23	33 17
Toronto	34 25	30 23
Vancouver	48 41	52 43
Little Rock	54 32	46 30
Winnipeg	25 2	25 5

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	49	42	0.03"
Challis	43	21	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	55	39	0.00"
Idaho Falls	42	19	0.00"
Jerome	44	32	0.00"
Lewiston	56	45	0.00"
Lowell	62	41	0.00"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a
Malta	48	36	n/a
Pocatello	43	25	Trace
Rexburg	42	23	0.00"
Salmon	n/a	n/a	n/a
Stanley	38	25	0.00"
Sun Valley	34	19	0.00"

Today's U. V. Index	Low	Moderate	High
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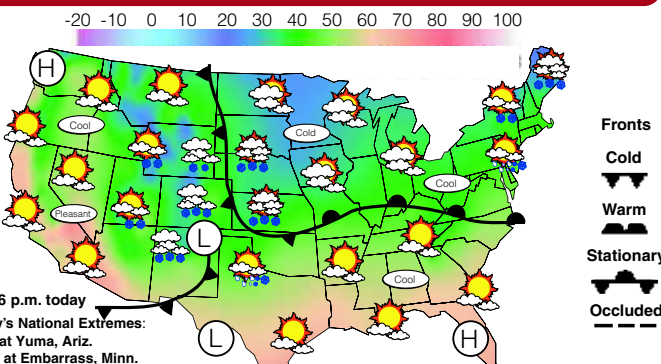
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WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	84 73	85 67
Athens	58 54	65 58
Auckland	72 60	75 58
Bangkok	96 77	97 76
Beijing	30 17	42 26
Berlin	50 37	43 31
Buenos Aires	79 61	83 64
Cairo	67 51	71 43
Dhahran	80 67	87 69
Geneva	44 28	46 32
Hong Kong	75 73	76 73
Jerusalem	55 51	61 46
Johnannesburg	79 51	79 57
Kuwait City	77 64	78 59
London	40 31	44 29
Mexico City	68 43	68 35
Moscow	26 24	30 30
Nairobi	77 56	73 56
Oslo	30 22	27 5
Paris	52 34	44 29
Prague	43 33	41 30
Rio de Janeiro	79 69	72 70
Rome	60 52	60 51
Santiago	85 52	81 50
Seoul	35 29	39 28
Sydney	73 61	70 60
Tel Aviv	67 62	64 62
Tokyo	48 45	52 42
Vladivostok	52 40	51 34
Warsaw	41 38	42 33
Winnipeg	25 2	25 5
Zurich	39 24	42 26

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Valid to 6 p.m. today
Yesterday's National Extremes:
High: 77 at Yuma, Ariz.
Low: -13 at Embarras, Minn.

Thousands still lack power after Northeast storm

Residents deal with third large storm this month

By Norma Love
Associated Press writer

CONCORD, N.H. — Frustration turned to resignation Saturday for hundreds of thousands of people in the Northeast struggling to survive another day waiting for utility crews to restore electricity after powerful storms socked the region with heavy snow, rain and hurricane-force winds. The region was left to deal with the fallout of gusting winds that created near-blizzard conditions this week in what was the third strong storm this month for some areas. Parts of New York got more than 2 feet of snow while some areas of coastal New England were drenched with flooding rains.

One man was killed by a falling snow-laden tree branch in Central Park in New York City, and two people in Candia, N.H., died in a house fire caused by improperly using a propane heater to stay warm, fire officials said. The highest wind reported from the storm was 91 mph off the coast of Portsmouth, N.H. — well above hurricane force of 74 mph. Gusts also hit 60 mph or more from the mountains of West Virginia to New York's Long Island and Massachusetts.

Frustration was beginning to show on Charlotte Letteney's face Saturday at Concord High School, one of 24 shelters in New Hampshire. Letteney, 64, of Allenstown, arrived Friday night with her 66-year-old husband, who is a paraplegic, two granddaughters, her grandson-in-law and 6-month-old great-grandson.

The family left their mobile home when the temperature dropped to 46 degrees and Letteney's hands had gone numb, leaving behind four parrots in covered cages and a couple of days' worth of food for their dog, Bosco. They have no car — a city van brought them to the shelter — and no way to get home to feed the animals or to let the dog out.

"He'll go out in the kitchen, and I'll have to sterilize my floor," Letteney said.

The Letteneys are among more than 1 million customers across the Northeast who lost power because of the storm, and as of Saturday afternoon more than half of them were still without electricity. New Hampshire's electrical grid was the hardest hit, with more than a quarter-million customers still without power. New York had more than 160,000

outages and Maine about 67,000.

Some residents were warned they'll be without electricity for up to a week, as uprooted trees and fallen utility poles hindered utility crews.

Bow, N.H., Assistant Fire Chief Dick Pistey compared the situation two years ago during a powerful ice storm when ice quickly coated trees, bringing down tree limbs and power lines, leaving millions without power — some for two weeks.

"It's deja vu all over again," Pistey said.

In Londonderry, N.H., Irene Stanley, 68, was sitting in a rocking chair next to a wood stove to keep warm, her royal blue beta fish in its container nearby. Stanley, who managed without power for nearly two weeks during the ice storm two years ago, said her mission

for the day was to buy batteries to keep her radio operating.

In York, Maine, 70-year-old lobsterman Pat White, was able to use his generator to help cook a pancake breakfast Saturday to feed his neighbors who were without power — a father, his daughter and her baby. White and his wife, Enid, were planning what to serve them for dinner.

"We've got to use up some of the stuff in the refrigerator," he said.

Nick Vermette, 49, a safety specialist for Central Maine Power, the state's largest utility, was supervising crews restoring power in Portland on Saturday. He said the 17-hour days are exhausting.

"By the time you drive home take a shower, try to get to sleep, get up and come back, you're averaging four to five hours sleep," he said.



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A resident braves a hail storm in downtown Hampton Beach, N.H., as a winter storm hit the region Friday.

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EDITORIAL

Funding delay could doom aquifer management deal

The year-old agreement between the state and stakeholders to develop a system to manage the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer is fraying around the edges.

That's ominous, because the deal is complex, not all the parties got everything they wanted, and so much is at stake.

So we think it's a mistake to put off funding the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan, either through one-time state funds or through legislation that would permit the Idaho Water Resource Board to collect fees for projects benefitting the aquifer.

The fees would pay for a range of projects meant to repair the Lake Erie-sized underground body of water.

Developed over a couple of years, the aquifer plan was formally approved by the Legislature as part of the state water plan in 2009. Committee members and state water officials had said they hoped to get a structure in place to collect the fees this legislative session to keep the process going.

According to drafts of the legislation, fees would be folded into county property taxes or water-district assessments. But criticisms of the approach have built in recent weeks, based on whether the funds would be fees or considered taxes.

Randy MacMillan, vice president of research and public affairs at Clear Springs Foods of Buhl, said earlier this month there are "fundamental questions" about the bill's legality, including how one creates a fee-based system that still allows for due process. MacMillan also said the issue of credit for incidental recharge — water that seeps into the ground in the course of regular canal operations — has returned.

In a letter sent Feb. 3 to the water board, several Magic Valley trout companies besides Clear Springs listed several objections to the bill. Some repeated past concerns about how the aquifer plan relates to existing water law, while others questioned the water board's ability to levy taxes or fees and if the bill's language ensures the money is spent on aquifer issues.

So far, most CAMP stakeholders remain on board. But that could change unless there is some progress on getting the process funded.

Last week, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter promised the committee charged with implementing the plan that he would fight to secure \$1 million this year to keep the various water users engaged in the process. That would give the committee another year to develop the funding strategy.

Budget documents have stated the \$1 million would possibly come from stimulus funds, but nothing has been determined yet.

Signing on to CAMP was a leap of faith by many stakeholders. They need to see some momentum in the process, and soon.


For if CAMP fails, Idahoans can look forward to spending decades and millions of dollars in court trying to sort out rights to the aquifer.

Our view: Moving the process forward now may determine whether the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan for the Eastern Snake River Aquifer succeeds or fails.


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IDAHO'S 10 UNHEALTHIEST COUNTIES

Three Magic Valley counties make list

Last week, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Health Institute released rankings showing how healthy most counties in America are, relative to the rest of their states.

Factors that went into the rankings ranged from individual health behaviors, education and jobs, to quality of health care, to the environment. This first-of-its-kind collection of 50 reports — one per state — is designed to help community leaders see that where people live, learn, work and play influences how healthy they are and how long they live.

Three Magic Valley counties — Lincoln, Jerome and Gooding — made the top 10 list of the most unhealthy counties in Idaho (the survey didn't rank Idaho's two smallest counties, Camas and Clark, because there was too little data). Here are some details from the survey on why some Idaho counties were ranked unhealthy:

1. LINCOLN COUNTY

Population: 4,503. *Cost of living index:* 84.2 (100 is the U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 17.7 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 11.8 percent. *Percentage under 18:* 28.6 percent. *Percentage Latino:* 13.4 percent. *Median household income:* \$41,133. *Median house price:* \$175,347.

See **COUNTIES**, Opinion 2

Pension blowup threatens short session for Idaho Legislature

By Dan Popkey
Idaho Statesman (Boise)

Things were supposed to be different this year. Facing a budget crisis and united against raising taxes, Republicans running the Idaho House and Senate would set aside bad blood built over a decade and get the job done. Swiftly.

A month ago, the House's dominant personality, that affable hothead, Majority Leader Mike Moyle of Star, said all was forgiven: "The House and Senate leadership are more on line than we ever have been before because we have a common enemy, a common problem."

But on Tuesday, Moyle was so mad he wouldn't speak, telling me twice to turn off my tape recorder. His beef: The Senate caved to state- and local-government retirees and didn't have the spine to follow through on a leadership plan to kill a 1 percent cost-of-living increase in their pensions.

The collapse of the deal reopens wounds and puts at risk plans for early adjournment and a minimum of election-year controversy.

"All bets are off," said Rep. Tom Loertscher, R-Iona, a 22-year House veteran. "I just shudder. You do the easy ones you think are no-brainers and all of a sudden it blows up. It's going to be interesting to see how it all rattles out."

As it is, 48 House Republicans who thought the Senate had their backs are subject to being called anti-retiree. Among the critics is Boise City Councilman Vern Bisterfeldt, a

longtime Republican who says he's "mad as hell" and wants to tell "every retiree in Idaho so they won't vote for those jerks again."

Loertscher said the Senate's lack of courage bodes ill when it comes time to pass budgets with unprecedented cuts to schools and other services.

"This sets the stage for a budget wreck," Loertscher said. "You have a few retirees show up out here on the steps of the Capitol and all of a sudden they get their way. It sends a signal that the way you ply the Legislature is go stand on the steps and holler a little bit and we'll fold up."

Loertscher refers to a Monday afternoon rally held by AARP, protesting on behalf of 33,000 retirees, including teachers.

Four hours later, Senate leaders broke the bad news to the House: They didn't have the votes to defeat the increase. A hearing set for Tuesday was canceled.

House members got hot.

"The House is a little disappointed in the Senate leadership's inability to deliver on something they delivered on," admitted Senate President Pro Tem Bob Geddes of Soda Springs.

In truth, the Senate may not have folded but for the botched performance in the House, including the antics in the

State Affairs Committee that Loertscher chairs.

Despite the priority that House leaders placed on the issue, his committee voted 13-5 on Feb. 17 to sustain the benefit bump, which the board of the state pension fund had approved. The next day, Feb. 18, without the measure appearing on the agenda, seven Republicans reversed themselves and passed House Concurrent Resolution 42 to overturn the increase.

Loertscher said he didn't count votes before the first meeting. After the lost vote, Loertscher was supplied an actuary's report on the retirement fund by former Republican Sen. Rod Beck. That report, Loertscher said, alarmed committee Republicans who felt it raised questions about the fund's long-term viability.

In the full House, rules were suspended and HCR 42 passed, with 48 of 52 Republicans voting "aye."

The about-face in committee drew unwanted attention. Lawmakers received hundreds of e-mails from angry retirees.

By Monday, leaders had little maneuvering room left. They'd waited until the 40th legislative day for the House vote, hoping to limit publicity and lobbying. But the measure had to be adopted in the Senate by Wednesday, the 45th day.

Geddes said Senate leaders erred in not testing the waters in the GOP caucus. On Monday, raising the matter for the first time, they learned "we really didn't have support."

"Both sides could have handled it better," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert.

Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis of Idaho Falls said Senate leaders acted in good faith. He feels bad about hanging the House out to dry. "These are our friends," he said.

House Speaker Lawrence Denney of Midvale was conciliatory, saying of the Senate's lazy nose-counting, "There's no such thing as an assurance. Sometimes you look over your shoulder and there's nobody behind you."

But Moyle couldn't resist a passing salvo aimed at Denney's calm. "No, he's not mad. He's a nice guy."

The question is whether this will be just a "hiccup," as Geddes predicts.

GOP Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter supports the cost-of-living raise and says the pension fund is performing better than most of its peers. Otter had already given up on his ambition to buy the House (and Senate) a round of St. Patrick's Day green suds in honor of early adjournment.

He's troubled enough that he'll raise the flap in his meeting with leadership Thursday. "I'm going to say, 'Guys, let's not let this affect the rest of the session. What can we do to help you work things out?'"

Dan Popkey covers politics for the Idaho Statesman.

Counties

Continued from Opinion 1
Residents with income below poverty level: 13.1 percent. *Percentage of adults with a bachelor's degree or higher:* 13 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 28 percent.

Why it's on the list: Lincoln County ranks first among the 42 Idaho counties surveyed in premature death, represented by the years of potential life lost before age 75. (Every death occurring before the age of 75 contributes to the total number of years of potential life lost. For example, a person dying at age 25 contributes 50 years of life lost, whereas a person who dies at age 65 contributes 10 years of life lost.)

It also ranks eighth from the bottom in morbidity, defined as poor health. Twenty-one percent of Lincoln County residents describe themselves as in fair or poor health; the Idaho average is 14 percent.

The survey rates Lincoln County sixth-worst in health behaviors. Twenty-two percent of its residents smoke (the Idaho average is 18 percent), 27 percent are obese (Idaho average: 25 percent), 21 percent indulge in binge drinking (Idaho average: 14 percent). The chlamydia rate and the teen birth rate are both significantly above the state average.

Lincoln County does a little better in clinical care (ranking 29th from the top among 42) counties and social and economic factors (27th among 42), and very well in physical environment (seventh out of 42).

2. LEWIS COUNTY

Population: 3,594. *Cost of living index:* 82.1 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 6 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 21 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 22.3 percent. *Percentage American Indian:* 5 percent. *Median household income:* \$39,777. *Mean house price:* \$175,766. *Residents with income below poverty level:* 12 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degree or higher:* 14.8 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 17 percent.

Why it's on the list: Mortality, as defined by premature death, is high in Lewis County — third-worst in Idaho. The county also does poorly in health behaviors (fifth-worst in the Idaho) and clinical care and physical environment (both sixth from the bottom).

3. SHOSHONE COUNTY

Population: 12,913. *Cost of living index:* 82.2 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 16.4 percent. *Percentage American Indian:* 2.7 percent. *Median household income:* \$36,132. *Mean house price:* \$144,796. *Residents with income below poverty level:* 16.4 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degree or higher:* 10.2 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 13 percent.

Why it's on the list: Health behaviors, morbidity (illness) and social and economic favors all rank third from the bottom in this Panhandle county. Ironically, clinical care ranks high — 12th-best in Idaho.

4. BEAR LAKE COUNTY

Population: 5,798. *Cost of living index:* 80.8 (100 in U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 7.4 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 15.6 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 33 percent. *Percentage Latino:* 2.4 percent. *Median household income:* \$40,725. *Mean house price:* \$157,011. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 9.6 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degree or higher:* 11.7 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 16 percent.

Why it's on the list: This southeastern Idaho county has the second-highest morbidity rate in Idaho, falling behind the state average for poor or fair health, poor physical health days, poor mental health days and low birthweight babies. But it has the sixth-best health behaviors in Idaho, including smoking, drinking, obesity and teen birth rate.

5. BUTTE COUNTY

Population: 2,751. *Cost of living index:* 80.8 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 7.1 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 14.9 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 33 percent. *Percentage Latino:* 4.1 percent. *Median household income:* \$38,586. *Mean house price:* \$163,073. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 18.2 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degree or higher:* 13 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 20 percent.

Why it's on the list: The county that contains the sprawling Idaho National Laboratory ranks dead last in the state in morbidity, or illness. It's also the ninth-worst in Idaho in clinical care, and its percentage of uninsured adults is among the highest in Idaho.

6. CLEARWATER COUNTY

Population: 8,176. *Cost of living index:* 83 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 18.3 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 15.6 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 26 percent. *Percentage American Indian:* 3.3 percent. *Median household income:* \$40,610. *Mean house price:* \$196,089. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 13.5 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degree or higher:* 13.4 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 17 percent.

Why it's on the list: A declining timber industry has left this Panhandle county with high unemployment and the second-worst set of social and economic

ever pay me. It never had occurred to me that I might not get paid, and I quickly put it out of my mind. The different farmers paid Frank for my work as it was done, so Frank received an income all summer while I received credit.

When school started, Frank told me he could handle the rest of the season and for me to bring my hours after the first of October and he would make arrangements to get a loan. I was disturbed about his needing a loan, but Frank seemed unconcerned. I was paid. The next spring, he sold his machinery and livestock and moved away. That was wrong. I had gone to work for Frank to help him and had driven him out of business while I ended up with more money than I had ever had.

Society is a fickle guardian.
TED QUIGLEY
Buhl

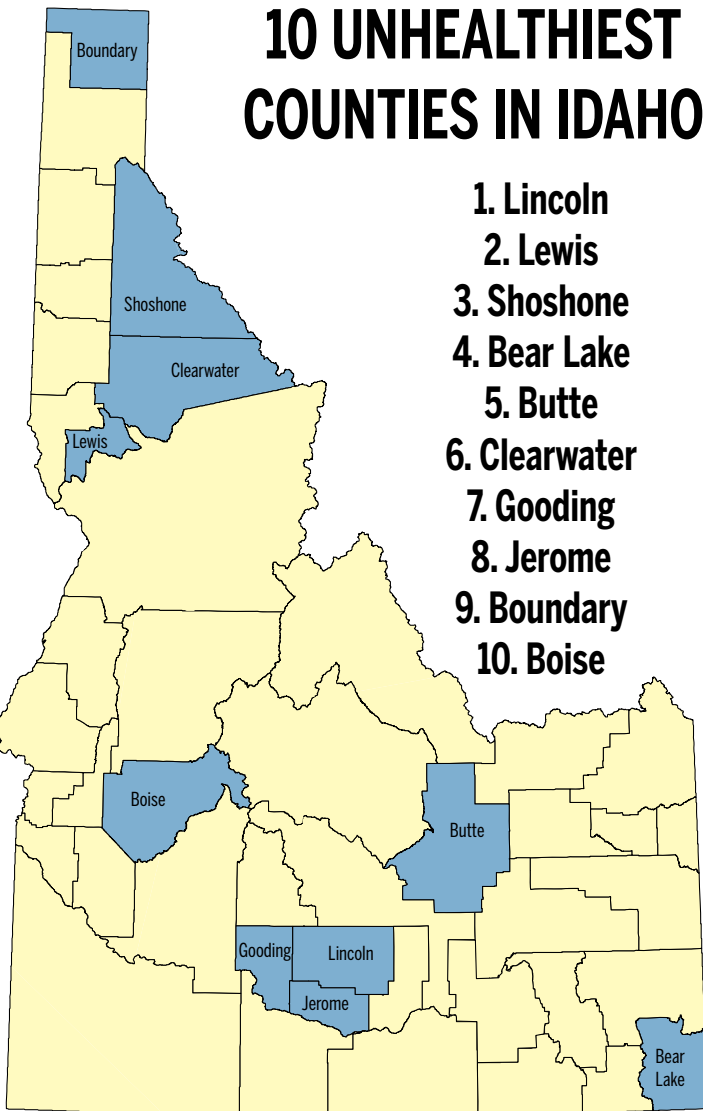
Cutting campsite savings not right

I read the article, "Seniors, senators blast plan to cut campsite discounts" in the Thursday, Feb. 18, edition of the Mini-Cassia *Times-News*. I believe cutting dis-

counts from 50 percent to 10 percent for seniors and physically disabled people to go recreational camping spots is not right since they are on fixed incomes. As a result of this, they cannot go as many times a year as normal people. If the discounts are cut, they will not go at all due to financial reasons.

The parks would then lose money. Besides, the rest of society already pays

10 UNHEALTHIEST COUNTIES IN IDAHO



1. Lincoln
2. Lewis
3. Shoshone
4. Bear Lake
5. Butte
6. Clearwater
7. Gooding
8. Jerome
9. Boundary
10. Boise

9. BOUNDARY COUNTY

Population: 10,962. *Cost of living index:* 88.5 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 16.4 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 13.4 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 29.2 percent. *Percent Latino:* 3.4 percent. *Median household income:* \$39,570. *Mean house price:* \$276,337. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 15.7 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degrees or higher:* 14.7 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 18 percent.

Why it's on the list: Health care doesn't get much better in rural Idaho counties: Boundary has the fifth-best clinical care in Idaho, with enough doctors to handle the population and a low number of preventable hospital stays. As a consequence, its morbidity rate is the fourth-best in Idaho.

But Idaho's northernmost county has dismal social and economic factors — fourth-worst in the state — traceable to the collapse of its timber industry and its 16.4 percent unemployment rate. Twenty-three percent of the county's kids live in poverty; the state average is 14 percent.

Boundary County also does badly — sixth-worst in Idaho — in physical environment, with limited access to healthy foods and a high percentage of liquor stores relative to the population.

8. JEROME COUNTY

Population: 20,468. *Cost of living index:* 85.9 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 8.9 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 12.3 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 31.6 percent. *Percentage Latino:* 17.2 percent. *Median household income:* \$43,934. *Mean house prices:* \$228,923. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 13.9 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degrees or higher:* 14 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 22 percent.

Why it's on the list: Jerome County does poorly in two areas: Its health behaviors are the fifth-worst in Idaho and its morbidity — defined as poor health — is sixth-worse.

The county's percentage of adult smokers is 33 percent over the state average, its motor vehicle crash death rate 65 percent higher than Idaho's, its chlamydia rate 27 percent above the state average and its teen birth rate 80 percent ahead of the rest of the state.

Nineteen percent of the county's residents report poor or fair health; the state average is 14 percent. The number of poor physical health

10. BOISE COUNTY

Population: 7,504. *Cost of living index:* 87.5 (U.S. average is 100). *Unemployment:* 11.9 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 11 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 26.9 percent. *Percentage Latino:* 3.4 percent. *Median household income:* \$48,942. *Mean house price:* \$272,130. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 12.9 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degrees or higher:* 19.9 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 24 percent.

Why it's on the list: Idaho's second-oldest county is relatively affluent by the standards of rural Idaho counties, but many of its residents aren't feeling well. Boise County ranks third-worst in the state in morbidity, with 17 percent of residents in fair or poor health (the state average is 14 percent) and higher-than-average numbers of poor physical and mental health days.

It ranks 12th-worst in clinical care, with one-fourth of the county's adults without health insurance (the state average is 14 percent).

— Steve Crump

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Society is a fickle guardian

The summer I was 16, I learned an important lesson about society. A neighbor asked me to work for him. He was no longer able to keep up with his work, but he didn't want to just quit. I could come to work any time I wasn't needed at home, keep a record of my hours and he would pay me at the end of the season. I wanted to work more hours than he needed or could afford, but he praised my competence and ambition without restraint. Praise isn't the same as money, but it made me feel good.

