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IDAHO TEACHERS AND THE BUDGET CRUNCH



Jan Hall, 56

Teaching experience: 35 years
Highest salary: \$58,000
2011 salary: \$48,000



Debbie Dehoney, 55

Teaching experience: 34 years
Highest salary: \$48,000
2011 salary: \$42,000



Cooc Olmstead, 57

Teaching experience: 35 years
Highest salary: \$47,000
2010 salary: \$47,000

Getting out early

Idaho's uncertain education landscape and budget shortfall leaves some educators looking to retire early, even as the incentive ends.

By Amy Huddleston
Times-News writer

Debbie Dehoney doesn't want to stop teaching. Neither do Cooc Olmstead or Jan Hall. All three Kimberly educators said teaching isn't just a job to them — it's their life. On March 2, Dehoney scooted the child-sized chair she sat on closer to a nearby table, pausing

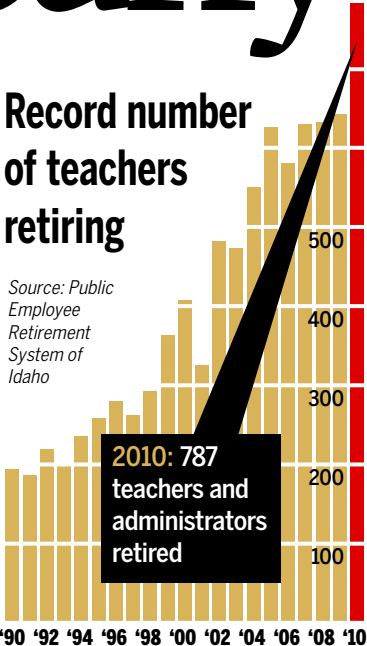
her impassioned conversation about Idaho public schools chief Tom Luna's education overhaul plan and the struggles teachers endure to instruct students who come to school hungry and dirty. She lowered her voice, allowing a few tears to creep into her eyes, as she started to talk about why she loves her profession — and the growing financial pressures that will lead her to walk away from it.

Those tear-filled eyes have seen students grow up, surveyed scribbled handwriting and watched as paychecks diminished. Though only 55, she'll leave it all at the end of the school year, choosing what's on the table for her early retirement over uncertainty about what the coming years of payment could bring. "We knew we would never be rich as a teacher, but we knew that in the end we would be able to have a comfortable life," Dehoney said. "Everyone understood when we started to take cuts, but it's really hard when things like this happen again and again."

See **TEACHERS**, Main 5

Record number of teachers retiring

Source: Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho



Volunteers resume annual grouse observation



Times-News file photo
A sage grouse displays itself south of Twin Falls.

By Laura Lundquist
Times-News writer

Female sage grouse won't be the only ones lured into desert breeding grounds when male grouse show off this spring. Around 40 Magic Valley residents have volunteered to forgo a few hours sleep for the chance to witness a desert spring ritual —

the strutting and puffing of male sage grouse as they try to attract mates. For the fourth year, grouse groupies gathered in the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Jerome office on Monday night to divvy out assignments and provide instruction on observation of sage grouse breeding grounds, called lekks. Volunteer coordinator Clayton

Nielson was pleased with the turnout, which included four or five new recruits. "What you're doing is important for the big picture, so we need you to keep good records," Nielson said. "It's better to have a few high-quality data points than lots of bad data."

See **GROUSE**, Main 3

Allies attack Gadhafi

Missiles, jets strike to begin U.N.-mandated no-fly zone over Libya

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — The U.S. and European nations pounded Moammar Gadhafi's forces and air defenses with cruise missiles and airstrikes Saturday, launching the broadest international military effort since the Iraq war in support of an uprising that had seemed on the verge of defeat. Libyan state TV claimed 48 people had been killed in the attacks, but the report could not be independently verified.

The longtime Libyan leader vowed to defend his country from what he called "crusader aggression" and warned the involvement of international forces will subject the Mediterranean and North African region to danger and put civilians at risk.

The U.S. military said 112 Tomahawk cruise missiles were fired from American and British ships and submarines at more than 20 coastal targets to clear the way for air patrols to ground Libya's air force. French fighter jets fired the first salvos, carrying out several strikes in the rebel-held east.

The strikes, which were aimed at enforcing a U.N.-mandated

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Senior women age with attitude

Across southern Idaho, women are facing their senior years with growing enthusiasm and grace. At the same time, the economy is sending senior women back to school and keeping them in the work force. So looking good matters. Our reporter interviews women from Wendell to Burley.
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If you do one thing today

Take your shotgun to the Jerome Gun Club to try your hand at shooting sporting clays. Sign up at 9 a.m.; shooting begins at 10 a.m. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$14 for those under 18, plus a \$5 charge for non-members. If you've never shot clays at the club, your first 50 targets are free. It's at milepost 64 on U.S. Highway 93.

Around the valley

Drug awareness seminar planned

Mini-Cassia Citizens Against Drugs is sponsoring its third free drug awareness seminar, "The Cost of the High is More Than Money."

The seminar will be held at 7 p.m. March 31, at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley.

Speaker Kiti Freier Randall will talk about drug-endangered children. Randall is a pediatric psychologist with a background in working with high-risk youth. She is also a member of the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.

The seminar will include information on how to protect children, the risks of prenatal drug exposure and the harmful effects of growing up in a drug environment. It will also provide information on new synthetic drugs, including "spice" and "bath salts."

Information: Cassia County Sheriff Randy Kidd, 878-2251.

Grouse meeting planned in Hailey

Area landowners concerned about the effects of potential sage grouse protections are invited to a March 24 meeting in Hailey.

The Natural Resources

Conservation Service and North Magic Valley Sage Grouse Local Working Group will hold the 6:30 p.m. meeting in Romo 301/302 of the Wood River Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road, Hailey.

The meeting will cover available technical and financial assistance programs for grouse conservation projects on private lands. Among them is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances, which could assist landowners if the greater sage grouse is listed for endangered species protection in the future.

Information: Regan Berkley, 324-4359, or Steve Thompson, 934-8481, ext. 114.

Rupert quilters meet Tuesday

The Mount Harrison Quilt Guild will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church parish hall in Rupert. Marge Green will give a program on "Embellishing your Quilts." Attendees are reminded to bring a show and tell item to display.

The public is invited; refreshments are served.

— Staff reports

COMING THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES-NEWS

No, not on Facebook. Ariel Hansen reports on acupuncture in south-central Idaho — who's using it, and what conditions it helps.

MONDAY IN HEALTHY & FIT



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TUESDAY IN HOME & GARDEN

Reporter Melissa Davlin tours a unique Magic Valley home.

Dressing up the salad season

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD

Vintage Restaurant's Jeff Keys shares tips from his new salad dressings cookbook with Karen Bossick.



Honoring snow buffs

THURSDAY IN OUTDOORS

Correspondent Karen Bossick reports on upcoming Hall of Fame event in Sun Valley.

MORE STOMPING, LESS TWINKLING, FOR IDAHO TOES

FRIDAY IN ENTERTAINMENT

Ariel Hansen reports on the latest trends in dance, including hip-hop, breakdancing and variations on a Latin theme.

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Little Wood	94%	87%
Big Lost	95%	86%
Little Lost	107%	92%
Henry's Fork/Teton	114%	105%
Upper Snake Basin	115%	104%
Goose Creek	87%	86%
Salmon Falls	103%	98%

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Why Band-Aids are for wimps

I had some very minor surgery on my face last week, but it left me with a very major Band-Aid. Basically, it's like a neon sign. It's hard to finesse what befalls your mug.

"What happened to you?" a co-worker asked.

"Oh, I had a thing taken off my face," I explained.

"Then why do you have a bandage the size of Delaware?"

It's a fair question. I'm the kind of person who hates to draw attention to himself, but I look like the Other Guy on *WWE Raw*.

Worse, I have a moon face and the bandage is on my cheek. It's impossible not to stare.

So here's my dilemma: Do I let people behold the band-

age or the wound underneath?

I've always been a little suspicious of folks who wear Band-Aids in visible places. Kids I can understand, but an adult with a *Hello Kitty* adhesive strip across his or her nose is not to be trusted.

My grandmother, who raised eight kids in Buhl, was not a fan of Band-Aids. She was a believer in the Get Over It school of parenting.

As a lad, one of my uncles thought it would be fun to ride his bike through a gravel pit. The consequences were

not attractive.

Basically, in the immortal words of songwriter Jim Croce, he looked like a jig-saw puzzle with a couple of pieces gone.