My employer, Frank, to keep me busy, shopped me out to other neighbors as I ended up working on different farms. One day, one of those farmers asked me if I thought Frank would

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Reader glad puppy found a home

Way to go, Tilt. My mom wanted you, but we have a cat and where we are, a small dog or one cat is the limit.

She cried for your brothers and sisters. I prayed for you to find a new home.

How can people be so cold-hearted? Like that poor dog that got ran over on purpose south of Filer, and if family members didn't get rid of puppies, then the remaining pups would be shot. It's a cruel world out there. Maybe I will see you running around happily in your new yard when I visit my grandmother.

MARCIE R. VELASQUEZ
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Idaho Meth Project is working

We've all wished at one time or another that meth didn't exist and our community isn't affected by this dangerous substance. We imagine a stereotypical image of meth users as dirty, grungy, dressed in torn clothing, but that's the farthest from the truth. Meth can affect all people from all walks of life — professionals and educated alike (may even be your hardworking next-door neighbor).

Several family informational forums were held throughout Idaho and Wave 3 of the Anti-Meth campaign advertising has been launched by the Idaho Meth Project — so more exciting and realistic ads are on their way to TV and radio. The Idaho Meth Project is a non-profit agency, and its districts are operated by passionate volunteers at grass-roots levels. I'm more than thankful such an organization exists and is also thriving throughout our Idaho.

School surveys show that Idaho Meth Project's Not Even Once message has been very influential among our state's youth and young adult population toward their view on the dangers of meth use. Now teens are more likely to talk to their parents on the dangers of meth use and realizing trying meth even once is an unsafe choice. They're also more likely to disapprove of their friends from experimenting with meth.

A big thanks to the Idaho Meth Project and those who volunteer to make a difference in our community.

JOHN NAING
Buhl

Solution for immigration must be found

With dismay, I read of the Legislature's annual attempt to backhandedly intervene in immigration issues rather than engaging in efforts to benefit our state, its industries and its workers. The current proposals would emasculate the state's \$2.4 billion dairy industry.

Since the 1990s, that industry has been built using the labor of undocumented workers. Many of those individuals have lived here for many years, have children who know no other country save this one, and

yet we now withdraw our welcome in spite of their dedication to their employers. A \$2.4 billion industry creates an intricate web of business activity.

Cheese plants and their workers depend upon the milk supplied by the dairies. The customers of Walmart, car dealerships, restaurants and other businesses are dairy industry workers. Purchases by these workers pay the salaries of their employees and generate profits. This commercial activity creates an economic base and tax revenues through sales, property and income taxes. Through our participation in the dairy economy, we are also complicit in the maintenance of the dairy industry and its workers.

Because of our complicity in the benefits of this expanded economic activity, we should find a solution, other than creating a Mexican diaspora. Uprooting these people is morally reprehensible and economically foolhardy. For example, if all the unauthorized immigrants from Alaska were removed from that state, it would lose \$484.7 million in expenditures, \$215.3 million in economic output and approximately 1,980 jobs. Our loss would be even greater. For those advocating forced removal, they need look at Spain; when at the zenith of its power, Jews and Moors were forcibly removed from its country. Although Spain amassed great wealth, it never recovered from the loss of skilled and unskilled workers who had been the backbone of certain segments of that society.

We can do better, our future depends on it.

KENT JENSEN
Burley

Incumbents, not differences, is what's ruining America

There is a lot of talk in the papers and on TV about the gridlock in Washington because of the disparity between the Democrats and the Republicans and how this is ruining America.

Believe me, it is not the difference between the parties that is ruining America. It is the incumbents in Congress. Once these folks get elected, they forget about representing their districts and start representing themselves so as to stay in Congress. And to stay in Congress, they take money from lobbyists and powerful interests to finance their re-election campaigns. Then they vote for the special interests and not for what is good for America.

You don't believe me? Why do you think Medicare is prevented from buying drugs at wholesale prices like Canada? Why do you think we have the lowest auto fuel mileage standards in the world? Why do you think the proposed medical reform bill is full of perks to insurance companies and hospital operations?

If you vote to return Crapo and Simpson to Congress this fall, you are

voting to continue the stultifying mental gridlock that is ruining America. If you return the same people back to Congress, you will have more of the same antics that you despise. Get some new minds in Washington, any minds, or we as a country will slowly fade away.

DAVID G. SUTLIFF
Burley

Local contractors did do work on Five Guys

This letter is in response to Vickie Eacker's letter to the editor on Feb.17 — "Concerned about who is doing construction work." You may want to get your facts straight before you put your foot in your mouth about Five Guys Burgers and Fries. Just because Don Anderson Construction didn't get hired to do the job at Five Guys doesn't mean that local contractors didn't get hired.

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in Idaho. Five Guys has a general contractor that has built at least nine restaurants. This means that they are familiar with the restaurant's building needs. They can do it for less cost and in half the time that an unfamiliar contractor could.

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ANITA JESSER
Twin Falls

Get rid of party lines

United we stand, divided we fall.

I think there should be no party line when it comes to government. After all, we are all Americans and politicians should vote and do what is best for the people of the United States, not what's best for their bank

account or special interest groups.

They need to realize we put them there and we can sure vote them out. If they can't work together and get this country back on track, then vote them out and get someone in there who is not afraid to vote for what the American people want, not what they think we should have.

If there were to be a party, it should be "We the American People Party." After all, every poor choice they make, we the American people pay for, and I don't know about you but I for one am tired of it. After all, they do work for the American people and if that's too hard for them to understand, why would we want them there in the first place.

Get ride of the party lines and maybe just maybe something would get done right. And they should at least know what they're signing into law before they sign it. One would think.

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‘Snowpocalypse’ to ‘snowicane’: Hype reigns in storm forecasting

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The snowmenclature smackdown among meteorologists started with “snowmageddon” and “snowpocalypse.” When the latest snow event — laden with flakes and whipped by heavy winds — headed for the storm-weary Northeast this week, the folks at AccuWeather Inc. warned of a coming “snowicane.”

That did it for the more reserved National Weather Service, which accused the for-profit forecasters of overhyping to the point of inciting panic. The Weather Channel, an AccuWeather competitor, also took issue with the word.

As “snowicane” fore-shadowed impending wind-and-snow doom Wednesday on AccuWeather’s Web site, National Weather Service meteorologist Craig Evanego said the federal forecasters were taking a more measured approach, because the storm hadn’t yet fully formed.

“It’s almost inciting the public, inciting panic,” Evanego said of AccuWeather’s terminology.

His weather service colleague, meteorologist Roy Miller in Mount Holly, N.J., put it bluntly to The Morning Call newspaper in Allentown, Pa.

“It’s not responsible to be putting out things like this,” he said.

The newspaper called the brouhaha a “meteorologist smackdown.”

Richard Grumm, the government service’s chief science and operations officer in State College, said science and “getting people’s attention and entertainment” each serve a purpose.

“Scientifically, I have my own opinion of what a hurricane is,” he added. “The word, ‘snowicane’ — I have a glossary of meteorology, it doesn’t exist.”

A key meteorological measure of a hurricane is sustained winds of at least 74 mph. As this week’s storm barreled into New England, it slung wind gusts



AP photo

Employees of AccuWeather are reflected in a conference room window overlooking an open-air green screen studio on the forecast operations floor at AccuWeather in State College, Pa. When it comes to forecasting big winter storms, invariably some forecaster somewhere uses colorful language to describe impending snowy doom.

into that range and higher — but those winds were not sustained. It therefore failed to achieve hurricane status.

It did, however, dump even more snow on a region digging out from the deepest cumulative snows ever recorded for a winter season and knocked out power to more than 1 million homes and businesses. The number of outages was cut nearly in half by midday Saturday.

Evan Myers, chief operations officer of AccuWeather, defended the choice of words but said his firm wasn’t trying to panic anyone.

“I guess you can say that we stuck our necks out on this storm. ... Some people thought we were crazy, we were nuts, talking about the storm from this perspective,” Myers said Friday from the floor of AccuWeather’s high-tech operations center in State College.

“The storm performed as advertised,” Myers said, noting, among other things, the coastal flooding from Maine to eastern Long Island and heavy snows in some areas.

AccuWeather’s Web site on Saturday took up the “snowicane” defense: “Our concern was that the storm might be taken too lightly by

the public if we stuck to the norm of calling the system a nor’easter, snowstorm, or even a blizzard.”

It cited wind gusts of 90-mph off the New England coast.

By another measure, barometric pressure, the storm lived up to its billing, AccuWeather said. The storm’s central pressure was as low as a category 2 hurricane, the Web site reported.

“We said it would have the characteristics of a (hurricane or tropical system), and in fact, it did,” Myers said.

Fred Carr, director of the University of Oklahoma School of Meteorology, hadn’t been following the AccuWeather forecasts, but briefly reviewed one from early Thursday. AccuWeather’s forecasts were consistent with the government’s forecast models, he said. The difference was with the words used, not the forecast itself, he said.

“I’m sure no one seriously, even AccuWeather, (could) have seriously meant it to be like a hurricane,” Carr said. “I think it was just a catchy term that would give them more publicity ... of course, now I’m playing psychologist.”

Though it didn’t specifically name AccuWeather,

The Weather Channel joined the fray. On its Web site, weather.com, it called invocation of the H-word an example of “bad meteorology.”

“It’s not an apt analogy to compare this winter storm, which is really all about cold air and jet stream, with a hurricane, which is all about heat and ... things of tropical origin,” said Bruce Rose, vice president and principal scientist at The Weather Channel.

Using a baseball analogy, Rose acknowledged the competitiveness among the meteorologists.

“When a guy gets a base hit, he’s kidding around with the other team’s first baseman,” he said. “But they are still trying to beat each other’s brains out when it comes to the final score.”

Global warming panel, under attack, seeks outside review

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nobel Prize-winning international scientific panel studying global warming is seeking independent outside review for how it makes major reports.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says it’s seeking some kind of independent review because of recent criticism about its four 2007 reports.

Critics have found a few unsettling errors, including projections of retreats in Himalayan glaciers, in the thousands of pages of the reports.

Scientists say the problems are minor and have nothing to do with the major conclusions about man-made global warming and how it will harm people and ecosystems. But researchers acknowledge that they have been too slow to respond to a drip-drip-drip of criticisms in the past three months. And those criticisms seem to have resonated in poll results and media coverage that has put climate scientists on the defensive.

“The IPCC clearly has suffered a loss in public confidence,” Stanford University climate scientist Chris Field, a chairman of one of the IPCC’s four main research groups told The Associated Press on Saturday. “And one of the things that I think the world deserves is a clear understanding of what aspects the IPCC does well and what aspects of the IPCC can be improved.”

An independent review “is much needed,” said University of Colorado environmental studies scientist Roger Pielke Jr., a longtime

critic of the IPCC.

“The IPCC has a long road ahead to regain trust,” Pielke said by e-mail.

In a statement issued Saturday by overall IPCC chairman Rajendra Pachauri the group of volunteer scientists said it tries to be accurate and follow procedures.

“But we recognize the criticism that has been leveled at us and the need to respond,” Pachauri said in the statement.

One example of the criticism was a Senate speech earlier this month when Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., called problems with the IPCC “the makings of a major scientific scandal.”

“There is a crisis of confidence in the IPCC,” Inhofe said Feb. 11. “The challenges to the integrity and credibility of the IPCC merit a closer examination by the US Congress.”

The panel shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 with former Vice President Al Gore. The panel was created by the United Nations and the World Meteorological Organization.

Pachauri’s statement said the panel consulted with the United Nations and plans to find “distinguished experts” to review how it write its reports.

There were no details on how the review would be done. They will come sometime in early March, according to Pachauri’s statement.

But one of the troubles is that the IPCC is written by most of the world’s top experts in climate science. And the experts who don’t write it, often review it, so it’s hard to find someone both independent

and knowledgeable.

That’s why the IPCC is most likely to find an outside organization or group — such as a scientific society of a national academy of science — to run the review, Field said.

That panel would then make the decision on who should be part of the review and if former IPCC authors should be part of it. Scientists who write or review the panel’s reports say they do not get paid, but sometimes get reimbursed for travel expense and in the end often lose money on the deal.

University of Victoria climate scientist Andrew Weaver, who has been an IPCC author in the past, called the IPCC plan and statement “an appropriate and measured response.”

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Please Rob Me

Site asks the tech savvy to rethink broadcasting your whereabouts

By Rachel Metz
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — As more people reveal their whereabouts on social networks, a new site has sprung up to remind you that letting everyone know where you are — and, by extension, where you're not — could leave you vulnerable to those with less-than-friendly intentions. The site's name says it all: Please Rob Me.

Launched last week, Please Rob Me is exceptionally straightforward. Pretty much all it does is show posts that appear on Twitter from a location-sharing service, Foursquare. Please Rob Me puts these posts into a long, chronological list it refers to as "Recent Empty Homes."

Please Rob Me assembles its list by taking information that Twitter makes freely available so that many Web sites can show tweets. But the point of Please Rob Me could be made with data that flows on dozens of other sites as well.

People are comfortable sharing all kinds of personal details on social sites such as Facebook. And now people are flocking to location-based Web services, such as Foursquare, Gowalla or Loopt, that let them use their cell phones to alert friends to where they are.

Some people choose to show their whereabouts only to approved buddies. But plenty push these very specific updates through public Twitter profiles that anyone can see.

This phenomenon is what motivated the creators of Please Rob Me, according to one of them, Boy Van Amstel, 25. Van Amstel said in a phone interview from Holland, where the site is based, that technology has become so easy to use that people are sharing too much



AP file photo

The Foursquare application is shown on an iPhone in front of a Starbucks in San Francisco in November 2009. Foursquare lets you share your whereabouts with friends. A new site called Please Rob Me aggregates posts on Twitter that come from Foursquare into a chronological list that Please Rob Me refers to as 'Recent Empty Homes.'

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online without even realizing it. He and his co-founders want people to think twice about it.

To drive the point home, Please Rob Me's Web page shows a scruffy-looking, loot-lugging burglar. Below that, it indicates that the site is "listing all those empty homes out there."

It doesn't really show empty houses, or even people's home addresses. Instead the posts on the list show Twitter users' photos, their Twitter usernames, how long ago they "left home" (which is determined by when they checked in with Foursquare) and where they went, along with a link to their destination on Foursquare's Web site.

Some of the posts on Please Rob Me have come from Christopher Lynn, who often publishes his Foursquare updates on his

Twitter feed.

Lynn, director of sales and marketing for the Colonnade Hotel in Boston, was a little unnerved to realize his location was also being shared on Please Rob Me as it automatically captured the data. He said knowing that would make him more cautious about posting on Foursquare when he's far from home. He also plans to keep details about where he lives off the Web.

But Lynn doesn't think Please Rob Me — or the second thoughts it is trying to spark — will hamper the rise of location-based services.

"I think the power of wanting to share where you're at and what you're experiencing at the time is going to trump most people's wariness," he said.

Foursquare co-founder Dennis Crowley said he can imagine that sharing where you are could have bad consequences. But he said it hasn't come back to haunt him and isn't something Foursquare has heard complaints about.

Indeed, there doesn't appear to be any evidence that saying you're not home

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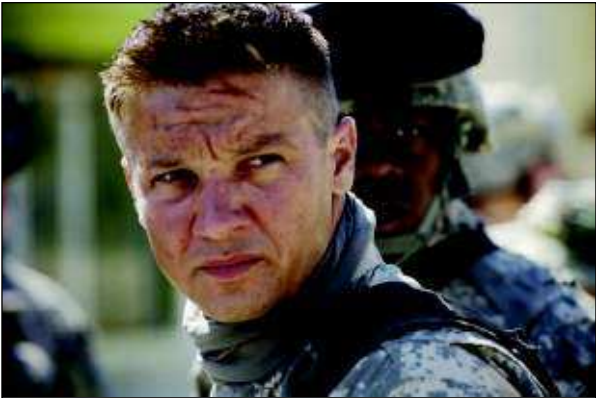
SIMPLE PREMISE: Whenever people declare their location on a social-networking site called Foursquare and choose to broadcast that information on Twitter, a site called Please Rob me repeats the information and points out that the posters aren't home.
THINK TWICE: The creators of Please Rob Me say they want people to be sure they're aware of the consequences of information they post online.
REAL DANGER?: It seems unlikely that Please Rob Me will serve as a burglar's guide. Overall it doesn't appear that revealing your location online significantly increases the chances someone will break into your empty house.
— The Associated Press

on Foursquare, Twitter, Facebook or a similar site significantly increases your chance of becoming a burglary victim. FBI spokesman Jason Pack said that his organization's cyber division wasn't aware of any cases of home break-ins linked to people advertising their locations online.

After all, there are many ways, including low-tech ones, to determine that someone isn't home. Pack said burglaries are usually crimes of opportunity — that is, they're often not planned in detail.

Regardless, Kevin Bankston, a senior staff attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation who focuses on privacy, said the message of Please Rob Me is still important.

"There is clearly a privacy issue here — one they are trying to shed light on," he said.



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In this publicity image, Jeremy Renner is shown in a scene from 'The Hurt Locker.'

'Lockergate'?: Producer apologizes for asking for votes

By Glenn Whipp
For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is considering action against a producer of "The Hurt Locker" who sent multiple e-mails urging academy members to vote for his movie in the Oscar best-picture race and "not a \$500 million film" — an obvious reference to close-competitor "Avatar."

The e-mails by Nicolas Chartier, one of four nominated producers for "The Hurt Locker" and who put up the financing to make the front-running film, violated the academy's rule against sending mailings that "attempt to promote any film or achievement by casting a negative light on a competing film or achievement," according to academy spokeswoman Leslie Unger.

The initial e-mail was sent Feb. 19 and obtained by The Associated Press. Subsequent e-mails, posted by the Los Angeles Times, showed Chartier giving more specific instructions, asking Oscar voters to rank "The Hurt Locker" at No. 1 and "Avatar" at No. 10 on

this year's preferential ballot for the newly expanded best-picture category.

"Hurt Locker" distributor Summit Pictures said in a statement it was "completely unaware of any e-mails that were sent until we were alerted by the academy earlier this week."

Chartier, after being confronted by Summit executives, worked with the studio and the academy to craft an apology for his actions, said Summit spokesman Paul Pflug.

"My naivete, ignorance of the rules and plain stupidity as a first-time nominee is not an excuse for this behavior and I strongly regret it," Chartier wrote in an e-mail obtained by The Associated Press. "Being nominated for an academy Award is the ultimate honor and I should have taken the time to read the rules."

"Avatar's" distributor, 20th Century Fox, declined comment on the e-mails, as did director James Cameron or anyone connected with the 3-D sci-fi sensation — Hollywood's biggest modern blockbuster but so far second to "The Hurt Locker" in this season's movie award derby.

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Emotional orca show marks first since trainer killed

By Brian Skoloff and Tamara Lush
Associated Press writers

ORLANDO, Fla. — Employees wept and audience members grew silent Saturday at SeaWorld as the theme park’s popular killer whale show resumed with a photo montage memorial for a trainer who was killed by one of the orcas in front of horrified spectators three days ago.

The show had been shut down since veteran trainer Dawn Brancheau, 40, died Wednesday after rubbing a 22-foot, 12,000-pound orca named Tilikum. The animal grabbed her ponytail and pulled her into the water in front of about 20 spectators. The medical examiner says she likely died of traumatic injuries and drowning.

More than 2,000 people packed the park’s stadium Saturday for the first show since Brancheau’s death.

The audience seemed thrilled, applauding and cheering as the whales zipped around their tank and splashed spectators during the show — with the theme of “believe,” about a young boy who sees an orca and dreams of one day becoming a whale trainer. It was a fitting tribute to Brancheau, whose family said she always wanted work with the giant whales.

At one point during the show, a young girl was brought on stage and given a whale tail necklace.

“I just wanted to be here for this show. It’s so special,” said Russell Thompshen, 65, who said he is a season-ticket holder for SeaWorld. “This touches so many lives.”

Spectators packed the enormous outdoor amphitheater despite chilly, rainy weather, with the orca pool registering at 52 degrees. The whale trainers received a standing ovation as they approached the platform before the show, part of the multimillion-dollar enterprise centered around “Shamu” — the stage name given to all the performing orcas.

Several SeaWorld employees wept as the photo montage set to music was shown.

“It was very moving,” said Molly Geislinger, 33, who came from Minneapolis with her husband and 21-month-old child.

However, she noticed a difference in how the trainers acted.

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were being very careful,” she said. “They looked very cautious today.”

Indeed, the trainers weren’t allowed in the water, meaning the whales’ handlers did not surf on top of the marine mammals or fly into the air. Instead, the trainers — wearing orca-like black-and-white wetsuits — directed the whales from outside the huge tank’s acrylic walls. They coached the creatures to splash the front-and-center rows a few times, much to the delight of onlookers.

SeaWorld officials have said trainers won’t swim with the orcas until they finish reviewing what happened to Brancheau.

Jeff Steward, who came to the show with his wife, called the memorial “a very emotional start.”

He said they enjoyed the show, adding: “It’s a tragedy, but these things happen when you’re dealing with wild animals.”

SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment President Jim Atchison said Friday that Tilikum will remain an “active, contributing member of the team,” in part because the killer whale show is big business at SeaWorld. The company owns more killer whales than anyone else in the world and builds the orca image into its multimillion-dollar brand. Tilikum did not perform Saturday.

The timing of the killer whales’ return to performances reflects just what the sleek black-and-white mammals mean to SeaWorld, which the private equity firm The Blackstone Group bought last fall for around \$2.7 billion from Anheuser-Busch InBev in a deal that included two Busch Gardens theme parks and several other attractions.

There are two other SeaWorld parks — one in San Antonio, and one in San Diego.

No animal is more valuable to that operation than Tilikum, the largest orca in captivity. Captured nearly 30 years ago off Iceland, Tilikum has grown into the alpha male of captive killer whales, his value as a stud impossible to pin down. He now has been involved in the deaths of two trainers and

requires a special set of handling rules, which Atchison wouldn’t specify.

John Galloway, of Palm Coast, Fla., said he didn’t want to see the killer whale shows end because of the tragedy.

“I think they know what they’re doing,” he said of the trainers. “Me, myself, I wouldn’t be down there doing that.”



SeaWorld trainer Laura Surovik, right, a colleague and friend of Dawn Brancheau, who was dragged to her death by a killer whale Wednesday, cries as a slide show tribute is shown at the theme park in Orlando, Fla., Saturday.

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AP source: RFK’s grandson weighing U.S. House run

BOSTON (AP) — A top Massachusetts Democrat said Saturday that one of Robert F. Kennedy’s grandsons is considering carrying on the family’s vaunted political tradition by running for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Joseph P. Kennedy III, one of the twin sons of former Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, may run this fall if Democratic Rep. William Delahunt decides against seeking re-election in his South Shore and Cape Cod district.

Kennedy, 29, “has been considering it but he hasn’t made a decision,” said the Democrat, who demanded anonymity to speak about private conversations with the father and son.

The younger Kennedy did not immediately respond to a request for comment. He is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School who works as a prosecutor in Barnstable County, near his family’s Cape Cod compound.

Delahunt has served in Congress since 1997, but Massachusetts incumbents were shocked in January when a little-known Republican state senator, Scott Brown, claimed the U.S. Senate seat held for nearly a half-century by Edward M. Kennedy.

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Troops clear last pockets of resistance in Marjah

The Associated Press

MARJAH, Afghanistan — Marines and Afghan troops cleared the last major pocket of resistance in the former Taliban-ruled town of Marjah on Saturday — part of an offensive that is the run-up to a larger showdown this year in the most strategic part of Afghanistan’s dangerous south.