After Grandma had tended to his injuries — you didn't go to the doctor in those days unless you were actually dying — my uncle was embarrassed to go to school looking like he died.

"Can't you wrap my face in gauze so I look real pathetic?" he whined. "It helps with the girls."

"No," Grandma replied. "Face it."

Apt advice. My grandmother was a great fan of the works of Oscar Wilde and especially of *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, a novel about a hell-raising young man who

never grows ugly because a painting does it for him.

I'm sure she told my road-rashed uncle all about it.

"Time," Grandma said, "waits for no man. And damn few women."

My grandmother had one of those faces you could read like a biography. And she didn't leave out any chapters.

So my uncle went to school the next day and heard the consequences of his folly. On his way home, riding his bike on a path beside a canal, he blew a tire and ran into a concrete abutment.

Bet that left a scar.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor. Hear him Fridays at 8:30 a.m. on KLIX-1450 AM.

Libya

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no-fly zone, were a sharp escalation in the international effort to stop Gadhafi after weeks of pleading by the rebels, who have seen early gains reversed as the regime unleashed its superior air power and weaponry.

President Barack Obama said military action was not his first choice and reiterated that he would not send American ground troops to Libya.

"This is not an outcome the U.S. or any of our partners sought," Obama said from Brazil, where he is starting a five-day visit to Latin America. "We cannot stand idly by when a tyrant tells his people there will be no mercy."

Thousands of regime supporters, meanwhile, packed into the sprawling Bab al-Aziziya military camp in Tripoli where Gadhafi lives to protect against attacks.

Explosions continued to rock the coastal cities, including Tripoli, where anti-aircraft guns could be heard firing overnight in Tripoli.

The British defense secretary, Liam Fox, said in a statement that Tornado GR4 fast jets flew 3,000 miles from Royal Air Force Station Marham in Norfolk, England, and back, making it the RAF's longest-range bombing mission since the 1982 Falklands conflict. The jets launched Stormshadow missiles, while a Trafalgar submarine launched Tomahawk cruise missiles.

HMS Westminster was off the Libyan coast and HMS Cumberland was in the region, while Typhoon aircraft were standing by, the statement said.

Libyan TV quoted the armed forces command as saying 48 people were killed and 150 wounded in the allied assault. It said most of the casualties were children but gave no more details.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said it was "deeply concerned" about civilians' safety and called on all sides "to abide strictly by the rules and principles of international humanitarian law" by distinguishing between civilians and fighters and allowing safe access for humanitarian organizations.

Gadhafi, who has ruled Libya for 41 years, said in a telephone call to Libyan state TV that he was opening weapons depots to allow his people to arm themselves in defense.

He said the international action against his forces was unjustified, calling it "simply a colonial crusader aggression that may ignite another large-scale crusader war."

He also said the U.N. Se-



AP photos

Joan Davis, 79, of Manhattan protests against the U.S. attacks on Libya on Saturday during a demonstration in New York's Times Square.

curity Council and the international community were responsible for "stopping this unjust flagrant aggression against a sovereign country immediately."

His regime also acted quickly in the run-up to the strikes, sending warplanes, tanks and troops into the eastern city of Benghazi, the rebel capital and first city to fall to the rebellion that began Feb. 15. Then the government attacks appeared to go silent.

Emergency summit

Operation Odyssey Dawn, as the allied assault has been dubbed, followed an emergency summit in Paris during which the 22 leaders and top officials agreed to do everything necessary to make Gadhafi respect a U.N. Security Council resolution Thursday calling for the no-fly zone and demanding a cease-fire, French President Nicolas Sarkozy said.

"Our consensus was strong, and our resolve is clear. The people of Libya must be protected, and in the absence of an immediate end to the violence against civilians our coalition is prepared to act, and to act with urgency," Obama said earlier.

Navy Vice Adm. William E. Gortney, director of the Pentagon's Joint Staff, told reporters in Washington that U.S. ships and a British submarine had launched the first phase of a missile assault on Libyan air defenses to clear the way for the imposition of a U.N.-mandated no-fly zone over the North African country.

Gortney said the mission has two goals: prevent further attacks by Libyan forces on rebels and civilians, and degrade the Libyan mili-



An unidentified warplane is seen burning and about to crash in the outskirts of Benghazi, eastern Libya, on Saturday. Explosions shook the Libyan city early Saturday while a fighter jet was heard flying overhead.

tary's ability to contest a no-fly zone.

Defense officials cautioned it was too early to fully gauge the impact of the onslaught. But a senior defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the mission was ongoing, said the Americans felt that Libya's air defenses had been heavily damaged given the precision targeting of the cruise missiles.

Mohammed Ali, a spokesman for the exiled opposition group the Libyan Salvation Front, said the Libyan air force headquarters at the Mateiga air base in eastern Tripoli and the Aviation Academy in Misrata had been targeted.

About 20 French fighter jets carried out "several strikes" earlier Saturday, military spokesman Thierry Burkhard told The Associated Press. He said earlier that one of the planes had fired the first shot against a Libyan military vehicle.

"All our planes have re-

turned to base tonight," he said, and denied a Libyan TV report that a French plane had been hit.

He would not elaborate on what was hit or where, but said French forces are focusing on the Benghazi area and U.S. forces are focused in the west.

Rebels hope for more

The U.S. has struck Libya before. Former President Reagan launched U.S. airstrikes on Libya in 1986 after a bombing at a Berlin disco — which the U.S. blamed on Libya — that killed three people, including two American soldiers. The airstrikes killed about 100 people in Libya, including Gadhafi's young adopted daughter at his Tripoli compound.

Libyan regime official Mohammed al-Zwei said a large number of civilians were injured when several civilian and military sites in the capital, Tripoli, and the nearby city of Misrata were hit. He also reiterated the Libyan allegation that the rebels were linked to al-Qaida. There was no way to independently verify the claims.

The rebels said earlier that they had hoped for more, sooner from the international community, after a day when crashing shells shook the buildings of Benghazi and Gadhafi's tanks rumbled through the university campus.

"People are disappointed, they haven't seen any action yet. The leadership understands some of the difficulties with procedures but when it comes to procedures versus human lives the choice is clear," said Essam Gheriani, a spokesman for the opposition. "People on the streets are saying where are the international forces? Is the international community waiting for the same crimes to be perpetrated on Benghazi has been done by Gadhafi in the other cities?"

A doctor said 27 bodies had reached hospitals by midday. As night fell, though, the streets grew quiet.

In an open letter, Gadhafi warned: "You will regret it if you dare to intervene in our country."

In Paris, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Gadhafi's government had lost all legitimacy and lied when it declared Friday it would abide by a cease-fire.

"We have every reason to fear that left unchecked, Gadhafi will commit unspeakable atrocities," she said.

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Wind turbines and dairy waste bring out thoughtful questions

BOISE — Wind turbines and dairy waste tend to bring out thoughtful questions — and equally thought-provoking answers — in the State-house.

Some questions, often budget driven, tend to have easier answers based on numbers and verifiable facts — even if disagreements remain.

Clear answers are more elusive for these two issues, which were both debated at length last week. They both deeply affect south-central Idaho. You can make your voice heard in our online polls at Magicvalley.com, which you'll find on my blog, Capitol Confidential.

First, some background:

Peaceful or annoying?
Opponents of wind tur-

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 VOTE in online polls about dairy records and wind turbines and VISIT Capitol Confidential, the Times-News political blog. MAGICVALLEY.COM

bine development seeking a two-year moratorium find the towering structures visually unpleasant, saying they clutter the Idaho landscape.

Supporters call the turbines peaceful and majestic, saying they quietly blend into the Gem State's countryside. Turbines already dot the

area's landscape, from Hagerman to Mountain Home.

The question: Are turbines compatible with the state's landscape?

Open or closed?
The dairy industry backs a bill that would make all nutrient management plan records closed to the public, including what's written in inspection reports and doesn't involve violations, such as the amount of manure, where it's dumped and phosphorus levels. They say that information is proprietary and a private business matter.

But environmental advocates say closing that information off will hamper the public's ability to determine how strictly the state's inspectors are enforcing regulations.

The question: Should the records be closed or open?

'What might occur'
Sometimes a picture is only a picture.

Making it clear upfront that the photos weren't real, Scott Vanevenhoven of Idaho Falls on Friday showed a House committee digitally altered images purporting to show what unchecked wind energy growth might look like in the future.

They included images of turbines in pristine Coeur d'Alene, Stanley and Sun Valley.

The sharp-eyed Rep. Frank Henderson, R-Post Falls, didn't entirely buy it. He was quick to point out the local zoning ordinances wouldn't allow turbines near the lake at Coeur d'Alene, as they appeared.