Although Marines say their work in Marjah isn’t done, Afghans are bracing for a bigger, more comprehensive assault in neighboring Kandahar province, the birthplace of the Taliban where officials are talking to aid organizations about how to handle up to 10,000 people who could be displaced by fighting.

“I was in Kabul, and we were talking that Kandahar will be next, but we don’t know when,” said Tooryalai Wesa, the governor of Kandahar. He’s begun working with international aid groups to make sure the next group of displaced Afghans have tents, water containers, medicine, food, blankets, lamps and stoves.

“Hopefully things will go smoothly, that people have learned lessons from the Marjah operation,” he said.

Shortages of food and medicine have been reported during the 2-week-old Marjah operation. The international Red Cross evacuated dozens of sick and injured civilians to clinics outside the area. The U.N. says more than 3,700 families, or an estimated 22,000 people, from Marjah and surrounding

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areas have registered in Helmand’s capital of Lashkar Gah 20 miles away.

Walid Akbar, a spokesman for the Afghan Red Crescent Society, said government aid was mostly received by those who made it to Lashkar Gah, Akbar said. Those stuck outside the city are getting little help, he said.

The Marjah offensive has been the war’s biggest combined operation since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion to topple the Taliban’s hard-line regime. It’s the first major test of NATO’s counterinsurgency strategy since President Barack Obama ordered 30,000 new American troops to try to reverse Taliban gains.

The operation in Marjah is the tactical prelude to the bigger operation being planned for later in Kandahar, the largest city in the south and the former Taliban headquarters, according to senior officials with the Obama administration. It was from in and around Kandahar that Taliban overlord Mullah Omar ruled Afghanistan before the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001.

Bringing security to Kandahar city is a chief goal of NATO operations this year, according to the officials, who spoke to reporters in Washington on Friday on condition of anonymity so

they could discuss national security issues. If this year’s goal is to reverse the Taliban’s momentum and give Afghan government an opportunity to take control, then NATO-led forces have to get to Kandahar this year, one official said.

On Saturday, after a four-day march, Marines and Afghan troops who fought through the center of Marjah linked up with a U.S. Army Stryker battalion on the northern outskirts of the former Taliban stronghold.

“Basically, you can say that Marjah has been cleared,” said Capt. Joshua Winfrey, commander of Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines Regiment.

Lima Company’s more than 100 heavily armed Marines, along with nearly as many Afghan army soldiers, spent days advancing north, searching every compound for possible Taliban holdouts.

There were no Taliban in sight, and the Marines didn’t fire a shot during the final advance — except at a couple of Afghan guard dogs who threatened the unit.

The Marines’ hookup with the Army battalion means the operation is somewhere between the clear and hold phases, although suspected Taliban fighters remain on the western outskirts of town.



AP photo

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Wootton, 25, of Richmond, Va., of the 422 Civil Affairs Battalion, attached to the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 5th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, hands money Saturday to an Afghan farmer as compensation for damage to his property allegedly caused by U.S. military operations in the Badula Qulp area, West of Lashkar Gah, Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Marine spokesman Capt. Abe Sipe said that while armed resistance has “fallen off pretty dramatically” in the past four to five days, the combined forces expect to face intermittent attacks for at least two more weeks.

“We are not calling anything completely secure yet,” Sipe said.

Capt. Abdelhai Hujum, who spent two decades with various Afghan militias before joining the nascent Afghan National Army, said he suspected most of the local Taliban buried their guns and blended with the civilian population.

“They’re not stupid. I’d do the same if I saw a company of

U.S. Marines coming my way,” said Hujum, commander of an Afghan unit.

“I can sense them all around us,” Hujum said Friday as squads of Afghan troops and some Marines stormed a mosque where a child had said eight insurgents were preparing an ambush. Villagers exhibited hostility. One threw a stone at a Marine waiting outside. Still, there wasn’t a single rifle or Taliban insurgent in sight.

On Saturday, Marine sniffer dogs and metal detectors found a cache of explosives and weapons as they finished clearing out a northern Marjah neighborhood. The cache, detonated by a bomb squad, contained over 80 pounds of homemade explosives, half a dozen rocket-propelled grenades, Chinese-made rockets, artillery rounds and other bomb-making materials.

“It made a pretty big boom,” said Staff Sgt. Paul Bui, 20, from El Monte, California.

Bui and other explosives experts said the cache was hidden in freshly upturned earth near a canal, appearing to confirm residents’ accounts that Taliban fighters had fled just a few days earlier.

Establishing a credible local government is a key component of NATO’s strategy for Marjah, a longtime Taliban logistical hub and heroin-smuggling center. Earlier in the week, the government installed a new administrator, and several hundred Afghan police have started patrolling newly cleared areas of Marjah and southern Helmand.

Former ally Chalabi poised for electoral comeback in Iraq, but U.S. isn’t happy

By Ernesto Londono and Leila Fadel
The Washington post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Ahmed Chalabi, the onetime U.S. ally, is in the limelight again, and his actions are proving no less controversial than they did years ago.

On the eve of Iraq’s parliamentary elections, Chalabi is driving an effort aimed at weeding out candidates tied to Saddam Hussein’s Baath Party. Chalabi is reprising a role he played after the U.S.-led invasion — which many critics believe he helped facilitate with faulty intelligence — and, in the process, is infuriating American officials and some Iraqis, who suspect his motive is to bolster his own political bloc.

Chalabi, a Shiite, has defended the work of the commission he is leading as legal and crucial during a period of transition to Iraq’s first sovereign government. But his re-emergence on the political scene has rankled U.S. officials and fueled concerns that Sunnis and other secular Iraqis will be marginalized.

Some Iraqi and U.S. officials think Chalabi might have his eyes on the ultimate prize, however unlikely he can attain it.

“Even if it kills him, he’s going to stay in Iraq to try to become prime minister,” said Ezzat Shahbandar, a Shiite lawmaker from a competing slate who has known Chalabi for more than 20 years. “This issue is the only tool he has, because he has nothing else going for him.”

Chalabi fell out of favor with the Americans in 2004, after they accused him of spying for Iran. The year



AP photo

Ahmed Chalabi, head of the Accountability and Justice committee, talks to the Associated Press in Baghdad, Iraq, Feb. 18. Chalabi has denied statements made by the top U.S. commander in Iraq Gen. Ray Odierno who accused him of having relations with Iran.

before, though, he had been appointed to head a U.S.-formed commission to rid the government of officials tied to Hussein’s regime.

The hasty, wholesale purge that the commission conducted is now widely seen as a catalyst of the insurgency and Iraq’s sectarian war. Today, however, Chalabi remains at the helm of a similar “de-Baathification” panel, the Justice and Accountability Commission, because parliament has not appointed new members.

When the commission recently announced the disqualification of nearly 500 candidates from the March 7 parliamentary elections, critics noted that candidates from Sunni-led and mixed secular coalitions were disproportionately targeted. Many of those ousted were rivals of Chalabi’s bloc.

A court impaneled to

review the cases carried out a cursory review behind closed doors. Candidates were allowed to submit written appeals but were never told the specific nature of the allegations against them. The court disqualified 145 candidates; most others dropped out or their parties replaced them.

Now the disqualifications are widening sectarian and religious divides in Iraq, even as it continues to reel from decades of authoritarian rule, occupation and bloodshed. This week, in an apparent attempt to allay some of the bitterness, the government said it would reinstate 20,000 former army officers ousted because of their ties to Saddam.

But the political disqualifications threaten to undermine the elections, overshadowing campaign issues such as security, unemployment and basic services.

At the center of it all is Chalabi.

In campaign posters, Chalabi, a onetime Iraqi exile, bills himself as “the Destroyer of the symbols of the Baath.” Placards for other candidates on his political slate, the Iraqi National Alliance, are graced with the words “No space for the Baath,” written in crimson

letters that suggest blood.

The alliance is a Shiite coalition of parties whose most prominent figures are former Iraqi exiles in the current government. Those parties did poorly in provincial elections in January 2009.

“The provincial elections showed the limits of the appeal of sectarianism,” a senior Western diplomat said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to offer candid analysis. By fanning fears of the return of the Baathists, the official added, “they may be hoping that Baathism will help them get past that limit.”

Chalabi, 65, comes from an elite Baghdad family. He formed the Iraqi National Congress, an opposition group, in the early 1990s with U.S. backing.

He has long had a strong relationship with Iran. But he became close to the CIA and the Pentagon in the run-up to the invasion, as U.S. officials used his group to muster opposition against Saddam. The U.S. government funneled millions to his group, which provided it with intelligence reports that later proved to be erroneous. In 2004, Chalabi was a guest of President George W. Bush at the State of the Union address.

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Young Haitian lost leg while saving sister's life

Amputees struggle in ravaged country

By Paisley Dodds
Associated Press writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — It's just after 6 a.m., and Petersen Hilan is waking from a dream where he was rollerblading and playing soccer. The morning sun jolts him back to reality — he no longer has a right leg.

The high school senior looks up at the tangerine light streaming through the canvas tent. Mornings remind him of the feeling just before his leg was amputated three weeks ago.

"The serum went in my arm and all I thought was that death probably feels just as sweet," Hilan says.

He looks under his cot to find the grey rollerblades he used to wear and extra crutches stuck in the mud. There is no running water, so he splashes cologne under his arms. He struggles to lift himself up on the cot to pull on a pair of baggy denim shorts.

In Haiti's apocalyptic landscape of tilted and flat-tened houses, smiling schoolchildren in smart uniforms and colorful hair bows have been replaced by legions of young amputees. More than 4,000 Haitians have gone through amputations since the quake, hundreds of them without anesthesia. Some lost more of their limbs than necessary because of the lack of equipment and medicine during a crushing influx of broken people.

More amputations are expected. Doctors say some people have been walking around with compound fractures for weeks. Others have never had medical treatment for infections.

One of Haiti's few prosthetics factories, Healing Hands, was severely damaged in the quake, and it could take months to produce enough prosthetics for amputees. The government has said it will develop a plan for the country's newly disabled — Haiti has few elevators, ramps or accessible buildings — but few details have emerged.

In the meantime, amputees like Hilan are struggling to cope in a country where the disabled have long been seen as a drain on their families.

The 21-year-old doesn't want sympathy. But in another country, he believes, he wouldn't have lost the leg. Doctors say he's probably right.

"I think eventually there will be a new Haiti," says Hilan. "Unfortunately, I lost my leg in the old Haiti!"

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When the earth shook on Jan. 12, Hilan was just a semester away from high school graduation, after several interruptions from hurricanes, floods and political unrest. He was living with his mother and seven family members in a cement house about 10 blocks away from the Champ de Mars, Port-au-Prince's central plaza.

As he stood in the tiny kitchen near his 4-year-old sister, Carmel, cinder blocks came crashing down, one by one.

"I grabbed Carmel and pushed her outside," says Hilan. "But then everything became dark and it felt like something was pulling me into the ground. I looked down and my foot was completely broken. I couldn't move."

A friend extracted Hilan and laid him on the street where other casualties were frozen in a daze, from injuries or shock at the nightmare unfolding around them.

As dusk fell, Hilan lay on the ground for two hours while his friend and a cousin searched for a hospital. Many had tumbled. Others were crowded with patients but no doctors or nurses.

They eventually hurried back to report that a tidal wave was coming. Panicked by what turned out to be a false rumor, they moved



AP photo

Petersen Hilan is carried by a friend in the rubble of Hilan's home upon his return Feb. 18 after being hospitalized in Port-au-Prince. Petersen lost his leg when his house collapsed in last month's earthquake.

Hilan to the higher ground of the Champ de Mars.

Hilan's family tried every day for the next six days to get him medical attention. Constant aftershocks only exacerbated the pain. The gangrene was creeping, the stench of Hilan's wound worsened.

Eventually Hilan went to a hospital near the airport, where an American doctor explained his options.

"He apologized to me but told me that if he didn't amputate, I would be dead in two days."

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These days, Hilan wakes up in an outdoor camp where thousands of earthquake survivors live. He shares a cot with two siblings, while six other family members sleep on a splinted pink door and chairs.

Around 9 a.m., Hilan's mother slips outside to buy coffee and bread rolls. She's ashamed to ask him to do such things now. Hilan's new life has meant abandoning favorite pastimes and chores such as watching out for siblings and shopping for groceries.

Hilan instructs a friend in the tent to connect the television donated by neighbors. But first they have to see if the overnight rains have shorted out the mud-caked wires. With the flick of the button, Hilan is relieved.

Before, he would play soccer with friends or dance kompa — slow, rhythmic music — with girlfriends. Now, he plays video games.

An hour passes as he splatters virtual enemies on the old TV screen.

"One of the worst things about this is I can't defend myself," says Hilan.

Haiti is grueling enough for the able-bodied, but it can be torture for the disabled. Many families have put disabled relatives out on the street or sent them to live elsewhere because they can no longer contribute financially.

"We were out on the street and a little boy ran up to us shouting, 'Bout Pye!'" Hilan's mother Denise says, using a Creole phrase that means half leg. "I was shocked. It made me feel like I was dying inside, but Hilan

just ignored it and kept moving."

By 11 a.m., Hilan is bored. He sets out for the hospital.

He slowly makes his way through a maze of white tents. A woman is roasting corn on the cob over an open charcoal fire. A rooster pecks at the dirt. A man holds a baby whose leg has been amputated below the hip. The passage between the tents is almost impenetrable because of the mud. Hilan's crutches get caught on neighbors' tent lines.

Eventually, he makes it to the busy street.

A man in a battered Subaru offers him a lift for 50 gourdes (\$1.50). The car takes him to a private hospital that has since gone public to accommodate Haiti's countless injured. Tents handling the overflow are filled with amputees like Hilan.

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A nurse tells Hilan to take a seat, but all are taken. Eventually a young girl in jeweled flip-flops gets up.

"I hate having to ask people to do things for me now," he says.

In front of him, a toddler in a frilly dress, her leg also amputated, cries for her mother. A French medic leans down and blows up a pink balloon. Her sobs subside.

Hilan fidgets. He is impatient but has grown accustomed to waiting.

Hospital workers say they've rarely seen patients so stoic in the face of horrific loss and adversity.

"We've created the phrase, 'Haitian up,'" says Dr. Justine Crowley, meaning "toughen up or buck up."

At noon, he ambles down a steep pebbly hill to get physical therapy in a tent outside the hospital. He spots a friend — 22-year-old Herby Michel, a rap musician who lost his left arm inside a recording studio when the quake hit.

"There's the crybaby!" Hilan shouts, laughing and smiling. "This guy was in the bed next to me when I had my leg amputated. And all he did was cry for his mother, saying 'Mom-my, Mom-my! I didn't get any sleep because of him!'" he says,

laughing hysterically.

Hilan says he's never cried since the amputation.

The two young men sit for hours, joking about their recoveries. Both were in their hospital beds Jan. 20 when a powerful 5.9 after-shock hit.

"Things started shaking and a lot of the patients pulled out their IVs and ran out of the hospital like chickens!" Hilan says, laughing. "We just sat there laughing like crazy."

The wait drags on under a blazing sun. A worker comes out with a pamphlet in Creole showing how to keep wounds clean. The pamphlet shows two white hands under a sink with water run-

ning out of a tap.

Most Haitians don't have running water.

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It's not until 2 p.m. that Hilan is finally seen.

"I'm not a patient person," he says again, moving his stump back and forth like he's kicking a soccer ball.

As he exercises his stump, he winces with each move. Like many new amputees, he suffers from phantom limb pain.

"I'm just happy it hurts less now. Before, even the smallest breeze caused by people walking past was awful," he says.

An hour later, he's done

and goes to visit friends in his old neighborhood. Canadian rescue workers with a bulldozer are retrieving two bodies from a collapsed hotel.

"I don't want to see this," he says, turning away from a body bag.

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It's nearly 7 p.m. and darkness is setting in. Hilan, who has only eaten bread, a boiled egg and a banana all day, heads back to his temporary home. Back at the tent, Carmel rushes up to him.

Their mother hopes that someday, Carmel will realize her older brother lost his leg for her.



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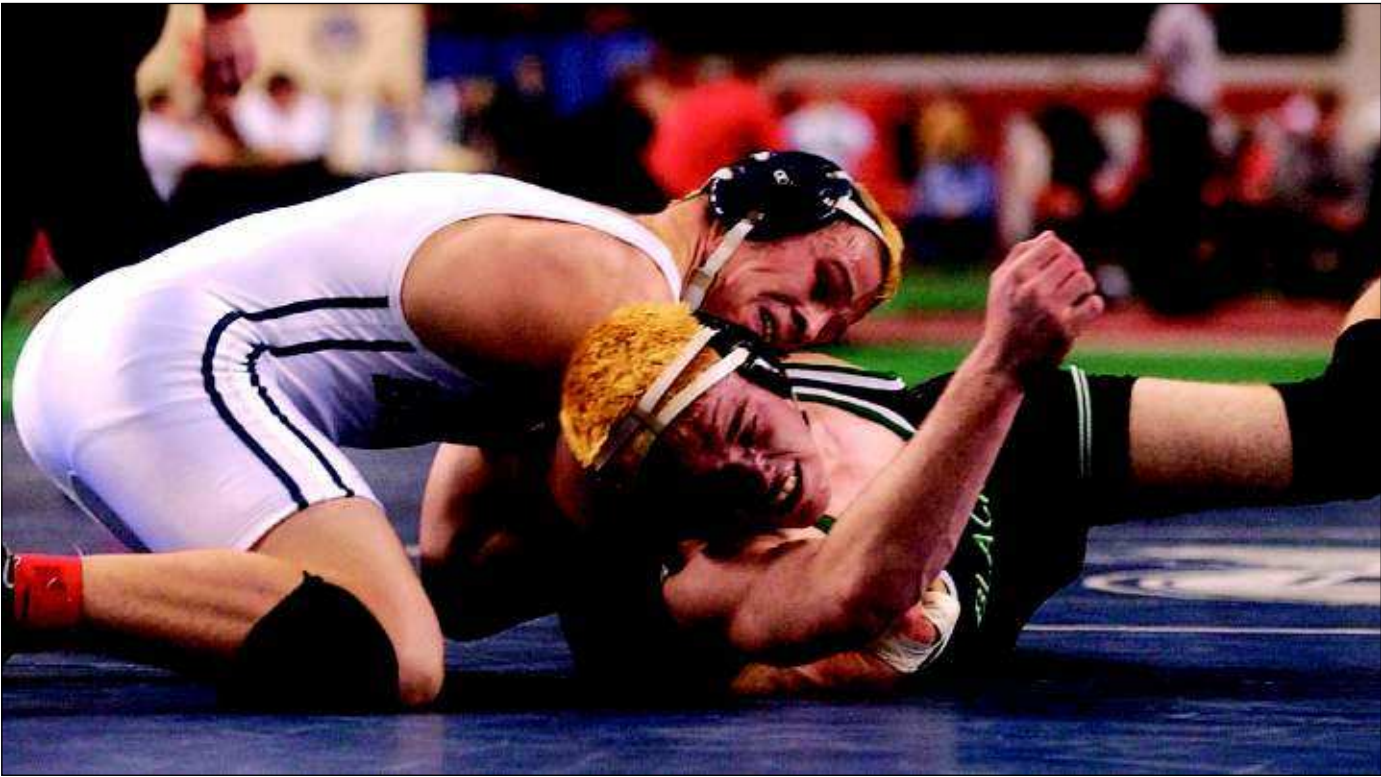


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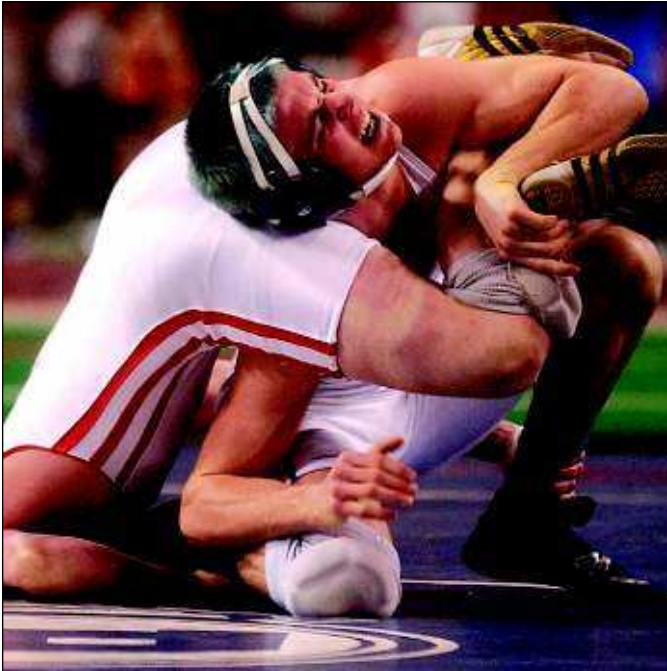


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Twin Falls senior Zack Slotten, left, wrestles Blackfoot's Dakota Bitton during the Idaho State Championship wrestling finals Saturday in Pocatello.



Photos by DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News
Twin Falls senior Joe Hamilton, right, wrestles Nampa's Kessler Thueson during the Idaho State Championship wrestling finals Saturday in Pocatello



Twin Falls senior Will Keeter, left, wrestles Kuna's Kyle Luks during the Idaho State Championship wrestling finals Saturday in Pocatello.



Read more wrestling results on Sports 4 and 6

Slotten, Hamilton and Keeter earn titles for Bruins

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — After Zak Slotten's 171-pound championship match at the Class 4A state wrestling tournament Saturday at Holt Arena, Twin Falls coach Said Dabestani smiled and said, "Third time's the charm."

Indeed, all good things come in threes.

The trio of individual state titles earned by Twin Falls on Saturday set a school record for the most champions in a single state tournament. It was a fitting end to the high school careers of seniors Slotten, Joe Hamilton and Will Keeter.

"I am very proud of them. These kids, especially Joe and Zak, have been waiting a long time for this day," said Dabestani.

Hamilton got things started for the Bruins by defeating Kessler Thueson of Nampa in the 125-pound finals. After a scoreless first period in which shots were hard to come by, Hamilton finally found an opening and ended up pinning Thueson.

"Warming up, all I could think about was this is my last high school match and I've got one more shot (at winning a title)," said Hamilton. "It's a

cool feeling because us three have been together our whole high school career."

Keeter became a two-time champion as he pinned Kyle Luks of Kuna in the 140-pound final. Keeter finished his season 37-2, and can count the number of losses he's had over the past two seasons on one hand (82-2 overall).

See **WRESTLE**, Sports 6

Buhl's McDonald claims 135-pound crown

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Michael McDonald came out of nowhere.

The unheralded Buhl junior upset the No. 3 seed in the quarterfinals Friday and the No. 2 seed in Saturday morning's 135-pound semifinals of the Class 3A state wrestling tournament at Holt Arena.

Then to in the finals, McDonald squeaked out a 6-5 decision over No. 1 seed Ben Watt of Bonners Ferry to win the state championship.

All this after going two-and-out in each of the previous two state tournaments.

"I never believed I could achieve something like this, I thought it was out of my reach," McDonald said, "but I just got confident and decided to work harder this year than I ever have."

McDonald's semifinal match was even closer than his final, as he needed overtime to get a 3-1 decision over Jacob Eck of Teton.

"Honestly, I didn't think I was going to be a state champ," McDonald said. "I wanted to be, but it didn't really sink in until I won my (semifinal) match this morning that I was going to the championship. This feeling is amazing. I want to feel this again, I really do."

McDonald was the only Class 3A individual champion from Magic Valley on Saturday, although there were three runners-up.

Kimberly freshman Jacob Herman lost his 103-pound title match to Blaine Invernon of Bonners Ferry by pin. In the 189-pound final, Buhl senior Blake Finney was pinned by V.J. Giulio of American Falls. At 215, Filer senior Nick Fleenor lost by pin to Brian Richardson of South Fremont in the title match.

American Falls won the Class 3A team title with 157 points, followed by South Fremont (124.5) and Salmon (112.5).

Buhl finished seventh as the highest area team. Indians junior Allen Compton finished third at 125 and sophomore Oren Carlton was fifth at 215.

For Filer, three juniors earned medals: Ryan Orr finished fifth at 152, Jacob Bogner was fifth at 171, and John Beer was sixth at 215.

Wendell had two state placers in fourth-place Derek Gines (119) and sixth-place Alan Benson (140).



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News
Buhl's Michael McDonald, right, wrestles Bonners Ferry's Ben Watt during the Idaho State Championship wrestling finals Saturday in Pocatello.

2nd-half demise: CEU hammers CSI

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

It took less than three minutes.

When it was over, the Golden Eagles' hopes of taking any momentum into the Region 18 Tournament were equally vanquished thanks to a 90-68 shellacking at the hands of 25th-ranked Eastern Utah Saturday night.

"We fell apart," College of Southern Idaho sophomore guard Chuck Odum said after his team was outscored 42-21 in the final 17 minutes on Saturday's loss.

Fueled by 6-foot-6 freshmen forwards Michael Glover and Jonathan Mills, CEU used a 16-2 second-half run to suck the life out of CSI.

CSI (19-12, 11-9 Scenic West Athletic Conference) trailed just 48-47 with 17:04 to play when Carrick Felix took a lobbed inbounds pass from Pierre Jackson and threw it through the rim.

But CEU answered with a three-point play by Jonathan Mills and then had consecutive steals and



JEFF JARDINE/For the Times-News
College of Southern Idaho forward Carrick Felix (13) is fouled by Eastern Utah's Isiah Williams Saturday night at the CSI Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

breakaway scores to ignite the run, which put the visitors up 64-49 with 14:21 remaining. CSI never threatened again as Eastern Utah

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Watch video highlights and postgame reaction from CSI's regular-season finale.

(21-9, 14-6 SWAC) wrapped up the No. 2 seed and a first-round bye for the region tourney, which it will host this Thursday through Saturday.

Most of the game-changing minutes happened with Felix in the locker room after he injured his toe on the lob dunk. When he returned, the Golden Eagles' game matched his hobbled gait.

"In the second half, we just lost it," said Felix, who said he will have X-rays on the toe Monday to determine if it is broken or dislocated. "We lost our intensity, we lost our passion. ... They just threw a knock-out punch, and we weren't punching back."

Mills finished with 21 points and 12 rebounds and Glover added 24 points and seven boards. CEU outrebounded CSI 43-28.

See **CSI**, Sports 2

CSI routs CEU 85-51 to cap regular season

Freshman Kearsley leads blowout win

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

Consider the baton passed.

On a day when the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball program honored its five sophomores, the top Golden Eagle freshman showed the promise of the future in an 85-51 rout of Eastern Utah to conclude the regular season.

For freshmen and sophomores alike, it was a good day as CSI (22-8, 14-6 Scenic West Athletic Conference) wrapped up the No. 2 seed and a first-round bye for this week's Region 18 Tournament in Price, Utah.

"I felt really motivated since

this was my last home game and it was an important game so we could get the No. 2 seed for regionals," said sophomore Kalika Tullock, who had nine points, four rebounds and four assists.



Kearsley

Redshirt sophomore Maddy Plunkett had 16 points and eight boards in her final home game, while classmates Shauneice Samms, Nicole Harper and Emiliya Yancheva also said their CSI goodbyes. But freshman post Laurel Kearsley stole the show with 17 points, 10 rebounds, three blocks and three crowd-pleasing assists.

See **EAGLES**, Sports 2

2010 WINTER OLYMPICS

MEDAL COUNT:

84 of 86 total medal events				
Nation	G	S	B	Tot
United States	9	14	13	36
Germany	10	12	7	29
Canada	13	7	5	25
Norway	8	8	6	22
Austria	4	6	6	16
Russia	3	5	7	15
South Korea	6	6	2	14
China	5	2	4	11
France	2	3	6	11
Sweden	5	2	3	10
Switzerland	6	0	3	9
Netherlands	4	1	3	8
Czech Republic	2	0	4	6

TOP PERFORMANCE

JASEY-JAY ANDERSON Snowboarder, Canada

Anderson, a seven-time World Cup champion, carved through the rain-sluiced, fogged-in course to take down Austria's Benjamin Karl, the top-ranked rider in the world. It was Anderson's first Olympic medal in four tries.

OLYMPIC BRIEFS

MILLER FAILS TO MEDAL IN SLALOM

Bode Miller wasn't able to add anything beyond the gold, silver and bronze he'd already won, bailing out just a few gates into the slalom, a casualty of "grab-by" snow that bedeviled a slew of skiers. Miller is one of only five men to get three Alpine medals at a games, a record performance for a U.S. skier. His five career Olympic medals are tied for second on the career list behind Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt, who has eight. "I really couldn't be much happier," Miller said. "I came out, I was ready, I was prepared — that's all the stuff you can do." Giuliano Razzoli won, giving Italy's first Alpine medal in the Winter Games in 16 years.

FINLAND BEATS SLOVAKIA TO WIN HOCKEY BRONZE

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Finland has won the bronze medal in hockey, rallying from a late two-goal deficit for a 5-3 victory over Slovakia. Olli Jokinen scored the tying and go-ahead goals during the dynamic third-period comeback by Finland, the only team to win four medals in the past five Olympic tournaments. Finland's Jere Lehtinen, Ville Peltonen and captain Saku Koivu all won their fourth medals, equaling an Olympic record shared with three players. Teemu Selanne didn't score in what was likely the final game for the Olympics' career scoring leader.

PHOTO OF THE DAY



AP photo

Gold medalist Evan Lysacek of USA performs during the figure skating exhibition gala at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia, Saturday.

U.S. ends drought, wins bobsled gold

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — While the Vancouver Olympics aren't finished, the medal races are — and in spectacular fashion for North Americans.

The United States is guaranteed 37 medals and Canada will finish with at least 13 gold medals. Both are the best of these games and part of the greatest hauls ever at a Winter Olympics.

The Americans will leave with the most medals by any country at any Winter Games. They also will win the medal count for only the second time, the other being at Lake Placid in 1932.

Steven Holcomb and the "Night Train" delivered the 36th medal, and ninth gold, for the United States by winning the four-man bobsled event Saturday. The 37th will come from the men's hockey team. Whether it is gold or silver will be determined Sunday.

Canada invested \$117 million and five years into an "Own the Podium" program that was supposed to win the medals race. At least it bought the top step.

The Canadians have matched the record of 13 golds set by the Soviets in 1976 and Norway in 2002. It's also the most gold Canada has won at any Olympics, winter or summer, and its the most for any Winter Olympics host country; both those marks had been 10.

And how's this for timing: Lucky No. 13 came in the nation's second-favorite sport, curling, with beloved skip Kevin Martin shoving aside the Norway guys wearing those tacky trousers. The record-setting 14th could come Sunday in the nation's far and away favorite sport, hockey, with Sidney Crosby and friends facing the Americans.

Canadians also will finish third on the overall medals list. They've claimed 26, counting the one in hockey. Germany is second with 29.

All told, it's a staggering list of achievements for the hosts and their nearest neighbor.

Bottom line: The rest of the world is probably glad the next two Winter Games will be held in other continents.

Among the other highlights Saturday: —The U.S. men's team pursuit squad in speedskating took silver, finishing just behind — guess who? — Canada. —A few minutes later, Canada got another gold when Jasey-Jay Anderson won the men's parallel giant slalom. —Norway's Marit Bjoergen was a photo finish from getting her fourth gold medal of these



AP photo

Curtis Tomasevicz, center, celebrates with his Team USA teammates, left to right, Steve Mesler, Justin Olsen, and driver Steven Holcomb after winning a gold medal in the four-man bobsled competition at the Whistler Sliding Centre at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games in Whistler, British Columbia, Saturday.

games. She wound up settling for silver and becoming the first person in Vancouver with five medals; nobody else even has four.

There are only two events on Sunday, the hockey game and a 50-kilometer men's cross-country race. Americans and Canadians are long shots to get medals in either event.

BOBSLED

The Americans hadn't won gold in four-man bobsledding since 1948. And they did it by knocking off a German crew led by Andre Lange, who had won all four Olympics races he's ever entered. His crew wound up with silver, one-hundredth of a second faster than the Canadians. "No more 62 years," Holcomb said. "We'll start the clock over. Now it's going to be four years." A slew of U.S. teammates rushed to Holcomb's sled to celebrate. Among the first to offer congratulations was Geoff Bodine, the 1986 Daytona 500 champion who was behind the group that paid for and built the team's sleds.

Logano making huge strides at start of 2nd season

LAS VEGAS (AP) — There was nowhere to go but up this season for Joey Logano, who had a roller-coaster rookie season as the youngest driver at NASCAR's top level. He bounced off the walls at Daytona and barrel-rolled his car at Dover. He struggled with

Shelby American

Noon, Fox

setups, didn't understand the language his teammates used to describe their cars and often dreaded going to the track. That he finished the year with

one victory, seven top-10s and a 20th-place finish in the final standings was nothing short of a small miracle. "There were a lot of weekends last year where we were in nothing more than survival mode," crew chief Greg Zipadelli said. So Logano's solid start to his

second season has not been lost on anyone. That 43rd-place finish in his inaugural Daytona 500 was improved to a 20th-place this year. And he was 26th last season at California, but upgraded that last week to fifth. It took Logano 17 races last season to notch his first top-five.

CSI

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"Honestly, I don't know what happened," said Felix, who led CSI with 19 points and seven boards. "It seemed like everyone just broke apart, they weren't together." The loss spoiled sophomore night for Odum, Byago Diouf and Romario Souza, who sat out the game with a broken wrist. Diouf returned from a wrist injury that kept him out of Thursday's win over Colorado Northwestern but went just 2-for-12 from the field as CSI shot 39 percent to CEU's 53 percent. "I think we were worried a little

bit too much about the refs," said Odum of his team's mounting second-half frustration. "We weren't a family out there." CSI will be the No. 4 seed for the Region 18 Tournament and will face fifth-seeded Snow College at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The winner advances to face top-seeded and sixth-ranked North Idaho College at 7:30 p.m. Friday. "Next week all depends on everybody's heads," said Odum. "Either people are going to come out and want to win or people are going to come out and just want to play. There's a big difference. ... I

can't sit here and say everyone is on the same page. We're going to have a team meeting and if say 'If you're not on the same page, there's no point in you being here.'" Said Felix: "We're a championship team. I would not want to be on any other team than with these guys right here. They're like my brothers. I love them all, each and every one of them. When we pull together we're going to be a dangerous team, and we're going to compete for the championship." All that seemed a world away on Saturday, leading Odum to ask himself and his teammates, "Are you the

type of person that quits or are you the type of person that takes a punch and throws one back? "We'll find out Monday."

No. 25 Eastern Utah 90, CSI 68
EASTERN UTAH (90)
Michael Glover 9-16 6-7 24, Isaiah Williams 2-3 6-6 11, Nick Thompson 1-2 1-2 3, Cliff Colommon 2-6 0-0 5, Vander Jorquim 3-5 4-4 10, Tony Dalton 1-2 2-2 5, Aaron Hawk-Harris 2-3 0-0 4, Fernando Delavari 1-3 0-2 2, Brandon Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Chris Mast 2-4 0-0 5, Jonathan Mills 7-13 7-8 21, Jimmy Bosserman 0-0 0-0 0, Leon Sutton 0-0 0-0 0, Renan Custodio 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 30-57 26-31 90.
CSI (68)
Carrick Felix 5-9 8-11 19, Dennis Mikelonis 3-8 2-4 9, Pierre Jackson 2-7 0-0 5, Kenny Buckner 4-6 0-1 8, Chuck Odum 5-10 1-3 11, D.J. Stennis 0-1 0-0 0, Byago Diouf 2-12 0-0 6, Christian Parker 0-0 0-0 0, Josten Thomas 3-8 3-5 10, Totals 24-61 14-24 68.
Halftime: Eastern Utah 42, CSI 39. 3-point goals: CEU 4-8 (Williams 1-2, Thompson 0-1, Colommon 1-3, Dalton 1-1, Mast 1-1); CSI 6-21 (Felix 1-2, Mikelonis 1-4, Jackson 1-3, Odum 0-2, Diouf 2-6, Thomas 1-4). Rebounds: CEU 43 (Mills 12), CSI 28 (Buckner 8). Assists: CEU 14 (Hawk-Harris 4), CSI 17 (Jackson 7). Turnovers: CEU 16; CSI 15. Total fouls: CEU 20; CSI 22. Fouled out: CSI, Buckner.


Eagles

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"I had tons of fun out there," said Kearsley. "My high school coaches were here in the stands and I wanted to make them proud. ... When you can see the floor like that, you know you're on." Monique Bruggerman led CEU (7-23, 3-17) with 14 points and seven boards, while both Kaylie Robison and Maddie Hind scored 10. But the visiting Golden Eagles didn't have nearly enough to hang with the host Golden Eagles. CSI's freshmen guards Felicity Jones (12 points, three steals) and Daidra Brown (11

points, five assists, four steals) aided the run-away as CSI led 41-30 at intermission and opened the second half with a 9-2 run to remove any doubt. "I think we have an amazing group of freshmen. They're going to go really far next year," said Tullock. If the freshmen get their way, they'll go really far this year. CSI will face the winner of Thursday's game between No. 3 seed North Idaho and No. 6 Colorado Northwestern at noon on Friday. "We're looking to go down there and win

every game we play," said Kearsley. "We're going to nationals." **CSI 85, Eastern Utah 51**
EASTERN UTAH (51)
Bruna Deichmann 3-15 1-2 7, Samara Pereira 0-2 0-0 0, Monique Bruggerman 6-10 2-2 14, Kaylie Robison 5-12 0-1 10, Savana Gines 1-3 0-2 3, Dyana Thurgood 0-0 0-0 0, Alissa Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Megan Garvin 1-2 0-0 3, Patricia Smith 0-3 0-0 0, Stacey Stringham 0-2 0-0 0, Maddie Hind 3-6 4-4 10, Brook Hiatt 1-2 0-0 2, Livnat Alon 0-0 0-0 0, McKenda Hill 0-1 2-4 2, Totals 20-59 9-15 51.
CSI (85)
Felicity Jones 1-9 0-1 12, Shauneice Samms 3-3 0-0 6, Daidra Brown 4-10 3-4 11, Laurel Kearsley 8-11 1-1 17, Nicole Harper 0-3 1-2 1, Kalika Tullock 4-6 1-2 9, Kylie Hardison 1-3 1-1 3, Devan Matkin 0-2 0-0 0, Lusina Otineru 0-1 0-0 0, Kayla Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Tina Fakahafua 0-5 4-4 4, Maddy Plunkett 7-16 0-0 16, Totals 36-78 11-15 85.
Halftime: CSI 41, CEU 30. 3-point goals: CEU 2-9 (Deichmann 0-2, Gines 1-3, Johnson 0-1, Garvin 1-1, Smith 0-1, Hiatt 0-1); CSI 2-13 (Jones 0-1, Brown 0-1, Kearsley 0-1, Harper 0-2, Yancheva 0-1, Tullock 0-1, Checketts 0-1, Hardison 0-1, Matkin 0-1, Plunkett 2-3). Rebounds: CSI 39 (Bruggerman 7), CSI 48 (Kearsley 10). Assists: CEU 12 (Gines 4), CSI 21 (Brown 5). Turnovers: CSI 17; CSI 27. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.



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Indians surge to state tourney

Shoshone comes out strong, thwarts attempt at comeback

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

GLENN'S FERRY — The one time Horseshoe Bend made a run, Skye Axelson was there to answer. The Shoshone guard buried two key 3-pointers early in the third quarter to restore the Indians' command of Saturday's Class 1A Division I state tournament play-in game, and Shoshone never let up for a 75-50 win

to advance to this week's tournament at Vallivue High School in Caldwell. The Indians (21-5) blitized the Mustangs 23-9 in the first quarter, a run anchored by swarming defense and blis-tering transition speed. “We talked about being aggressive and not holding the ball,” said Justin Santana, who didn't score but helped mastermind the Indian defense on the point. “Making an early effort shows the other team that we're here and we're ready to play.” Shoshone had a 19-point

lead at halftime, but Horseshoe Bend came back into the game a little with more aggressive play to start the third quarter, earning a quick six points and prompting the Indians' only timeout of the game. But up stepped Axelson with his treys and the threat, and for all intents and purposes the game, was over. “It just comes to me. You don't try and do that,” said Axelson, who finished with eight points. “But my team-mates made plays and I got open. I couldn't have hit those shots without them.”

Thomas Lanham and Andrew Sortor each scored 13 for Shoshone, while Leonel Valencia added 12. Drew Carpenter led the Mustangs with 12. Shoshone plays Liberty Charter to open the state tournament in a 3 p.m., game next Thursday.

Shoshone 75, Horseshoe Bend 50
Shoshone 23 15 19 18 — 75
Horseshoe Bend 10 9 19 12 — 50
SHOSHONE (75)
Leonel Valencia 12, Garrett Sant 2, Skye Axelson 8, Andrew Sortor 13, Sigi Juarez 2, Thomas Lanham 13, Josh Olsen 7, Shane Walsh 5, Cody Race 8, Nathan Huyser 5, Totals 29 12-17 75.
HORSESHOE BEND (50)
Levi Bledsoe 6, C.J. Bledsoe 9, Drew Carpenter 12, Colter Lowe 10, Jacob Carpenter 8, Lukus Beckman 5, Totals 18 10-19 50.
3-point goals: Shoshone 5 (Valencia 2, Axelson 2, Olsen), Horseshoe Bend 4 (Lowe 2, L. Bledsoe, Beckman). Total fouls: Horseshoe Bend 17, Shoshone 18. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Wendell falls to Salmon in 3A play-in

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The Wendell boys basketball team just found out how much of a handful Trey Infanger can be. Infanger canned five 3-pointers and scored a game-high 27 as Salmon elimi-nated Wendell 56-41 in the Class 3A state tournament play-in game at Highland High School in Pocatello

on Saturday. The Savages raced out to a 27-11 lead after one period of play and then held Wendell (11-13) to just 12 points after intermission following a second quarter in which the Trojans cut the lead back to just four. Gary Koopman led three Trojans play-ers in double figures with 15 points, but they only got four players into the scor-

ing column at all. Cody Prince added 12, while Nathan Ormond scored 10.

Salmon 56, Wendell 41
Salmon 27 6 11 12 — 56
Wendell 11 18 8 4 — 41
SALMON (56)
Beau Brekke 2, Derek Olson 5, Patrick Bills 8, Philip Conrad 7, Trey Infanger 27, Riley Sessions 3, Austin Nooner 4, Totals 19 8-11 56.
WENDELL (41)
Cody Prince 12, Nolan Stouder 4, Nathan Ormond 10, Gary Koopman 15, Totals 16 5-7 41.
3-point goals: Salmon 10 (Infanger 5, Bills 2, Conrad, Olson, Sessions), Wendell 4 (Prince 2, Koopman 2). Total fouls: Salmon 12, Wendell 17. Fouled out: Wendell, Prince, Stouder. Technical fouls: none.



Photos by DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Kimberly's Jacob Herman, left, wrestles Blaine Invernon during the Idaho State Championship wrestling finals Saturday in Pocatello.

State wrestling tournament results

Class 4A
Team scores
1. Columbia 227.5; 2. Blackfoot 181.5; 3. Pocatello 148; 4. Nampa 136.5; 5. Jerome 124; 6. Bonneville 106.5; 7. Kuna 101; 8. Twin Falls 100.5; 9. Minico 87; 10. Rigby 73; 11. Lakeland 70.5; 12. Moscow 67.5; 13. Bishop Kelly and Preston 48.5; 15. Sandpoint 41; 16. Hillcrest 40; 17. Burley 31; 18. Skyview 29; 19. (tie) Emmett and Wood River 22; 21. Canyon Ridge 14; 22. Middleton 12; 13. Mountain Home 8; 24. Century 3.
Individual results (District IV only)
103 pounds
Semifinals: Nate Wright, Lakeland, dec. Eric Ayala, Jerome, 10-4. **Consolation semifinals:** Eric Ayala, Jerome, dec. Dakota Stallions, Emmett, 6-5. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants. **Third-place match:** Cayd Freeman, Bonneville, maj. dec. Eric Ayala, Jerome, 9-0. **Championship match:** No area participants.
112 pounds
Semifinals: David Tovar, Nampa, pinned Kaden Luper, Jerome, 4:25. **Consolation semifinals:** Cameron Reddish, Columbia, pinned Isaiah Alvarado, Minico, 2:54; Roman Barela, Pocatello, dec. Kaden Luper, Jerome, 3-2. **Fifth-place match:** Isaiah Alvarado, Minico, dec. Kaden Luper, Jerome, 2-1. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** No area participants.
119 pounds
No area participants.
125 pounds
Semifinals: Joe Hamilton, Twin Falls, dec. Taylor Salinas, Columbia, 4-2. **Consolation semifinals:** Jackson Blakley, Columbia, dec. Alberto Ramirez, Minico, 9-8. **Fifth-place match:** Alberto Ramirez, Minico, pinned Nick Anderson, Pocatello, 0:33. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** Joe Hamilton, Twin Falls, pinned Kessler Thueson, Nampa, 3:55.
130 pounds
Semifinals: No area participants. **Consolation semifinals:** Nick Thorne, Jerome, pinned Royce Tortel, Bonneville, 2:04. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants. **Third-place match:** Kory Cook, Blackfoot, dec. Nick Thorne, Jerome, 7-4. **Championship match:** No area participants.
135 pounds
No area participants.
140 pounds
Semifinals: Will Keeter, Twin Falls, maj. dec. Dallan Holden, Hillcrest, 11-2; Kyle Luks, Kuna, dec. Jake Lake, Burley, 6-4. **Consolation semifinals:** Jake Lake, Burley, pinned Brad Bruce, Moscow, 0:55. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants. **Third-place match:** Jake Lake, Burley, dec. Blake Butler, Blackfoot, 10-4. **Championship match:** Will Keeter, Twin Falls, pinned Kyle Luks, Kuna, 5:20.
145 pounds
Semifinals: Eric Frisbey, Moscow, pinned Todd Anderson, Twin Falls, 4:43. **Consolation semifinals:** Paton Nolan, Kuna, maj. dec. Todd Anderson, Twin Falls, 12-3. **Fifth-place match:** Todd Anderson, Twin Falls, pinned Butch Hyder, Bishop Kelly, 3:07. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** No area participants.
152 pounds
Semifinals: Brandon Richardson, Lakeland, dec. David Borden, Minico, 5-2. **Consolation semifinals:** Tyler Powell, Jerome, dec. David Borden, Minico, 8-7. **Fifth-place match:** Colter Tucker, Rigby, dec. David Borden, Minico, 8:7. **Third-place match:** Kory Cook, Blackfoot, dec. Erick McCall, Moscow, 4-2. **Championship match:** No area participants.
160 pounds
Semifinals: No area participants. **Consolation semifinals:** Jordan Ibarra, Columbia, dec. Cody McCoy, Jerome, 14-13. **Fifth-place match:** Cody McCoy, Jerome, dec. Leonard Fister, Sandpoint, 9-8. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** No area participants.
171 pounds
Semifinals: Zak Slotten, Twin Falls, dec. Coltin Hill, Blackfoot, 5-0; Dakota Bitton, Blackfoot, maj. dec. Colby May, Minico, 12-3. **Consolation semifinals:** Colby May, Minico, dec. Jacob Johnson, Bonneville, 3-1. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants. **Third-place match:** Colby May, Minico, dec. Tanner Snodgrass, Columbia, 6-4. **Championship match:** Zak Slotten, Twin Falls, maj. dec. Dakota Bitton, Blackfoot, 11-3.
189 pounds
Semifinals: Riley Argyle, Jerome, pinned Creed Richardson, Bonneville, 3:42. **Consolation semifinals:** D.J. Maloney, Kuna, pinned Kasey Barker, Wood River, 20:3. **Fifth-place match:** Gary Blair, Kuna, dec. Kasey Barker, Wood River, 9-5. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** Josh Schaffeld, Bishop Kelly, dec. Riley Argyle, Jerome, 4-3.
215 pounds
Semifinals: No area participants. **Consolation semifinals:** No area participants.



Buhl's Blake Finney wrestles American Falls' VJ Giulio during the Idaho State Championship wrestling finals Saturday Pocatello.

Class 3A
Team scores
1. American Falls 157; 2. South Fremont 124.5; 3. Salmon 112.5; 4. Sugar-Salem 104.5; 5. Bonners Ferry 103; 6. Payette 94; 7. Buhl 91.5; 8. Shelley 90.5; 9. Kellogg 87; 10. Priest River 84.5; 11. Orofino 81; 12. Teton 80; 13. (tie) Troutland and Snake River 71; 15. Filer 69; 16. Timberlake 68; 17. Weiser 67.5; 18. St. Maries 63.5; 19. Homedale 60; 20. Kimberly 47; 21. Wendell 39; 22. McCall-Donnelly 38.5; 23. Marsh Valley 9; 24. (tie) Bear Lake and Gooding 7.
Individual results (District IV only)
103 pounds
Semifinals: Jacob Herman, Kimberly, dec. Jade Green, Sugar-Salem 7-2. **Consolation semifinals:** Derek Gines, Wendell, 0:55. **Consolation semifinals:** Derek Gines, Wendell, pinned Kelton Crittenden, South Fremont, 2:40. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants. **Third-place match:** Garrett Wood, Sugar-Salem, pinned Derek Gines, Wendell, 1:54. **Championship match:** No area participants.
125 pounds
Semifinals: No area participants. **Consolation semifinals:** Allen Compton, Buhl, pinned Cory Squires, Kellogg, 1:48. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants.

Third-place match: Allen Compton, Buhl, pinned Dustin Koehler, Bonners Ferry, 3:32. **Championship match:** No area participants.
130 pounds
No area participants.
135 pounds
Semifinals: Michael McDonald, Buhl, dec. Jacob Eck, Teton, 3-1 (OT). **Consolation semifinals:** No area participants. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** Michael McDonald, Buhl, dec. Ben Watt, Bonners Ferry, 6-5.
140 pounds
Semifinals: No area participants. **Consolation semifinals:** Mitch Svedin, Weiser, dec. Alan Benson, Wendell, 5-3. **Fifth-place match:** Chris Pooley, Priest River, dec. Alan Benson, Wendell, 5-2. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** No area participants.
145 pounds
No area participants.
152 pounds
Semifinals: No area participants. **Consolation semifinals:** Cody Bahadue, Priest River, pinned Ryan Orr, Filer, 2:55. **Fifth-place match:** Ryan Orr, Filer, pinned Derek Charles, St. Maries, 2:43. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** No area participants.
160 pounds
No area participants.
171 pounds
No area participants.
189 pounds
Semifinals: Blake Finney, Buhl, pinned Joe Barbion, Payette, 5:14. **Consolation semifinals:** No area participants. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** V.J. Giulio, American Falls, pinned Blake Finney, Buhl, 4:55.
215 pounds
Semifinals: Nick Fleenor, Filer, dec. Jordan Theurer,

Weiser, 4-1. **Consolation semifinals:** Travis Blackwell, Payette, pinned John Beer, Filer, 2:10; Jordan Theurer, Weiser, dec. Oren Carlton, Buhl, 6-5. **Fifth-place match:** Oren Carlton, Buhl, T-Fall John Beer, Filer, 16-1. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** Brian Rhodehouse, South Fremont, pinned Nick Fleenor, Filer, 4:15.
285 pounds
No area participants.
Class 2A
Team scores
1. North Fremont 187.5; 2. Parma 166; 3. Challis 127; 4. Melba 121.5; 5. New Plymouth 120; 6. Malad 113; 7. Declo 108; 8. Firth 107; 9. Prairie 70; 10. (tie) Garden Valley and West Jefferson 65; 12. Valley 59; 13. Grace 49; 14. Grangeville 48; 15. Wallace 47; 16. (tie) Ririe and West Side 44; 18. Kamiah 42; 19. Aberdeen 30; 20. Marsing 28; 21. Butte County 27.5; 22. Oakley 27; 23. Raft River 23.5; 24. Pottlatch 21; 25. Hansen 19; 26. Glenns Ferry 16.5; 17. Soda Springs 14; 28. North Gem 13.5; 29. Kootenai 11; 30. Clearwater Valley 5; 31. Tri-Valley 3; 32. Nezperce 1; 33. Mullan 0.
Individual results (District IV only)
103 pounds
Semifinals: Stirland Zollinger, Declo, dec. Blake Perry, Melba, 8-6 (OT); Aldon Bishop, North Fremont, dec. Jamie Alonzo, Declo, 7-6. **Consolation semifinals:** Blake Perry, Melba, pinned Layne Ward, Raft River, 3:27; Jamie Alonzo, Declo, maj. dec. Weston Burke, Firth, 8-0. **Fifth-place match:** Weston Burke, Firth, pinned Layne Ward, Raft River, 4:37. **Third-place match:** Jamie Alonzo, Declo, dec. Blake Perry, Melba, 7-6 (2 OT). **Championship match:** Stirland Zollinger, Declo, dec. Aldon Bishop, North Fremont, 7-4.
112 pounds
No area participants.
119 pounds
Semifinals: Raymond Evans, New Plymouth, maj. dec. Casey Ivey, Valley, 8-0. **Consolation semifinals:** Casey Ivey, Valley, pinned Andrew Juarez, Declo, 4:18. **Fifth-place match:** Andrew Juarez, Declo, pinned Kidman Cook, Wallace, 2:22. **Third-place match:** Casey Ivey, Valley, dec. Troy Richardson, Melba, 6-4 (OT). **Championship match:** No area participants.
125 pounds
Semifinals: Jared Johnson, Melba, dec. Koltin Kenney, Hansen, 8-3. **Consolation semifinals:** Koltin Kenney, Hansen, maj. dec. D.J. Peabody, Malad, 11-1. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants. **Third-place match:** Ethan Hansen, West Jefferson, dec. Koltin Kenney, Hansen, 6-2. **Championship match:** No area participants.
130 pounds
Semifinals: No area participants. **Consolation semifinals:** Justin Cameron, Declo, maj. dec. Justin Williams, North Gem, 11-2. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants. **Third-place match:** Justin Cameron, Declo, pinned Quinn Eliason, Malad, 4:22. **Championship match:** No area participants.
135 pounds
Semifinals: Derek Gerratt, Valley, maj. dec. Randy Plummer, Challis, 10-0. **Consolation semifinals:** Randy Plummer, Challis, dec. Ty Earl, Raft River, 7-4. **Fifth-place match:** Scott Jensen, Parma, pinned Ty Earl, Raft River, 2:16. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** Derek Gerratt, Valley, dec. Tayler Martindale, North Fremont, 10-4.
140 pounds
Semifinals: Taylor Walker, Firth, dec. Garrett Lindsay, Declo, 6-4. **Consolation semifinals:** Garrett Lindsay, Declo, dec. Paul Raymond, Kamiah, 3-0. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** No area participants.
145 pounds
Semifinals: Stephan Ortiz, Oakley, maj. dec. Nathan Eliason, Malad, 8-2. **Consolation semifinals:** No area participants. **Fifth-place match:** No area participants. **Third-place match:** Stephan Ortiz, Oakley, maj. dec. Kyle King, New Plymouth, 12-4.
152 pounds
No area participants.
160 pounds
No area participants.
171 pounds
No area participants.
189 pounds
Semifinals: No area participants. **Consolation semifinals:** Braden Christensen, Firth, pinned Ivan Pedrosa, Glenns Ferry, 4:44. **Fifth-place match:** Dane Moon, Challis, pinned Ivan Pedrosa, Glenns Ferry, 3:19. **Third-place match:** No area participants. **Championship match:** No area participants.
215 pounds
No area participants.
285 pounds
No area participants.

Defense lifts Dietrich to state tournament

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

GLENN'S FERRY — Andrew Rocha's shot just wasn't working Saturday. But he and rest of the Dietrich boys basketball team redoubled the effort on defense, and that was good enough. Dietrich blocked 12 Meadows Valley shots and induced 16 turnovers via deflection or steal as the Blue Devils harassed their way to a 56-43 win at the Class 1A Division II state tournament play-in game in Glenns Ferry. Rocha finished with 10 points, 13 rebounds and seven blocks for the Blue Devils (18-8), who play Kootenai to open the tournament. “My shot was awful. I was getting frustrated with myself, and I know coach (Wayne Dill) was getting frustrated with me,” said Rocha. “When the shot isn't going you have to change it up, and I tried to put even more effort into the defense and rebounding.” Dietrich raced out to a 16-6 lead after one quarter

and was barely threatened thereafter. Meadows Valley, which failed to convert a free throw in 10 attempts, pulled back into the game at 29-25 early in the third quarter, but the Blue Devils hit a run at the right time on the backs of Rocha and Walter Hansen. Hansen scored eight points in the first and third quarters, and he finished with a game-high 18 to go with six rebounds. “We've always been saying, throughout the (postseason) that it's do-or-die, every game,” said Hansen. “We just wanted to stay active and have a shut-down defense.” Justin Swift and Tyler Bentz led the Mount-aineers with 10 points apiece. Dietrich and Kootenai play at 1:15 p.m., Thursday at Caldwell High School.

Dietrich 56, Meadows Valley 43
Meadows Valley 6 11 14 12 — 43
Dietrich 16 8 18 14 — 56
MEADOWS VALLEY (43)
Trevor Heard 4, Justin Swift 10, Tyler Bentz 10, Zachary Siegel 2, Chase Nolder 4, Bryan Dixon 5, Brian Libby 8, Totals 21 0-10 43.
DIETRICH (56)
Whit Bingham 2, Jay Liu 8, Dylan Perron 6, Dion Norman 1, Jakob Howard 2, Koltin Hubert 7, Andru Howard 2, Andrew Rocha 10, Walter Hansen 18, Totals 23 10-19 56.
3-point goals: Meadows Valley 1 (Dixon). Total fouls: Meadows Valley 18, Dietrich 13. Fouled out: Meadows Valley, Bentz, Dixon. Technical fouls: none.

7th-inning collapse costs CSI softball

Eagles finish 3-1 against North Idaho

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The top of the seventh was a total collapse. Leading by two runs and needed only three outs to sweep the weekend series, the No. 20 College of Southern Idaho softball team imploded Saturday during Game 2 of a doubleheader against North Idaho College, allowing the Cardinals to score six runs in a 7-3 loss.

The Golden Eagles won the first game by the same score, 7-3, to go 3-1 against the Cardinals in this home series. The loss left them short of overtaking NIC for second place in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. At 14-6 (.700), NIC remains ahead of 11-5 CSI (.688).

Salt Lake Community College still leads the league at 12-0.

“It's tough to keep a good team like North Idaho down,” said CSI head coach Nick Baumert. “You're going to have that breaking point at some point, and it happened to be in that inning.”

CSI started the double-header strong. The Eagles accumulated a dozen hits against NIC pitchers Alyssa Erickson and Jessica Ross. Pitcher Generra Nielson struck out seven with four hits and three runs allowed, and the fielding unit kept the bases empty with six groundouts and eight fly-outs.

“We're always on the same page,” said catcher Chelsea Nix. “I had her take her time, called for more drops, and her changeup was staying down. Her riseball is still the go-to pitch.”

At the plate in the opener, short stop and Game 2 starting pitcher Kelsey Bryant connected for a two-run home run and two singles for another RBI, while Kayla Powell contributed with an RBI double. Lyndi Miller hit 2-for-4 with one RBI as the designated hitter.

The trend continued in to Game 2, in part. The Eagles couldn't produce as many timely hits, stranding 10 on base. Mikkel Griffin hit 2-for-4, Bryant

went 2-for-2 and Chelsea Butters hit a two-RBI single, but there wasn't much else to go on.

In the circle, Bryant put up respectable numbers through six innings, striking out five and walking just two, but she began to tire late in the game. With bases loaded, a 3-1 lead and one out in the top of the seventh, Baumert pulled her for Brie Dimond. “I haven't pitched a lot of full games,” said Bryant, who has only thrown two complete games as a college player, “but this was a good step. I have to trust my pitches more.”

The situation only got worse. The Eagles allowed six runs on five hits and three errors for the NIC rally.

“We shouldn't have to win like that,” said Ross, whose two-RBI single started the scoring. “It takes all of us to play like that the whole game.”

Baumert said it's too early to hit the panic button just because of one sloppy inning.

“We had 27 good innings out of 28, so overall I feel like it was a good weekend,” he said.

The Eagles (20-10 overall) are off until March 12, when they visit Western Nevada College in Carson City, Utah, for a pair of doubleheaders.

They will remain on the road through the month.

Game 1
CSI 7, North Idaho 3
North Idaho 002 000 — 3-43
CSI 204 000 — 7-121
Alyssa Erickson, Jessica Ross and Renae Kimbell; Generra Nielson and Chelsea Nix.
Pitching — NIC: Erickson (1) 2.2 IP, 9 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 0 SO; Ross 3.1 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 3 SO. CSI: Nielson (W, 11-5) 7.0 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 7 SO. E — NIC: Lauren Maloney; 2. Julian Hartnett; CSI: Jessica Albertson. HR — NIC: 1; CSI: 7.
2B — NIC: Ross; CSI: Kayla Powell. HP — NIC: Maloney; CSI: Kelsey Bryant. RBI — NIC: Maloney 2; CSI: Bryant 3, Powell 2, Lyndi Miller.

Game 2
North Idaho 7, CSI 3
North Idaho 000 010 — 7-31
CSI 000 010 — 3-97
Kathy Comack, Jessica Ross and Renae Kimbell; Kelsey Bryant, Brie Dimond and Lyndi Miller, Chelsea Nix.
Pitching — NIC: Comack 4.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 5 SO, 2 WIP; Ross (W) 3.0 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 5 SO, 1 WP; CSI: Bryant 5.2 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 5 SO; 1 WIP; Dimond 0.2 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO.
E — NIC: Lauren Maloney; CSI: Kayla Powell 2, Chelsea Butters 2, Miller, Bryant, Brittany Gonzales. LOB — NIC: 10; CSI: 10. 2B — CSI: Bryant. HR — NIC: Maloney; CSI: Alyssa Maloney, Jessica Ross, Julian Hartnett. W — CSI: 2; NIC: 1.
2B — Bryant. SB — NIC: Alyssa Hawley 2, Brieggett Plenger, Renae Kimbell, Brooke Springer; CSI: Jessica Albertson, Mikkel Griffin.

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Williams' 35 points helps Jazz rout Rockets



AP photo
Houston Rockets guard Kevin Martin (12) tries to make a jump shot but is fouled by Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams, right, during the first half Saturday in Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams scored 20 of his 35 points in the first quarter and the Utah Jazz routed the Houston Rockets 133-110 on Saturday night.

Williams was 13 of 17 from the field, and had 13 assists and seven rebounds to help the Jazz set a season high for points.

Carlos Boozer, Paul Millsap and Wes Matthews each added 18 points and the Jazz made a season-best 14 3-pointers against the slumping Rockets.

Kevin Martin scored 32 points, and Aaron Brooks had 19 for the Rockets.

Houston played without Shane Battier (flu-like symptoms) for the first time this

season, and Trevor Ariza (hip) sat out his third straight game.

GRIZZLIES 120, KNICKS 119

NEW YORK — Zach Randolph had 31 points and a career-high 25 rebounds against his former team, and the Memphis Grizzlies beat the New York Knicks 120-109 on Saturday night to tie a franchise record with their fourth straight road victory.

Marc Gasol added 25 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists as the Grizzlies overwhelmed the Knicks' frontcourt. Rudy Gay scored 27 points for Memphis, which outrebounded New York 52-32.

Al Harrington scored 31 points for the Knicks, who

got only 15 minutes from Tracy McGrady because of a sore left knee. David Lee added 21 points.

NETS 104, CELTICS 96

Brook Lopez scored 25 points, Devin Harris had 23 and Courtney Lee 21 to help New Jersey beat Boston.

The Nets, 6-52 overall and 3-27, took a 29-27 lead on Keyon Dooling's jumper at the end of the first quarter and never trailed again.

Kevin Garnett had 26 points for the Celtics, playing their third straight game without Paul Pierce (thumb).

PACERS 100, BULLS 90

INDIANAPOLIS — Danny

Granger had 30 points and eight rebounds, and Dahntay Jones and Troy Murphy each had 17 points for Indiana.

The Pacers snapped a three-game losing streak and won for just the second time in nine games to improve to 20-39. Derrick Rose had 27 points for Chicago.

TRAIL BLAZERS 110, TIMBERWOLVES 91

MINNEAPOLIS — Nicolas Batum scored a career-high 31 points, LaMarcus Aldridge added 21 and Portland cruised to another easy victory over Minnesota.

The Blazers have won 12

straight over the Wolves, including four victories this season by a combined 93 points.

Al Jefferson led Minnesota with 19 points.

BUCKS 94, HEAT 71

MIAMI — John Salmons scored 18 points and the Bucks took advantage of injured Dwyane Wade's absence to win their sixth game in a row.

Wade missed his fourth consecutive game because of a strained left calf and is doubtful for Sunday's game at Orlando.

Jermaine O'Neal had 14 points for Miami.

— The Associated Press

N.M. topples BYU in MWC showdown

PROVO, Utah — No. 10 New Mexico clinched the top seed in the Mountain West Conference tournament and a share of the regular-season title by defeating fellow heavyweight BYU.

Perhaps just as important, the Lobos sent the No. 13 Cougars a message.

"It's a huge statement to beat a team like BYU at home with the record they have here," said Dairese Gary, who had 23 points in the 83-81 victory. The Cougars had won 21 straight at home.

Darlington Hobson added 20 points and 14 rebounds for New Mexico (27-3, 13-2), and his block in the closing second preserved the school's first win in Provo since 2000.

"It's a big win for our city, the state and our program," Hobson said.

Michael Loyd Jr. scored all of his career-high 19 points in the second half to lead the Cougars (26-4, 11-3). He played in place of Jimmer Fredette, the league's leading scorer, who scored six points and played only 59 seconds of the final half because of a stomach problem.

Tyler Haws added 18 points for BYU.

The Cougars went to power forward Noah Hartsock to try to tie the game as the clock wound down. He had a mismatch against Gary, who went for the steal and missed, but Hobson came over to block Hartsock's shot in the paint with one second left.

LOUISIANA TECH 60, IDAHO 49

RUSTON, La. — Jamel Guyton scored 16 points as Louisiana Tech defeated Idaho 60-49 on Saturday night.

Olu Ashaolu added a dou-



AP photo
New Mexico guard Darlington Hobson celebrates a 83-81 victory over BYU Saturday in Provo, Utah.

ble-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Bulldogs (22-7, 9-5 Western Athletic Conference), who swept the season series against Idaho after beating them 77-71 on Jan. 9.

Louisiana Tech held a 29-23 halftime lead, but led by 10 points after back-to-back layups from DeAndre Brown and Guyton boosted their lead to 39-29 with 13:23 remaining in the game. The Bulldogs would go on to lead by as many as 15 points, and Idaho never recovered.

David Jackson contributed 13 points and nine rebounds for Louisiana Tech.

NEW MEXICO STATE 95, BOISE STATE 92

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Jonathan Gibson scored 24 points to lead New Mexico State to a 95-92 victory over Boise State on Saturday night.

The Aggies (19-9, 11-3 Western Athletic Conference) led by 20 with 12:18 to play, but Boise State (13-16, 3-11) nearly came all the

way back before an Anthony Thomas 3-pointer at the buzzer fell short.

Boise State's Robert Arnold finished with 35 points, including a three-point play that pulled the Broncos to within five with 1:26 remaining. Arnold hit two free throws with 49.6 seconds left to get Boise State within two after a New Mexico State turnover, but the Broncos couldn't get any closer.

The Aggies extended a five-point halftime advantage to 68-48 with a 24-6 run in the first eight minutes of the second half.

EASTERN WASHINGTON 79, IDAHO ST. 71

CHANEY, Wash. — Idaho State's capped a disappointing season with a 79-71 road loss at Eastern Washington on Saturday. The Bengals (7-22, 4-12 Big Sky Conference) did not qualify for the league tournament.

Eastern Washington ends its season 9-21.

— The Associated Press

Snedeker leads by shot at Phoenix Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Brandt Snedeker is back to playing like the rising young PGA Tour star he was supposed to be.

The 29-year-old Tennessean rolled in his sixth birdie of the day on No. 17 and finished at 14-under 199 for a one-shot lead over Scott Piercy in the Phoenix Open.

Snedeker shot a 66, while Piercy had a pair of eagles en route to a 65 in the third round Saturday amid a loud, rowdy crowd estimated at just over 121,000. Many were on hand for the party as much, or more than, for the tournament.

Rickie Fowler (69) and Matt Every (68) were two back at 12 under. Camilo Villegas, who shared the lead with Mark Wilson after two rounds, birdied the last two holes to finish even for the day and minus-11 for the tournament.

Wilson, Mark Calcavecchia and Lee Janzen were among nine at 10-under 203.

The 49-year-old Calcavecchia has won the Phoenix Open three times, in 1989, 1992 and 2001. The last of his 13 PGA tour victories came in 2007.

The sky was overcast with a threat of rain at TPC Scottsdale, and the wind



AP photo
Brandt Snedeker acknowledges the gallery as he concludes the third round of the Phoenix Open PGA golf tournament Saturday in Scottsdale, Ariz. Snedeker finished at 14-under par.

kicked up late in the day. Perhaps that's why the crowd was more than 40,000 shy of the estimated 164,000 who attended on Saturday a year

ago. The record is 170,000 in 2008.

INKSTER SHARES LEAD AT HSBC CHAMPIONS

SINGAPORE — Juli Inkster and Ai Miyazato shot 3-under 69s to share the third-round lead in the HSBC Women's Champions.

The 49-year-old Inkster is trying to become the oldest winner in LPGA Tour history. Beth Daniel was 46 when she won the 2003 Canadian Women's Open.

Miyazato, the 24-year-old Japanese star who won the season-opener last week in Thailand, moved into a tie with a 30-foot eagle putt on the 16th hole.

Inkster and Miyazato had 7-under 209 totals.

— The Associated Press



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No. 1 Kansas, No. 2 Kentucky fall

STILLWATER, Okla. — James Anderson scored 27 points, Keiton Page was perfect on four 3-point tries at crucial points and Oklahoma State denied a bid by No. 1 Kansas to go undefeated through Big 12 play with an 85-77 victory on Saturday.

The Jayhawks (27-2, 13-1) had won their last 13 games since losing at Tennessee and suffered their second loss of the season just hours after No. 2 Kentucky also lost to the Volunteers.

The last time the top two teams lost on the same day was Jan. 21, 2006, when No. 1 Duke lost to Georgetown and No. 2 Florida lost to Tennessee. Both of those teams were 17-0 at the time.

Students stormed the court after Oklahoma State (20-8, 8-6) moved to 3-1 against top-ranked teams at home. It was its first win against a No. 1 since beating Oklahoma on Feb. 4, 1989.



AP photo
Oklahoma State guard James Anderson is swarmed by fans after their 85-77 win over No. 1 Kansas in Stillwater, Okla. on Saturday.

teams in the nation — Kansas and Kentucky — both lost, the Syracuse win could move the Orange to No. 1 for the first time since 1989-90. They were 11th in the final AP poll of the 2002-03 season when they won the national championship.

NO. 6 KANSAS ST. 63, MISSOURI 53

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Curtis Kelly had a double-double, Jamar Samuels scored 14 points and the Wildcats overcame an ugly first 15 minutes to beat the Tigers.

Kansas State (24-4, 11-3 Big 12) buckled under Missouri's pressure early, putting together its worst shooting half in 14 years (18 percent).

NO. 8 WEST VIRGINIA 74, CINCINNATI 68

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Kevin Jones scored 10 of his 15 points in the second half and No. 8 West Virginia came from 13 points down to beat Cincinnati.

NO. 9 OHIO ST. 66, MICHIGAN 55

COLUMBUS, Ohio — William Buford scored 24 points and Evan Turner added 18 points and 11 rebounds to keep the No. 9 Buckeyes in the Big Ten race.

NOTRE DAME 78, NO. 11 GEORGETOWN 64

WASHINGTON — Ben Hansbrough scored 21 points, Tim Abromaitis had 19 and Notre Dame put itself back in the NCAA tourna-

ment discussion with its second straight win over a Top 25 team.

NO. 12 PITTSBURGH 71, ST. JOHN'S 64

NEW YORK — Nasir Robinson scored 13 points, including Pittsburgh's first nine of the second half, and the 12th-ranked Panthers won for the fifth time in six games.

NO. 16 VANDERBILT 89, ARKANSAS 72

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Jeffery Taylor scored 18 points and A.J. Ogilvy added 14 to lead No. 16 Vanderbilt within one game of first-place Kentucky in the SEC East.

NO. 18 GONZAGA 75, SAN FRANCISCO 69

SPOKANE, Wash. — Elias Harris scored 17 points and No. 18 Gonzaga held on to wrap up its 10th straight West Coast Conference championship.

Steven Gray added 15 points as Gonzaga (24-5, 12-2) barely avoided its first sweep by a league foe in 13 seasons. San Francisco (12-17, 7-7) shocked the Zags with an 81-77 overtime win at home on Jan. 30, one of only eight conference loss in the past six seasons.

NO. 22 TEXAS A&M 74, NO. 21 TEXAS 58

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Donald Sloan scored 19 points to lead No. 22 Texas A&M in a game that saw Longhorns guard J'Covan Brown injured after a hard fall late in the game.

NO. 24 BAYLOR 70, OKLAHOMA 63

NORMAN, Okla. — Ekpe Udoh had 20 points and seven blocked shots playing in his home state and No. 24 Baylor earned its first win in Norman since December 1977.

NO. 25 NORTHERN IOWA 61, ILLINOIS STATE 55

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — Jordan Eglseder returned from a three-game suspension to score 13 points, and No. 25 Northern Iowa completed its first unbeaten season at home in 46 years.

— The Associated Press

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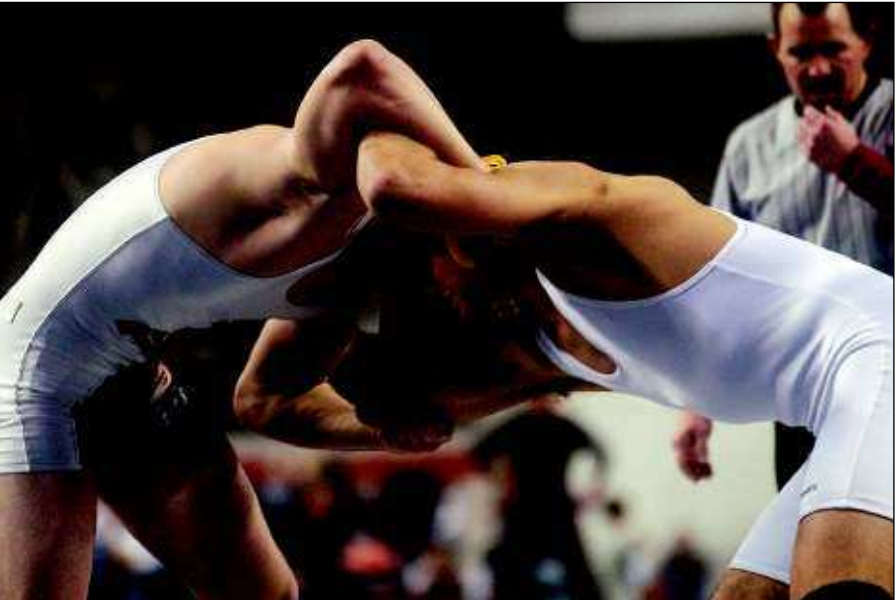
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Jerome Tiger Riley Argyle, left, wrestles Bishop Kelly's Josh Schaffeld during the Idaho State Championship wrestling finals Saturday in Pocatello.

Wrestle

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Watching his team-mates' wins, Slotten was ready for his turn.

"I didn't want to be the only one out of us three not to win, so I was a little bit more nervous before the match than I would be normally," said Slotten, who lost in last year's finals.

A couple of takedowns in the first period and a near fall in the second put Slotten ahead 9-1 heading into the third. He controlled the match start to finish and won by major decision, 11-3.

"Getting here was definitely not easy, but I'm glad for all the hard work I've put in this year to get to where I'm at," Slotten said.

Their personalities are as different as their hairstyles this weekend — Slotten with a mohawk, Keeter bleached blonde and Hamilton dyed blue — but their common goal served as a means to feed off one another.

"For us to finish our senior year like this is awesome," Slotten said. "Will and Joe are better technicians than I am and it always helps when they watch my matches and give me pointers here and there. They make me better every day."

Jerome's Riley Argyle finished his senior season 35-5, but lost his 189-



Photos by DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News
Twin Falls senior Will Keter, left, wrestles Kuna's Kyle Luks during the Idaho State Championship wrestling finals Saturday in Pocatello.

pound championship match to Josh Schaffeld of Bishop Kelly.

However, the Tigers earned six medals and were the highest-scoring team from District IV, finishing fifth overall with 124 points. Columbia ran away with the team title with 227.5 points, followed by Blackfoot (181.5) and Pocatello (148).

For Jerome, senior Tyler Powell finished third at 152, junior Eric Ayala was fourth at 103, 130-pound junior Nick Thorne was

fourth, and senior Cody McCoy was fifth at 160.

Minico seniors Ramiro Riojas (215) and Colby May (171) each finished third. Freshman Isaiah Alvarado was fifth at 112 and sophomore Alberto Ramirez was fifth at 125 for the Spartans, while sophomore David Borden ended up sixth at 152.

Burley junior Jake Lake earned a third-place finish at 140. Junior Todd Anderson of Twin Falls was fifth at 145, and junior Kasey Barker of Wood River was sixth at 189.



Oakley's Stephan Ortiz, right, wrestles New Plymouth's Kyle King during the Idaho State Championship wrestling finals Saturday in Pocatello.



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News
Valley's Derek Gerratt, right, wrestles North Fremont's Tayler Martindale during the Idaho State Championship wrestling finals Saturday in Pocatello.

Ortiz, Gerratt and Zollinger claim 2A titles

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — The last time Stephan Ortiz entered Holt Arena, he quarterbacked Oakley to the Class 1A Division I state title.

On Saturday, he left the dome a champion once again.

Not far from the spot where he heaved an 80-yard touchdown pass three months ago, Ortiz earned a 12-4 major decision victory over Kyle King of New Plymouth to claim the Class 2A 145-pound championship.

While it's common for football players to make for successful wrestlers, it's not often that a quarterback crosses over. Ortiz capped his sophomore season 37-1. Not bad for a guy who claims he wrestles just to stay in shape for football. Ortiz said he even surprised himself.

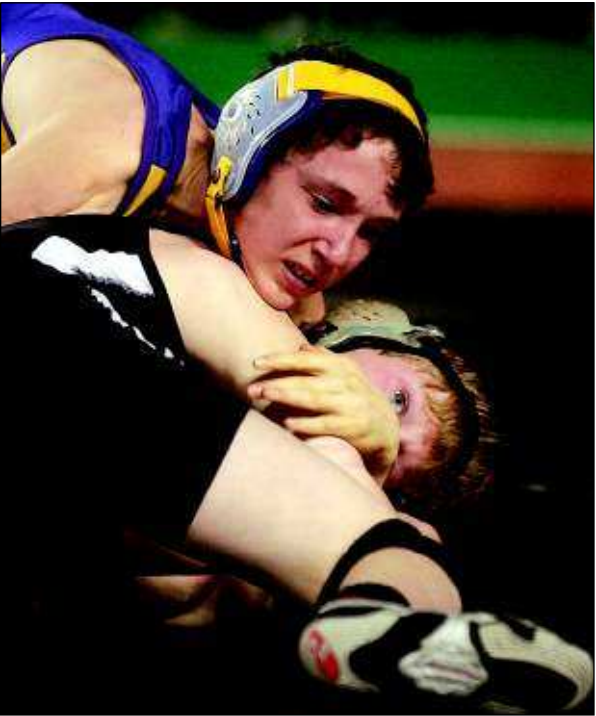
"I thought it would be a lot harder, but I guess I got way better over the past year," Ortiz said, adding that the feeling of winning Saturday equaled the excitement of winning the football title.

"Wrestling is an individual sport, and you have to do it all yourself. If you let yourself down, you have no one else to blame," Ortiz said.

Declo also got an individual state champ, but not the one it was expecting. The Hornets' 103-pounder Stirland Zollinger upset No. 1 seed Blake Perry of Melba in overtime in the semifinals. Later on, he knocked off Aldon Bishop of North Fremont, 7-4 for the championship.

"It's the best feeling in the world. My goal was to be a state champ, but I didn't know if it was possible," said Zollinger, who placed second behind teammate Jamie Alonzo at districts and was seeded fourth in the tourney.

Zollinger said he woke up at 6 a.m. Saturday to study film. But even the extra



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News
Declo's Stirland Zollinger, bottom, wrestles North Fremont's Aldon Bishop during the Idaho State Championship wrestling finals Saturday in Pocatello.

preparation wasn't enough, as he needed to adjust on the fly after falling behind 3-2 in the first period of the championship bout.

"I wasn't expecting what he did. He changed the style that I thought he was going to wrestle. It kind of messed me up in the beginning," said Zollinger.

But he turned the tide in the second round and held on tight in the third. Just a freshman, Zollinger hopes Saturday is only the beginning of his state podium appearances.

Just as one illustrious high school career was budding, another was coming to an end.

Valley senior Derek Gerratt repeated as 135-pound champion, defeating Tayler Martindale of North Fremont, 10-4. Gerratt capped his 39-0 season and will walk away from the mat having won 82 matches in a row in which he did not surrender a single takedown. He dominated this season despite wrestling with a badly injured wrist that will possibly require surgery.

"I know I'm going to be sad to be done, but I'm happy that I finished on a winning streak and to reach my goals," Gerratt said.

Valley coach Rick Hall had mixed emotions after sitting in Gerratt's corner for the last time.

"It's crossed my mind a lot," Hall said. "He's been an excellent kid to have around. We're going to miss him."

North Fremont won the Class 2A team championship with 187.5 points, followed by Parma (166) and Challis (127).

The highest-placing team from District IV was Declo in seventh place. The Hornets' Jamie Alonzo finished third at 103, Andrew Juarez was fifth at 119, Justin Cameron finished third at 130 and Garrett Lindsay was third at 140.

Casey Ivey of Valley placed third at 119 pounds. Hansen's Koltin Kenney was fourth at 125.

Raft River's Layne Ward (103) and Ty Earl (135), along with Glens Ferry's Ivan Pedrosa (189) each finished sixth.



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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:

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Miles to Go, Wichita Falls, Texas

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Dear Mr. Wolff:

With ♠ A-10-3-2, ♥ Q-10-7-4-3, ♦ A-Q, ♣ J-4, I suppose you would open one heart, but what would you rebid over a response of one no-trump, which we play as forcing?

Stuck on Two, Great Falls, Mont.

ANSWER: This is why people hate the forcing no-trump! You cannot bid two spades without at least an ace more than you hold, and you cannot rebid a miserable five-carder, so I'd either risk a pass and break partnership discipline, or bid a confident two clubs and hope the auction does not end there.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I'd like to learn more about duplicate by kibitzing. I live in Washington State and would like to know where to observe good players.

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Dear Mr. Wolff:

My partner had ♠ A-Q-7-3-2, ♥ 10-3-2, ♦ Q-7-4, ♣ K-5 and overcalled one spade over one club. This was passed around to his RHO, who doubled for take-out. He passed and so did his LHO, and I redoubled. What action would you recommend now?

What Goes Around, Riverside, Calif.

ANSWER: The redouble is for rescue so the overcaller cannot pass. The simplest bid is one no-trump. If partner cannot stand that spot, he can run himself or redouble for rescue (when I would head for diamonds, I suppose). It seems unnecessary to remove directly to two diamonds until you have to. No-trump could easily be the best spot.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

My partner asked me about a suit combination and I disagreed with his answer. How should you play a singleton facing A-Q-10-9-7-4 if you want to hold your losers to one trick?

Puff Adder, Dover, Del.

ANSWER: You plan to lead up to either the 10 or queen, and follow up with the ace, hoping to drop a missing honor. If the suit is 3-3, it is a blind guess. Either line works if the king or jack is doubleton on-side; neither line works if the king is doubleton offside. If there is a doubleton jack offside, you must lead first to the queen, then continue by playing the ace and the 10. Thus leading to the queen is right.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19872@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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SUMMONS By Publication

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1849 — The ship California arrives at San Francisco, carrying the first of the gold-seekers.

1854 — Some 50 slavery opponents meet in Ripon, Wisconsin, to call for creation of a new political group, which becomes the Republican Party.

1861 — The Territory of Colorado is organized.

1933 — Nazi decree suppresses civil liberties in Germany.

1951 — A Senate committee headed by Estes Kefauver, a Tennessee Democrat, issues a preliminary report saying at least two major crime syndicates were operating in the United States.

1962 — United States announces that new atomic tests will be conducted in atmosphere near Johnson Island in Pacific.

1974 — United States and Egypt re-establish diplomatic relations after seven-year breach.

1990 — Soviet legislature passes a landmark law allowing citizens to acquire land and bequeath it to their children.

1991 — Allied and Iraqi forces suspend fighting and Iraq pledges to accept all U.N. resolutions on Kuwait.

1992 — U.N. Security Council approves a 22,000-strong peacekeeping force for Cambodia.

1993 — Four U.S. federal agents and six members of a Christian sect are killed when authorities raid the sect headquarters in Waco, Texas. A 51-day standoff ensues, ending with the deaths of about 80 sect members in a fire.

1994 — U.S. jets down four Serb warplanes in Bosnia, NATO's first air attack in the war.

1998 — Yugoslav security forces launch an offensive to halt growing resistance to Serb rule in Kosovo province. At least 20 people die on the first day.

2002 — Israeli troops storm into West Bank refugee camps for the first time in the current Mideast conflict, to search for Palestinian militants. Twelve Palestinians and one Israeli soldier are killed in the fierce fighting.

2003 — A U.S. District Court finds reputed Ku Klux Klan member Ernest Avants guilty of aiding and abetting the 1966 murder of Ben Chester White, a 67-year-old black farm worker in Jackson, Mississippi.

2004 — An Israeli helicopter fires two missiles at a car in the Gaza Strip, killing three people, including an Islamic Jihad militant Ayman Dahdouh.

2006 — Officials announce finding the deadly strain of bird flu in a cat in Germany, the first time the virus has been identified in an animal other than a bird in central Europe.

2007 — Two Picasso paintings, "Maya and the Doll" and "Portrait of Jacqueline," worth a total of nearly \$66 million, are stolen from the house of the artist's granddaughter in Paris.

2008 — Kenya's rival politicians sign a power-sharing agreement and shake hands after weeks of bitter negotiations on how to end the country's postelection crisis that set off violence that killed more than 1,000 people and eviscerated the East African country's economy.

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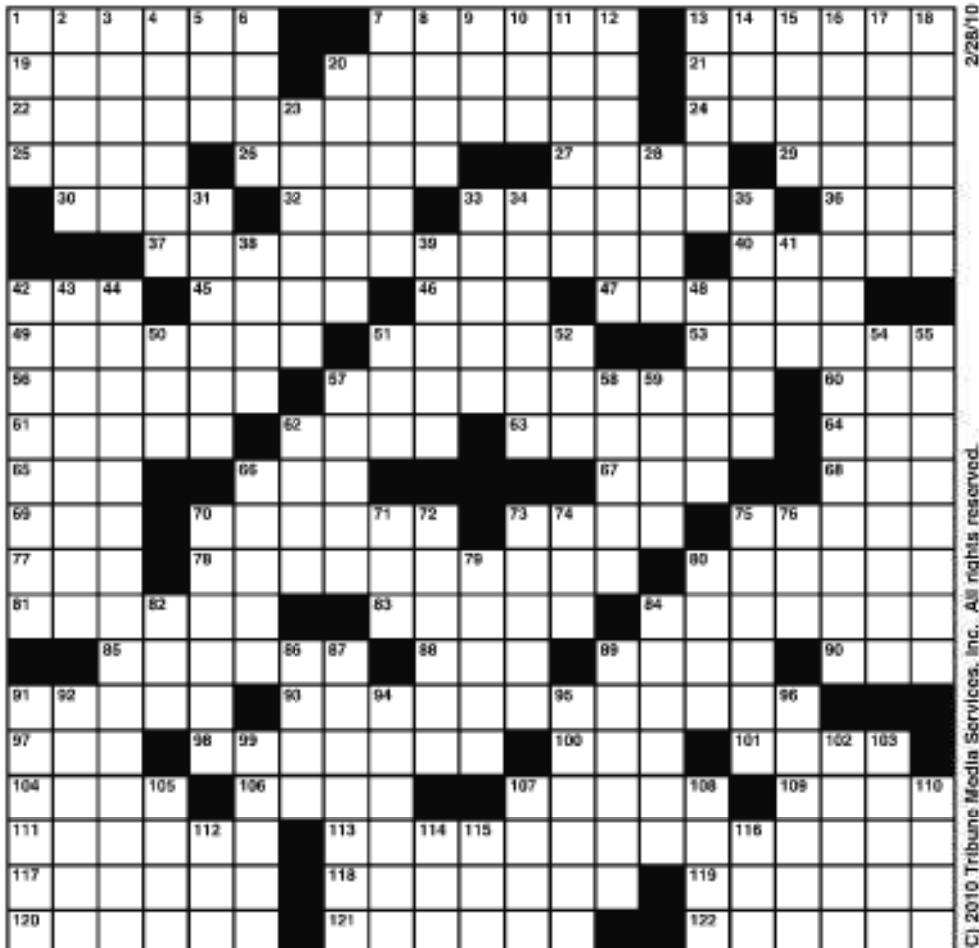
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GROSS INCOME By Peter Wentz

ACROSS

- 1 Kept afloat
- 7 Big sizes
- 13 Things drawn across windows
- 19 Like books for long-distance road trips
- 20 Bob Hope
- 21 Airport city
- 22 Savor
- 22 Martial artist's autobiography?
- 24 Combo wager
- 25 "Attention!"
- 26 1973 Stones ballad
- 27 Columnist Bombeck
- 29 Short timetable?
- 30 Theater level
- 32 Footloose
- 33 Formal orders
- 36 "College GameDay" football analyst Corso
- 37 Protest against fiery roadsters?
- 40 Neruda works
- 42 ATF employee
- 45 Like dried soil
- 46 Emotional work
- 47 Try to keep, as a title
- 49 Madden coached them in the '70s
- 51 Pirate riches
- 53 When Hamlet feigns insanity
- 56 Not marked up
- 57 Really cool security device?
- 60 Mortar trough
- 61 "Classic" drinks
- 62 "The queen of sciences": Gauss
- 63 Thought-revealing drama techniques
- 64 Genre of the band Fall Out Boy
- 65 Charlemagne's reign: Abbr.
- 66 Come out with
- 67 Check for authenticity
- 68 Sibs, uncs, etc.
- 69 Boxing writer
- 69 Fleischer
- 70 Piercing cry
- 73 Storage facility
- 75 Curing solution
- 77 Vow after reading vows
- 78 Price tag in the meat department?
- 80 Entrepreneur's goal
- 81 LL Cool J label
- 83 Actor Feldman or Haim
- 84 Jewish pancake



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- 85 Alarm setting for one with a paper route, maybe
- 88 Strew seed
- 89 Globule
- 90 That ship
- 91 ___ brûlée:
- 92 The queen of custard dessert
- 93 Communication from pervers?
- 97 Over there, back when
- 98 Gear on the slopes
- 100 Google had one in Aug. 2004
- 101 W. Coast enforcer
- 104 Letter sign-off
- 106 Organic compound
- 107 "___ the Boys": Katy Perry album
- 109 Didn't hold, as dyes
- 111 It'll put you under
- 113 Competition for greased-up pooches?
- 117 Energizes
- 118 Sky lights
- 119 "Knocked Up" director Judd
- 120 Does an usher's job
- 121 Football bettor's concern
- 122 Buds at sea

DOWN

- 1 Inclusive choice
- 2 Doff a bowler
- 3 Castmate of Gasteyer, Ferrell et al.
- 4 Gas bag
- 5 Dermal opening
- 6 Prefix with -gon
- 7 Son
- 8 Impulse
- 9 W.'s degree
- 10 Blackball
- 11 Batting next
- 12 Got around
- 13 Night vision?
- 14 Latin king
- 15 "Unfortunately ..."
- 16 Preserved a liquor bottle?
- 17 High regard
- 18 Hipster's accessory
- 20 It may be circled on a calendar
- 23 Special gifts
- 28 Remote control?
- 31 Break
- 33 Got a B-minus, say
- 34 Summer refresher
- 35 Traces
- 38 Tavern filer
- 39 Hound
- 41 Niagara Falls prov.
- 42 Spider, e.g.
- 43 Drink named for a football team
- 44 Aggressive policy to increase box office sales?
- 48 Phase
- 50 John or Jane
- 51 Series of jokes
- 52 Football stat.
- 54 Emulate Don Juan
- 55 Gas mileage calculating aid
- 57 Can't tell which ___ up
- 58 Onions partner
- 59 Had too much
- 62 Old school add-on?
- 66 Humiliate
- 70 They may be close
- 71 And so forth: Abbr.
- 72 Convention booths
- 73 Misrepresents
- 74 "I'm talking to you!"
- 75 Like some gowns
- 76 Director Howard
- 79 Swindler
- 80 Seating ___
- 82 Bowie at the Alamo
- 84 Parent's reminder
- 86 J ___ Juliet
- 87 Brunch drinks
- 89 Humans and ostriches, e.g.
- 91 Many a sci-fi villain
- 92 Former "At the Movies" co-host
- 94 Bring to the majors
- 95 "Nothing Compares 2 U" singer O'Connor
- 96 Experimental runner
- 99 Stays fresh
- 102 Fundraising dinner unit
- 103 Plastic duck, e.g.
- 105 Subdue by shocking
- 107 Fried Cajun veggie
- 108 Flat beer's lack
- 110 Mountain ___ sodas
- 112 King whose tomb was found in 1922
- 114 Bargain bin abbr.
- 115 "Take This Job and Shove It" songwriter David Allan ___
- 116 College résumé fig.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Today's full moon might help you behind the scenes. In the week ahead you might benefit from meditation or time spent on your own. You might not be aware that someone is being supportive in the wings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): During the week to come, it will be easier than usual to plan for the future. Your friends might add to your knowledge or offer wise advice. Heed that advice because you might be entirely too gullible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There may be countless opportunities to practice putting others' interests ahead of your own in the week to come. Since others respect your judgment, you might receive a public pat on the back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you must endure stress, then stress the joy. This week might teach you that happiness is just as contagious as negativity. You should strive to enjoy the benefits of your efforts to the fullest extent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pursue the future with eager feet. The early part of the week can be an ideal time to plan for the future. You might be able to successfully implement health regimens that improve your health and well being.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today's full moon might bring relationships into sharp focus. You might be reminded of a song and think there are jokers to the left of you, clowns to the right and feel stuck in the middle with someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Derive strength and comfort from being part of a community in the week to come. Your weaknesses and shortcomings will be camouflaged I a group.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do what makes you happy. This full moon might bring out your playfulness or make you more aware of what delights your heart. In the week ahead, it is wise to get expert advice regarding finances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Reach out to everyone. Move away from the isolation that characterizes your modern life during the week ahead. It is always good to be reminded that charity begins at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You might strike gold with a new learning experience. During the first half of the week, you may learn a new skill or become fascinated by a subject that improves your life in some important way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Roll out the red carpet treatment. You may become aware of extra money in your possession that you can put to good use. Later in the week, you must avoid making arbitrary, impulsive purchases.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Today's full moon should shed light on the many things in your life that deserve your gratitude. This is a very good week to mend fences, set things right between you and another person, or express gratitude.

REMEMBER

That birthday or anniversary picture you ran in the paper. Now is the time to come in and pick up your pictures.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my mom to cancer several months ago. She made my sister and me promise not to let her die in a hospital, but the night of her death we decided to put her in hospice. She needed care 24/7, and although we and Mom's companion were taking turns in shifts, the stress had taken a heavy toll. Mom died three hours after we made our decision.

We also promised to bury her because she didn't want cremation. However, we realized that we couldn't afford the price of a funeral so we convinced Mom to be cremated. Part of it was financial, but also, neither my sister nor I plan to stay here.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Abby, Mom had two wishes at the end of her life, and I wasn't able to fulfill either one. She had no life insurance, and the financial responsibilities my sister and I have made it impossible.

Now I'm having second thoughts. Was I wrong? Should you grant your parents their final wishes? I'm seeing a counselor about this, but would like your thoughts. I'm afraid we forced Mom into accepting cremation. Will the guilt ever go away?

- GRIEVING IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR GRIEVING: Before I answer that question, let me commend you for seeking counseling. Sometimes it is simply not possible to grant a dying person's final wishes. Because caring for your mother was taking a toll on your health, it was necessary to ensure that she received the care she needed before any of you buckled under the stress. As to your discussing the necessity for cremation with her, I'm sure she recognized that you were right or she wouldn't have agreed.

Will the "guilt" ever go away? Yes, but only when you are finally ready to recognize that guilt can be part of the grieving process and let it go. You have done nothing wrong. Talking about this with your therapist is the surest way to work it through.

DEAR ABBY: My 69-year-old widowed mother, my younger sister, "Lia," and her family, and my husband and I live in different states. Mom is in good health, active and has many friends. In the 25 years Lia and I have been married, Mom has come to stay with me five times. Only twice has she stayed more than two days.

Lia was recently telling me about a visit she'd had from Mom and estimated that Mom had been at their home 200 days over the past 10 years. I had never thought about the disparity before. When I said, half-jokingly, "Maybe I should be hurt," Lia responded, "Mom likes to come here because we have kids and you don't, and she's more entertained."

I have always asked Mom to stay longer than she does. I even offered to pay her plane fare or drive there to pick her up. Mom always says she's "too busy."

I love my mother's company and we have never argued. We have common interests and there's lots to do in my city. I understand her wanting to see her grandchildren. I enjoy them, too, when I visit my sister. But I'm hurt that Mom has never wanted to spend more time with me. I feel like I'm less valued as a daughter because I have no children. Am I silly for being hurt?

- OVERLOOKED IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR OVERLOOKED: Your feelings are not "silly." Your sister's bragging was tactless, and so was her follow-up. Tell your mother about the conversation and how it made you feel.

Not knowing your mother or her relationship with you and Lia, I can't explain the disparity. But please allow me to point out that you are all adults — you have a good marriage and a good life, and, if necessary, concentrate on that and not how often you and your sister see your mother.

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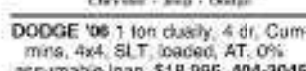
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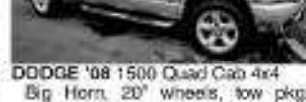
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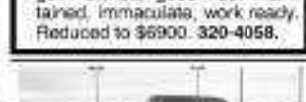
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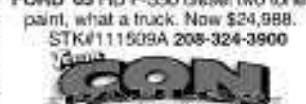
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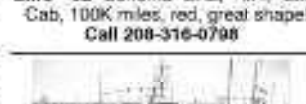
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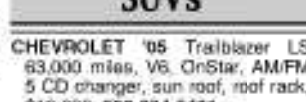
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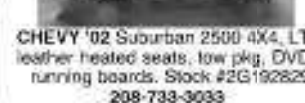
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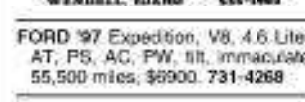
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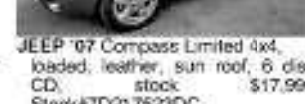
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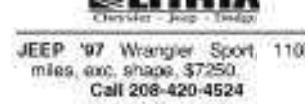
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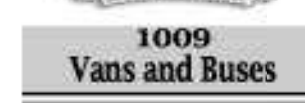
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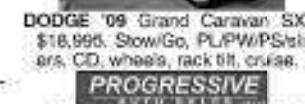
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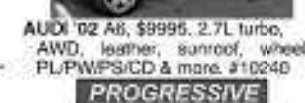
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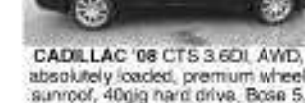
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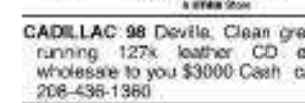
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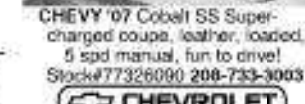
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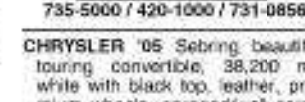
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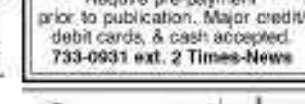
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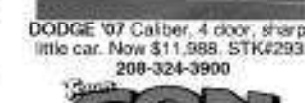
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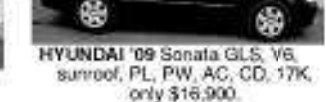
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Dog debtor

Unpaid bill sends dachshund to auction

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

On March 2, Pete the dachshund is heading for the auction block.

The petite pup is being sold to satisfy unpaid charges for his medical treatment at Rupert Animal Clinic after his owners didn't pick him up and didn't return calls from the clinic. Although selling dogs at auction isn't common, it's not the first time the veterinary office has resorted to legal measures to take care of abandoned animals.

Pete's reputed owners, Lynne and Lloyd Gale, dropped off the dog after he was hit by a car in January. Employees at the animal clinic fixed him up, then repeatedly tried to contact the Gales to retrieve him.

But no one ever returned their multiple calls, they said. So the vet clinic contacted its lawyer and set up the doggy auction.

"PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the hour of 11:00 AM of said day the Rupert Animal Clinic, Inc., will sell at public auction: A Dachshund named 'Pete,'" read a Feb. 16 legal notice in the *Times-News*.

The notice cited Idaho code which applies to businesses that make, alter or repair personal property. Because Pete went to Rupert Animal Hospital for medical treatment, he falls under this category, said Rupert attorney Alan Goodman, representing the animal clinic. The statute isn't specific to animals and usually applies to fixed-up cars.

But it's not the first time Rupert Animal Clinic has put a dog up for auction. It has happened four or five times for abandoned pets in the past 20 years, said clinic receptionist Connie Stansbury, although no one has ever showed up to the public sales.

So why bother? It's a legal issue, Goodman said. The clinic wants to find the dog a good home, but can't sell him or give him away because it isn't the legal owner. By setting up an auction and notifying Pete's owners of the upcoming sale, the veterinary clinic is in the clear.

"When they have had the sale of the dog, if the owners don't come forward and pay for the costs of caring with the dog, it's typically been my experience that the animal clinic will bid at the sale and they will then be the owners of the dog," Goodman said. From there, the business can legally adopt him out to a good home.

It would be nice to recoup the medical and boarding expenses — which total more than \$400 — but it's more important that Pete find a family, Goodman said.

Several other boarding businesses and veterinary clinics told the *Times-News* they have never had a client abandon a pet.

"I'm knockin' on wood," said Sandie Hemingway of Hemingway's Happy Hounds in Twin Falls. If someone failed to pick up a dog, a staff member would probably take it home, she said.

Receptionist Rita Lynn McDonald of LaRue Veterinary Clinic in Filer said clients have to sign a consent form acknowledging that if they don't pick up their pet, the clinic will consider it abandoned.

The *Times-News* was unable to reach the Gales for comment last week. If they wanted to reclaim Pete, Goodman said, they would have to pay their bill in full before the auction.



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Pete, a dachshund, was left at the Rupert Animal Clinic by his owners for treatment after being hit by a car. He will be auctioned March 2 at the clinic.



Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Seven-month-old Sunny Gita Upreti is the first member of her family born in the U.S. Her mother, Tara, went through labor in August before Twin Falls' refugee center began offering maternity and family-planning classes. Tara Upreti says she didn't fully understand what was happening at the hospital during the delivery. At right is her daughter Shrijane Upreti.

Birth control, epidurals and hospital admissions

Volunteers teach refugee families U.S. family-planning, birth facts

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Januka Regmi is getting ready for her first child.

The 25-year-old Twin Falls woman, due in early May, knows to call her doctor if she has stomach cramps. She knows not to prematurely rush to the doctor, but to call immediately if she has discharge or bleeding. She already has pre-registration forms filled out.

The Bhutanese refugee is partly prepared because of new maternity classes at the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center. Those sessions, along with family-planning classes, are part of a joint effort between the refugee center and volunteer nurses who are striving to make the new Twin Falls residents feel comfortable about reproductive health.

The facts of life are the same everywhere. But the facts of birth-control buying or delivery-room decisions can be radically different.

Though the volunteers are employees at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Center, the program is unrelated to St. Luke's services, said volunteer Alisha Baithavong. Nurses got together independently with the refugee center and asked how they could help after seeing many refugee couples who knew nothing about the hospital delivery process.

Registered nurse Jessica Hockenberry got the idea at an October conference in Boise. Meanwhile, employees at the refugee center were approaching community health organizations in hopes of organizing a class. When the two groups got together in late October, they quickly formed a plan and held their first class the next month.



Januka Regmi, 25, mixes medicine prescribed by her doctor with a hot drink made of ginger, salt and black pepper Monday at her Twin Falls home. Regmi's baby is due May 2, and she has been participating in maternity and family-planning classes offered through the refugee center to learn about hospital admissions and other important processes she'll encounter.

The story continues on Family Life 4

A love story turned mystery

By Paloma Esquivel
Los Angeles Times

"May 3, 2009: 1st day of the rest of my life
Dearest Fauntel:
Your call was an answer to my prayer. I have been thinking of you everyday lately & many times over the years and regretting leaving you under the conditions at the time."
— Bob Harrod

LOS ANGELES — She sits alone on a sofa in the living room of his home, the curls of her short blond hair teased and sprayed in place. A 60-year-old diamond in a platinum setting is on her right ring finger. A white gold band is on the left.

A painting of Sassy, Bob's golden-haired Pomeranian, hangs on the wall. His fishing hats sit on the bookshelf. His

cane leans against the door frame.

They were engaged 60 years ago. She was 15, he 21. But he left Missouri for California to serve in the Marines and they lost touch. He married, had children and was widowed, as was she.

But Fontelle never forgot Bob Harrod. She held on to the engagement ring he gave her, even wore it at times. Finally, last spring, she asked her daughter to look him up on the Internet.

It's been nine months since they tracked him down. Nine

months since he wrote that letter, saying her call was an answer to his prayer and misspelling her name.

After eight weeks of chatting daily on the phone, Fontelle

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Photo courtesy FONTELLE HARROD
Fontelle, top, and Bob fish in this 1949 family photograph.



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Fontelle Harrod sits in her living room thinking about her missing husband, whose hats and books are pictured in the background, Oct. 18 in Placentia, Calif. After a whirlwind romance that lasted only a few days, Fontelle married Robert Harrod. Fontelle returned to her home in Missouri to sell her house and pack up her things for her new life, and with two days before she was set to return, Bob disappeared.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

MENUS:

Monday: Baked potato bar with toppings
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Wednesday: Chicken cordon bleu
Thursday: Cube steak
Friday: Fish

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Unitarian church service, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1 Duplicate bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday at lunch Duplicate bridge, noon Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Money bingo, 6:30 to 10 p.m.; adults only (minimum \$7, medium \$11, average \$15; 16 games)
Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Bingo, noon Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Turkey pot pie
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, soup

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday. Energy assistance by

appointment, 736-0676. Tax preparation by appointment, 543-4577.

MENUS:

Monday: Turkey sandwich and surprise soup
Tuesday: Beef tamales
Wednesday: Tuna casserole
Thursday: Spaghetti and meatballs

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Chicken fried steak, 1 p.m. Few and The Faithful
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bingo at 7 p.m.; minimum cost is \$9; public welcome
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Blood pressure checks, 11:45 a.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Sweet and sour pork
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff
Thursday: Creamed ham over baked potato

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: All-in-one casserole
Wednesday: Liver and onions
Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to

3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Tuesday: Hot chicken salad
Wednesday: Enchiladas
Thursday: Turkey and dressing

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild card, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Morning out, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:

Monday: Liver and onions
Wednesday: Pasta bake
Friday: Polynesian pork

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Computer class available; Barbara Adamson at 731-2249

Jerome Senior Center

520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trans IV bus runs Monday through Friday, call 736-2133.

MENUS:

Monday: Malibu chicken
Tuesday: Sausage gravy over biscuits
Wednesday: Burritos over rice
Thursday: Roast turkey
Friday: Barbecued chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Tuesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 5 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Dick and John Threads of Time, 1 to 4 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Free Will Baptist Church marriage class, 7 p.m. SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Free tax assistance, noon to 3 p.m. Fiddlers, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Foot clinic, 1:30 p.m. Kids Club, 3 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Tacos
Thursday: Chicken-fried steak

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Ham and beans
Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
Friday: Fish

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo
Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$4.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games,

puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Chicken stir-fry
Wednesday: Stew
Friday: Roasted chicken

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:

Monday: Soup and salad bar
Tuesday: Chicken or beef enchiladas
Wednesday: Chicken fettuccine
Thursday: Pork chops
Friday: Turkey dumplings or fish

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.m. Biggest loser, 2 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Crochet and Knitters Anonymous, 10:30 a.m. Caregivers meeting, 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure checks 12:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Wii bowling, 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m. Arts and crafts, 1 p.m. Biggest loser, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Movie "Cinderella Man," 1 p.m.; \$2
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m. Biggest loser, 2 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:

Monday: Soup and salad bar
Thursday: Pork chops

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tax preparation by appointment: Linda at 436-1907. Medicare Part D assistance by appointments: Kitty Andrews at 677-4872, ext. 2.

MENUS:

Monday: Finger steak
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Thursday: Sweet and sour

chicken over rice
Friday: Chicken, fish or meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; \$7 and \$11 packets; 25 cents and \$1 games.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Rema's birthday choice
Tuesday: French dip sandwich
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Thursday: Chicken enchilada
Friday: Tuna casserole

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Community bingo; doors open at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Beef and noodles
Tuesday: Crispy fish
Thursday: Mexican meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m. Tax assistance, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
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105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kangaroo care helps mother of preemie find purpose

By Rasha Madkour
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — I never imagined I'd spend my first weeks as a mother pretending to be a marsupial. But there I was, a month and a half before my due date, sitting in the neonatal intermediate care unit and hoping that a practice known as "kangaroo care" would help my preemie.

Every morning I'd put my 4-pound, 6-ounce son under my pouch-like sweater so that we were skin to skin, chest to chest, my body acting as a natural heat source instead of his incubator — with the added benefits of a human touch, soothing heart beat and familiar smell.

It didn't start out this way. The first time I "visited" my baby in the unit, I was so excited that I got to hold him in my arms for more than a few minutes, which had been all the time we'd had together before then. That feeling very quickly turned into intense guilt when I went back later and a nurse told me his temperature had dipped a bit because of how long we had him out of his incubator. I didn't hold him for the rest of the day and felt discouraged from doing so the day after, too.

I knew I wanted to hold him — and felt I should — but I also didn't want to do

any harm.

Then I heard about kangaroo care. Finally, after days struggling to figure out how to handle this tiny baby who'd surprised me by coming early, I'd found a way to be useful.

The benefits of kangaroo care were discovered accidentally. In Bogota, Colombia, in the late 1970s, doctors were grappling with a shortage of incubators, an overstretched staff and a high mortality rate. They decided to get help from mothers, who were instructed to keep their babies warm by holding them skin-to-skin and to feed them breast milk. The babies were found to be thriving in this new setup, and the practice has since spread across the globe. In 2003, the World Health Organization published a guide on it.

Studies have shown the closeness helps preemies sleep better, breathe better and regulate their body temperature and heart rate better. All of this allows them to devote more energy to growing.

"Kangaroo care, to me, is the first gift you can give to your baby in the NICU, and it's one of the greatest gifts the staff can give to parents in the NICU," says Liza Cooper, the national director of a March of Dimes program that supports families in



AP courtesy photo

Associated Press reporter Rasha Madkour does kangaroo care with her son, Yousef, at a Miami hospital, while her mother, Aida Alkudwah, prays for them both. Experts say the skin-to-skin contact helps premature babies sleep better, breathe better and regulate their body temperature and heart rate better; all of this allows them to devote more energy to growing.

neonatal intensive care units and promotes the practice among health care workers.

I first came across kangaroo care in a book about premature babies that I bought the day after I was discharged. It seemed like a good way to bond if nothing else — and a more appealing way to spend my time in the hospital. Sitting next to a plastic box with your kid inside isn't much fun.

Kangarooing, on the other hand, turned out to be quite lovely.

I loved feeling his scrawny body wriggling to get comfy, then the rise and fall of his steady breathing. I felt something tickling me once and realized his hand had made its way under my arm. I would talk to him, read comforting verses from the Quran and sing the few lullabies whose words I

could remember.

The staff at Jackson Memorial Hospital were accommodating, and by mid-week, as word of the "kangaroo mom" spread in the unit, a nurse pointed me to some foldable recliners hiding in a nook that were donated by a doctor who wanted to support kangaroo care. Big improvement on the metal and plastic chairs we'd previously occupied. Thus began our truly marathon cuddling sessions — a few hours in the morning, then a few in the evening.

Other hospitals are more proactive in telling parents about kangaroo care and encouraging them to do it. At Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore, the practice is described in the NICU parent handbook and staffers talk to families about it as one of the ways they can help care for their baby, along with the more typical duties of changing diapers and giving baths.

"It's wonderful in terms of moms and dads being able to get as close as you can to your hospitalized babe," says Dr. Susan Dulkerian, the medical director at Mercy's NICU. "Babies snuggle in and get comfortable and calm down and seem very, very content."

By and large, neonatologists recognize the benefits

of kangaroo care, says Dr. Jonathan Fanaroff, associate medical director of the NICU at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland. "I think where the questions still lie is not to overstate the benefits — 'If you don't do kangaroo care, your kid won't go to Harvard' — and to make sure it's safe."

There's room for debate on when a premature baby is stable enough to be held — some doctors draw the line when the baby's on a breathing tube, for example.

And Dulkerian emphasizes that it's just one of the ways parents can help their child get better and that those who don't kangaroo shouldn't feel guilty.

"Ultimately you're going to get that bonding and that closeness," Dulkerian says. "Even just being there, babies know."

I've learned quickly that no single parenting choice will make or break a child's development, and kangaroo care is no exception. But I'm glad to have had it as a comforting experience during an uncertain and scary time. And if it helped my baby relax and pack on the pounds, all the better.

I can't even imagine kangarooing with my little guy now; he's so energetic and squirrely I've taken to calling him McSquirmy. But that's just as I had hoped for.

Mystery

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came to California. Their courtship lasted only days before they decided there was no time to waste and got married. She flew home to Missouri to pack up her things.
The years of wondering, the frequent but fleeting moments of imagining how life might have been different if she'd married her first love, were over. At 74, Fontelle Heeter — now Fontelle Harrod — was happy.
Then, two days before Fontelle was to move in, Bob Harrod disappeared.

“So many times I wondered where you were, how you were, but it’s so hard to locate someone and ... if I did find you, could we get together? Or would it end in disappointment for one reason or another?”

They met in early spring, 1949. A mutual friend set them up.
“When I first met him I looked in his eyes, right straight to his soul and he just seemed like a good person,” Fontelle said. “I just felt he was a good man.”
Black and white photos of the young couple sit on a coffee table. Here we are fishing, she says. Here he is wearing the beard he grew for the Kansas City centennial, she says.

Jan. 12, 1950, was Fontelle’s 15th birthday. Bob gave her the diamond engagement ring.
But he had joined the Marine reserves and six months later was ordered to report to Camp Pendleton. She rode with him as far as Strong City, Kan. — 130 miles away. Her brother drove her back.

She wrote letter after letter to a Southern California address he’d given her, but they all came back. She believes a woman Bob was staying with might have decided he ought to marry her niece and returned the letters before he could see them.

After a couple of months, Fontelle gave up. In his letter last May, Bob explained that he didn’t know whether he’d “survive any military action,” so he thought it unfair to hold her to a commitment.

She married in 1953 and the union lasted about a year — just long enough for her to have a baby, she says.

“We were young. And I think Bob was married by then, too.”

Fontelle’s second husband died in 2006. A homemaker most of her life and now left with no one to care for, she would wash clean clothes just to pass the time.

Her daughter, Leisa, needed just minutes on the Internet to find Bob. She picked up the phone, dialed and without giving her mother a chance to reconsider, handed it over. He answered.
“Is this the Bob Harrod that was raised in McFall, Missouri?” Fontelle asked.

“I always wondered how to get in touch with you because you were my first love and always will be, nothing can change that. This last year has been very difficult for me, you will never know how many times I have thought of you.”

He was, by all accounts, a



MCT photo

Bride and groom characters that were on the wedding cake, foreground, sit with a newlywed photo of Fontelle and Bob Harrod on the living room table at the couple’s home in Placentia, Calif.

lonely man when he got the call.

He’d married in 1951 and had three daughters. His wife, Georgia, died in 2008 after a prolonged illness. Bob had spent the last years of her life caring for her and rarely left the house, friends and neighbors said. After her death, Bob’s dog, Sassy, was his constant companion, but the Pomeranian got sick in the spring and was put to sleep.

One person who stayed in touch with Bob was his barber — a woman in her 40s who occasionally visited. The friendship was a source of frustration for his daughters, who thought he spent too much money on the woman, said his friend and neighbor Paul Estes. At the beginning of last year, Bob decided he needed some time away from his daughters and he asked them to leave him alone for six months, Estes said. It was during these months that Fontelle called.

Fontelle and Bob spoke nearly every day after the first call. They talked about the past — about fishing and hay rides and drives through the town.

At the end of June, when she arrived at John Wayne Airport, she wore a hot pink jacket so Bob could recognize her. He was in white loafers and a Hawaiian print shirt.

Bob was bald and wore glasses that obscured his gray eyes. But when she looked him in the eyes, she says, it was just like the first time they met.

“He was older and I was older. But I still got that same feeling. He was a good man.”

He brought her home. They sipped warmed-over coffee. He looked down at her hands and smiled, seeing the engagement ring she’d kept for so many years.

They spent the days talking endlessly — they went for drives and sometimes out for lunch. They visited Bob’s friends.

They were married at the local courthouse.

They drove to Sam’s Club the next day and bought each other wedding rings — a gold band for him, a white gold one for her.

She extended her stay until July 7, then returned home to pack. The day she left, a local TV news crew interviewed Bob about the reunion.

In the video, he blew a kiss to Fontelle on the phone when she called. He smiled broadly and laughed as he recounted her first call.

“When she talked, I knew it was her,” he told the reporter. “I could just tell by her voice. And that spark was still there. I just wanted to hold her forever.”

“This is an opportunity of a life time we must get

together. ... We must never again tempt fate as we did in the past.”

The last day anyone claims to have seen Bob Harrod is July 27.

The day before he disappeared, his daughters — Paula Borchert, Roberta Brady and Julie Michaels — came to his home in Placentia, Calif. The four argued about money, police say.

According to Fontelle, Bob said his daughters became upset when he told them he planned to include his new wife in the estate. According to court filings, his daughters estimated Bob had property and savings worth at least \$1 million.

On July 27, Bob was preparing for Fontelle’s arrival. He asked his housekeeper to stop by because he wanted the house clean for Fontelle, police say.

About 9:30 a.m., Bob’s son-in-law Jeff Michaels arrived to help get the house ready. Michaels told police that he worked at the home then went to Home Depot about 2:40 p.m. to buy supplies. When he returned about 3:30 p.m., Bob’s housekeeper was sitting on the front stoop because no one had answered the door. Michaels let himself in the back door and the housekeeper followed and cleaned.

Bob was not there. Michaels told the housekeeper his father-in-law might have gone to visit a neighbor, police say.

Michaels left about 6 p.m. A couple of hours later, Fontelle called Bob as she always did, hoping to catch her new husband after dinner. He didn’t answer. She called again 20 minutes later and again and again every 20 minutes until after midnight, when Julie Michaels called to say her father was missing. Fontelle called the Placentia Police Department to file a missing person’s report.

After Bob disappeared, someone — police won’t say who — told officers he might have regretted the decision to marry. For three days police thought they were dealing with a case of cold feet.

But if he wanted to leave,

he left little trace of the decision. His wallet and keys were gone but his car, glasses and credit cards were left behind. He made no large withdrawals from his bank accounts before he disappeared — and no withdrawals since, said Det. Corinne Loomis, who has worked on the case.

A family member told the media that Bob was showing early signs of dementia. Detectives who interviewed his doctor say Bob was of sound mind, Loomis said.

Police have looked at flight and phone records, bank statements, address books and more to figure out what happened — to no avail. They’re now treating the case as a possible homicide.

They have worked to nail down alibis for the people around him. The younger woman with whom Bob had a friendship has a solid alibi. Jeff Michaels, reportedly the last person to have seen Bob, has receipts verifying he was at Home Depot around the time he said he was, police say.

In the 26 years Loomis has worked with the Placentia Police Department, she says this is the biggest mystery. In trying to piece together scraps of information, there are times she finds herself simply wondering, “What in the world could have happened to this guy?”

Fontelle waits for answers in Bob’s home. His daughters stopped talking to her soon after their father disappeared. Roberta and Paula have filed a claim in probate court for control of Bob’s estate. The judge hearing the matter has not issued a ruling.

Roberta says she is reluctant to talk to the media because she’s been unfairly represented. But, she says, she is determined to find out what happened to her father.

“We feel helpless,” she says. “We really wish someone would come up with a lead so we could get some answers about what happened to our dad and bring him home if he’s out there.”

For the most part, Fontelle’s days are quiet. Her eyes are bad, so she can’t drive. One of Bob’s former neighbors is helping her, bringing her food or taking her shopping. There are days when the desire to return to her own family makes her ache, but she resists leaving.

“I want to find out who did this to him,” she says. “I want whatever is left of him to take home.”

In his absence, she guards the tokens of their romance: the photo of the day they married, the rings she wears and the letter he wrote the first day she called.

“You have already given an old man hope for the future.”
— Bob Harrod

Women in labor now allowed more than ice

By Courtney Perkes
The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — James and Mary were the most popular baby names in the 1940s when hospitals began forbidding laboring mothers to eat or drink in case they needed an emergency Caesarean section.

But like trends in names, much has changed in anesthesia techniques since then, and more hospitals are loosening their restrictions.

A recent medical review of five studies of 3,130 pregnant women recommended allowing low-risk patients to eat and drink as they wish. The review noted that most C-sections are no longer done with general anesthesia and “poor nutritional balance” may be associated with longer, more painful labors.

Debbie Ward of Tustin, Calif., remembers her parched mouth, along with the pain of labor, when she delivered her first two babies. Nurses offered her nothing more than ice chips, the standard practice for roughly the past 70 years because of concern of aspiration if the mother had to be put under.

“Ice chips can only do so much,” Ward recalled.

Ward, a history teacher, gave birth to her third child four months ago, again at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif. This time, her nurse, Caroline Price, served her water and juices, holding the straw to her mouth when she couldn’t lift her head off the pillow.

The cool liquids refreshed her, boosted her energy and settled her nausea.

“It just kind of helps ease everything,” said Ward, 36. “It was a source of comfort. It made the whole situation not so medical.”

Price, who is studying to become a midwife, succeeded more than a year ago in reversing a long-standing ban on drinking during

labor. She presented research to the hospital’s anesthesia committee, which then changed the rules.

Saddleback Memorial Medical Center in Laguna Hills, Calif., gives patients drinks, plus Jell-O and Italian ice. Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach, Calif., which offers women in labor a Popsicle once an hour, likely will begin allowing liquids soon.

“One of the things that had always bugged me is that we just relegate these women to ice chips and some of them are in labor for 24 or 36 hours,” Price said. “I still get complaints about them being hungry and wanting to eat food, but you can pacify them a lot if they can have liquids.”

In the 1940s, Dr. Curtis Mendelson rigorously studied potentially fatal complications of anesthesia in pregnant women. He recommended withholding food and water because the contents of their stomachs could be drawn into their lungs. It wasn’t until the 1970s that regional anesthesia became common practice for C-sections.

“I think a lot of what is done out there is the old school and the old thinking because of studies in the 1940s when anesthesia was very different,” said Dr. Lisa Karamardian, who chairs Hoag’s obstetrics-gynecology department. “I think we do realize with regional anesthesia and better spinal and epidurals that women are at much lower risk.”

In August, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists changed its recommendation that women only consume ice chips. The group advised that women with normal, uncomplicated labors be allowed to drink modest amounts of clear liquids, including juice and sports drinks.

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College financial aid form: An E for easier

By Scott Travis
Sun Sentinel

DAVIE, Fla. — Many have called the long and complicated college financial aid form “The Beast,” but this year’s format is a bit tamer.

The online version of the standard Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is easier to use. That’s good news for college students, as the recession has sent demand for financial aid skyrocketing.

Students must fill out the form for federal Pell Grants, federal student loans and many types of need-based state aid. For students entering college this fall, the deadline to be considered for state money is May 15.

While the six-page, 100-question paper version has n’t changed much, the online version has been redesigned to eliminate irrelevant questions. So if you answer that you’re single, you won’t be asked about your spouse’s finances. Women no longer have to say whether they’ve registered for Selective Service, a requirement for men only. Students who are older than 24 don’t have to sort through questions about their parents’ incomes.

The FAFSA Web site has also been redesigned to include more tips for helping students navigate the process.

“There are some big

FINANCIAL AID Q&A

What is FAFSA?

Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students must fill this out to receive federal Pell Grants, federal student loans and many other forms of federal and state need-based aid.

Why is it considered a hassle?

The printed form is about six pages long and asks more than 100 questions. Students must have their W-2 forms or completed tax returns and other financial data to complete it. Students find many questions on the printed form confusing and irrelevant.

How has it changed?

For the paper form, four questions were deleted, three added and five reworded. The biggest changes are on the online version, which 95 percent of students use. Students will have to answer only questions that pertain to their circumstances.

How can I apply?

Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

How can I get help with the form?

Call 800-433-3243 to receive help from FAFSA. Several Web sites also provide help, including Sallie Mae (salliemae.com/fafsa) and FinAid (www.finaid.org/fafsa). Several experts say students should not pay Web sites or companies for help with the FAFSA because it’s designed to be a free application.

What is the deadline?

The deadline to apply for federal aid for the 2009-10 year is June 30. For the 2010-11 year, it’s June 30, 2011. To be considered for state money, students attending college in fall 2010 should fill out FAFSA by May 15 for the 2010-11 year.

How is need determined?

The U.S. Department of Education uses a formula that considers the family’s income, household size and number of family members attending college.

Sources: U.S. Department of Education, college experts

changes,” said Terri Roher, a college and career adviser at College Academy, a high school on Broward College’s Davie campus for advanced students. “The form is smarter than it’s been before.”

Last year, the federal government set a five-year timeline to reduce the form’s questions by almost half, said Patricia Christel, a Washington, D.C.-based

spokeswoman for Sally Mae, which administers federal student loans. These are the first changes.

“The good news is it’s easier than ever,” Christel said. “Perhaps better news will be coming over the next few years.”

Historically, the form has been considered so intimidating that many needy students would not fill it out. About 41 percent of all

undergraduate students did not fill out the forms in the 2007-08 school year, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Last year, the Florida Board of Governors, which oversees the state’s public universities, estimated that about 22,000 students with incomes low enough to qualify for Pell Grants during the 2005-06 year failed to fill out the forms. As a result, they missed out on about \$24 million in federal aid.

“Many families have an aversion to numbers,” said David Bodwell, director of financial aid at Palm Beach State College, west of Lake Worth. “Many people don’t feel equipped to fill out their own tax returns, rightly or wrongly. Definitely, the perceived complexity of the FAFSA has been a deterrent.”

In the past year, high schools, colleges and universities have pushed students to fill out the forms.

Whether it’s because of these efforts, the recession, or both, more students are completing the forms than in past years, several schools said.

Roher encourages all first-time college students to fill out the FAFSA form, regardless of income.

“You may never do it again and you may only be eligible for loans, but you don’t know that in advance,” she said. “And it doesn’t cost you anything.”



Kelli, a 2-year-old German shepherd, pauses while playing ball with Gary Marshall. Kelli belongs to the U.S. Army's Matthew Snyder, stationed in South Korea, and Marshall is fostering Kelli in Santa Paula, Calif.

Groups offer temporary homes to military pets

By Melissa Kossler Dutton
For The Associated Press

When Maj. Randall Baucom received word that the Army was sending him to Iraq in 2006, he immediately began to worry about what he would do with his two mixed-breed dogs.

Buster and Little Girl, a 70-pound male and a 40-pound female, were about a year old and a bit rambunctious, said Baucom, who was stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas.

“I didn’t want to put them in a kennel for 15 months,” he said. “I don’t know what kind of dogs I would have gotten back if they would have been in a kennel for 15 months.”

He was relieved when he found Guardian Angels for Soldiers’ Pet, a volunteer organization that helps men and women in any branch of the armed forces find temporary homes for pets. It is one of several pet foster programs that offer such free help to military personnel.

The organizations help reduce the stress on troops preparing for overseas deployment, said Specialist Stephanie Dortch, who works in the soldier readiness processing center at Camp Atterbury in Edinburgh, Ind. Dortch called the volunteers “awesome. They’re sacrificing a lot to have these pets and eventually give them back to their owners.”

One volunteer, Gary

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Marshall, considers it a chance to give back to the troops defending the country.

“We thought it would be really nice to help out somebody in the military — to provide a nice home for their dog,” said the Santa Paula, Calif., resident.

Marshall and his wife, Angie, recently opened their home to Kelli, a 2-year-old German shepherd owned by Matthew Snyder, who is stationed with the Army in South Korea. Only their 8-year-old yellow Labrador retriever was apprehensive, Marshall said.

“He didn’t know quite what to do with this dog,” Marshall said. Now, the two have fun playing together, he said.

Initially, Snyder’s mother, Kristie Bruce, was taking care of Kelli and Snyder’s other dog, but Bruce had to give them up when she was laid off from her job. She is grateful to the foster families for stepping up.

“It was a blessing for both of us,” said Bruce, who lives in Simi Valley, Calif. “You know how moms are — they don’t want to disappoint their kids.”

The Marshalls have sent photos and messages about Kelli to Snyder.

“(Gary is) much better at it than I was,” Bruce said. “Matthew is loving it.”

Many volunteers send regular reports to the pets’ owners, said Steve Albin, founder of NetPets in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

“It boosts their morale to see their pets doing so well,” he said.

Albin started arranging pet fosters after Sept. 11 when many military members were quickly being deployed overseas. Before that, it was not uncommon for military personnel to be forced to leave their animals at Humane Society shelters if they were unable to find people to care for them, he said.

His organization has provided homes for more than 12,000 pets, he said.

“We’ve fostered horses, rabbits, tortoises, small exotics down to hermit crabs,” Albin said.

Although foster families do not receive payment for caring for the animals, the pet owners typically pay for food, veterinary care and other day-to-day expenses, he said.

A typical fostering with Guardian Angels lasts three to six months but can extend to a year or longer, said Jessica Semon, spokeswoman for the organization, based in Hot Springs, Ark.

Often, military personnel will remain in touch with the foster families after they’ve retrieved their animals, Albin said, and some

rely on the same families during subsequent deployments.

Although Susan Hagrelius is willing to foster anyone’s cat through the Operation Noble Foster program, Aeyne Dizicksa has “first dibs,” she said. Hagrelius is currently caring for Dizicksa’s cat, Sweet Magnolia, for the second time.

The women, who met in 2002, have exchanged Christmas cards and notes over the years. Dizicksa sent Hagrelius, who refuses to take money for food and litter, a cuckoo clock from Germany and a prayer rug from Kuwait.

Hagrelius enjoys the cat’s company, but looks forward to the day that Sweet Magnolia is reunited with her owner — because that will mean that Dizicksa is out of harm’s way.

“I’m relieved when she comes home,” said Hagrelius of Cary, Ill.

In the meantime, she hopes Dizicksa, an Army reservist, is comforted knowing that her beloved pet is in good hands.

For Baucom, knowing that Buster and Little Girl were being cared for in a private home gave him peace of mind during his overseas duty, he said. And when he came home in 2008, the return of his pets made a huge difference. “They helped me integrate faster,” he said. “They were my support system. I never felt alone.”

Refugees

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Regmi and her husband, Krishna, came to Twin Falls in 2007 after spending 17 years in a refugee camp in Nepal. The Regmis were among 100,000 ethnic Nepalis who were forced from Bhutan nearly 20 years ago.

Twin Falls became the home for 365 refugees from various countries in the 2009 fiscal year, and the refugee center plans to resettle 300 to 400 more by September 2010.

Many of those refugees are young families. In just the past four months, about a dozen babies were born to refugees recently resettled to Twin Falls, said the center’s volunteer coordinator, Michelle Pospichal. Before the classes, pregnant women usually came to the hospital too early or too late. They didn’t understand admission processes and didn’t always have interpreter contacts, Pospichal said.

“They had no idea about the process,” Hockenberry agreed. The classes are meant to ease stress on both families and hospital staff.

The maternity classes are split into two sessions. The first focuses on topics like hospital policies, equipment, what to expect leading up to delivery, when a mother should go to the hospital and pain-management options. A video tour of the hospital shows what to expect.

Often, refugees don’t know what different kinds of equipment do, and are unaware that they have a say in their care, Pospichal said.

“Many of these women, either it’s their first child or it’s their first time having a child in an actual hospital setting,” she said.

The second class focuses on postpartum issues, like diapers, breast-feeding and how to use a car seat.

These classes — scheduled as needed — are taught to people from different nations at the same time; couples from Bhutan and Burma came to the last class. Burmese and Nepali interpreters stood on different sides of the room. During the class, couples fill out pre-registration forms that include health information, religious beliefs, interpreter contacts and food preferences — many Hindus don’t eat beef, and others are vegetarian.



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Tara Upreti holds her 7-month-old baby, Sunny Gita Upreti, at their home in Twin Falls. Upreti, a Nepali refugee, had a Caesarean section in August before the refugee program offered maternity classes, and parts of the process were confusing.

At separate family-planning classes, volunteers like Hockenberry teach participants about different kinds of birth control. Most refugees are familiar with at least some kinds of birth control, but aren’t sure where to get them or how much they cost, Pospichal said. For now, family-planning classes are divided by culture.

“It’s a touchy subject for any culture, really,” Pospichal said. An Iraqi couple might react differently to birth control suggestions than a couple from Tanzania, and people might feel more comfortable asking questions in front of friends who hail from the same country. Even with the separated classes, funny moments still arise: An interpreter at a recent class had problems explaining the birth control myth of using plastic wrap as a condom, and why it doesn’t work.

Januka and Krishna Regmi said the maternity class is helping them prepare for their son, who will be named in a ceremony 11 days after he is born. There is still some confusion — they know they are due in May, but thought gestation was more like 45 weeks instead of 40 — but they feel confident that they can navigate the hospital when Januka goes into labor.

After all, as a first-time dad, Krishna has enough to worry about.

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Author Katherine Marsh of Washington writes about things she loves and things that intrigue her: Greek mythology, New York City and the possibility of bringing someone you love back to life. Her advice to young authors: 'Read!'

Ghostly adventures

Author Katherine Marsh writes about boy with ghost friend

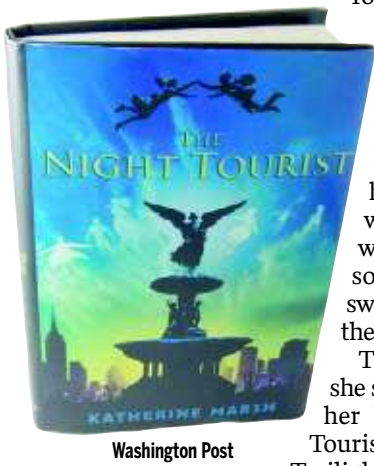
By Moira E. McLaughlin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Author Katherine Marsh grew up outside New York City. To her, Grand Central Station's whispering gallery is "one of the coolest places in New York." If you talk really softly into a column there, your friend at another column across the room can hear you. "What would happen," Marsh wondered, "if you whispered there and someone else answered, and no one was there?" That's the question she sets out to answer in her books "The Night Tourist" and "The Twilight Prisoner." The adventure stories are about a 14-year-old boy named Jack and his ghost friend, Euri.

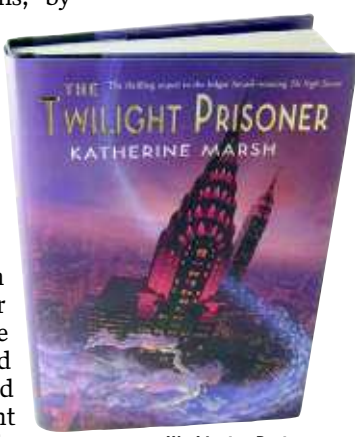
Marsh graduated from Yale University as an English major. She began writing children's books in the mornings, before work, about seven years ago, when she was an editor at a political magazine in Washington. "I have always had this interest in writing fiction," she says. "I have a lot of memories and emotions around being a kid." She especially remembers having "a really tough year" when she was 14, when her parents divorced. In her books, Marsh writes about things she loves and things that intrigue her: Greek mythology, New York City and the possibility of bringing someone you love back to life. Marsh's grandmother died a couple of years before she began writing the first book. "I really missed her a lot, and it got me thinking about the world of the dead," she says. "I sort of

wanted to commune with her spirit." Marsh began "The Night Tourist" thinking that Euri was a time traveler, not a ghost. But that didn't quite work. "A lot of writing is this instinctual, gut feeling, and you know when something's off," Marsh says. She wrote the ending of "The Night Tourist" a couple of times and cried when she couldn't let one of her characters live. Marsh's books deal with some heavy issues, including death and impossible love. She often invokes the myth of Orpheus, who tried to rescue his wife, Eurydice, from death but failed when he disobeyed the gods by turning around to look at her. But the books are also fun, and you'll learn a lot of cool facts about New York City. Marsh's advice to young authors: "Read!" Read whatever interests you and draws you into a story, she says. Think about "the

rhythms of language," and then "try your hand at it, and try to imitate some of the people you like best." Keeping a journal or writing e-mails are also good ways to practice your writing, she notes. "Island of the Blue Dolphins," by Scott O'Dell, and "Walk Two Moons," by Sharon Creech, are a couple of Marsh's favorite children's books. These days, Marsh is working full time on more children's books from her home in Washington, where she lives with her husband and her young son, Alek. She hopes to write a third one about Jack and Euri. "The Night Tourist" is set to be made into a movie. There's no release date yet, though, so you have plenty of time to read the book before you see the film.



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First lady: Let's get moving!

Michelle Obama worried too many kids aren't getting enough exercise, leading to increase in obesity rates for children

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Do you love burgers and fries? What about ice cream and cake? If you answered yes, you're not alone. First lady Michelle Obama admits to loving those not-the-best-for-you treats, too. But the president's wife is worried that many kids are eating too much unhealthy food and not getting enough exercise. In fact, a lot of people are concerned that a growing number of children today are considered obese — that is, they weigh significantly more than what would be considered a healthy weight for their height. So Obama recently launched a new campaign, called Let's Move, that she hopes will encourage kids to get more physical activity and schools to offer more healthful foods. Television network Nickelodeon is joining the effort and plans to show commercials and other programming on its TV channels and Web sites that will help children learn more about nutrition

and exercise. Part of the problem is that kids are not as physically active as they used to be. A recent study by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that kids ages 8 to 18 spend an average of 10 hours 45 minutes using entertainment media each day, such as computers, television, video games and music players. That's up from 7 hours 29 minutes reported 10 years ago. That's a problem because you can gain weight if you aren't active enough. It works like this: The food you eat provides your body with energy, which is measured in calories. The more active you are, the more calories you use up. On the other hand, if you eat more calories than you burn up, the extra calories are stored in your body as fat — and you gain weight. A typical not-very-active child age 9 to 13 should eat between 1,600 and 1,800 calories a day (girls on the lower end, boys on the higher end). A kid who gets a lot of exercise should eat 200 to 400 more calories each day.

But a kid who eats a diet full of high-calorie fast food and sweet treats probably eats more calories than he needs and should get extra exercise to keep from gaining weight. A McDonald's cheeseburger and small fries has almost 600 calories — and that's without a soda or milkshake. By comparison, a small banana has about 75 calories. The first lady wants kids to understand that if they eat plenty of healthful foods such as fruits and vegetables, and they are "running and walking and playing," then it's OK to eat a not-so-good-for-you meal "every once in a while." Obama said she works



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At a recent White House event, first lady Michelle Obama enlists the Watkins Hornets, national Pee Wee football champions, as ambassadors for the nationwide 'Let's Move' campaign to encourage kids to get more physical activity. Obama seeks a national goal of solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation so that today's children will reach adulthood at a healthy weight.

hard to get her daughters, Malia, 11, and Sasha, 8, to be more active. "My kids have to get up and move," she said. "They can't just sit in front of the TV."

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