Vanevenhoven admitted

he hadn't actually checked out the local rules.

"I have no idea what the zoning ordinances are," he confessed. "There may be ordinances for the Coeur

d'Alene area."

But he still defended the images. "Those pictures were designed to make you think and consider what might occur," he said.

Sun Valley, Blaine Co. hash out funding

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Sun Valley has long been frustrated with the way Blaine County divides the pot when it comes to paying for emergency dispatch services. The issue came to a head this month as both groups met to discuss why Sun Valley hasn't cut the county a check — or even signed a contract yet — for services in 2011.

"This impasse has to be worked out, for the health and safety of our homeowners and city workers," said Sun Valley City Councilman Dewayne Briscoe, who led a meeting of that body on Thursday while Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich was out of town. "This council will pay whatever amount we feel is fair and we legally owe; we are not deadbeats."

The difficulty is that Sun Valley prefers a calls-for-service model, under which each jurisdiction pays the county based on how many times 911 is called and how many times dispatch performs other actions, like calling for backup or summoning emergency crews to the scene of a fire.

This is how dispatch funding was allocated until 2007, when the cities of Hailey and Bellevue said they simply couldn't afford their share based on that method. An override levy that would have collected the shortfall from taxpayers failed in 2008, and the county tried to find a happy medium, opting for a system that calculates each city's percentage based on its number of buildings.

"Structures came up, because even if they're empty,

alarms can go off, fires can happen, there can still be the need for response from police and fire agencies," County Commissioner Angenie McCleary told the Sun Valley Council on Thursday.

However, some members of the council felt there wasn't enough data to support that kind of speculation. McCleary said the county is gathering data this year, and she hopes to bring all the cities and other contracting agencies back to the table to review it as 2012 budgeting gets going.

In the meantime, McCleary was in talks with Willich, who recently indicated that Sun Valley would pay the county \$85,000, she said, instead of the approximately \$117,000 listed on the unsigned contract for 2011.

"It was very clear from my meeting (with Willich) that

it was the unanimous opinion of the council, the mayor made it very clear, the city of Sun Valley had no intention of paying the \$117,000 bill unless a new contract was written," McCleary said.

Sun Valley City Councilman Nils Ribi said the council has never publicly discussed such a plan. He said the \$85,000 figure appears to have come from a budget that Willich recommended to the council for 2011, but that the council was unaware that was the figure Willich had approached McCleary with.

The council voted Thursday to give the county the \$85,000 as soon as possible, but said a firmer plan to reassess how dispatch funding is allocated needs to be hashed out between the county and city before additional steps are taken.

Grouse

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The big picture is that sage grouse are doing so poorly that a year ago, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service made the bird a candidate for endangered species protection. The greater need to protect other species is the only reason the sage grouse are not protected now.

The delay gives states some breathing room. If they can improve the bird populations, they can avoid the additional regulations that come along with endangered species protection.

That's one reason why Idaho has citizen working groups developing plans to preserve sage grouse, and why IDFG is diligent in collecting annual grouse wing and lek data.

Fish and Game has catalogued around 1,000 lek locations in its database, though not all are active. The volunteers will allow the department to survey at least a third of the leks, Smith said.

And although they may still be groggy during the early-morning eyeballing sessions, the volunteers

were told to approach leks cautiously.

"Use your ears to help you, because you can hear the birds up to more than a mile away," Smith said. "Typically, sage grouse won't return if you flush them."

The leks should start getting active next week, so volunteers will monitor from then until the end of April. Female attendance usually peaks during the last week of March through the first week of April.

Volunteers will record the number of both sexes, but tracking males is more important, since they don't move from their leks.

This will be the first year counting for Daryl and Anita Jacobs, who moved to Jerome from Colorado in 2003, after Daryl retired from his veterinary practice. Daryl developed his lifelong interest in animals growing up in Ohio and became interested in sage grouse when wind turbines started moving into Idaho.

"In Ohio, they don't have sage grouse but I would see them on TV," he said. "Now I'll get to see this event myself."

First-timer Katja Casson of Hailey was looking for-

ward to joining a carload of veteran friends. She has been taking classes to get her master naturalist qualification, and watching leks falls right in with what she's learned.

"The Fish and Game volunteer program is great," Casson said. "It allows me to learn more about sage grouse."



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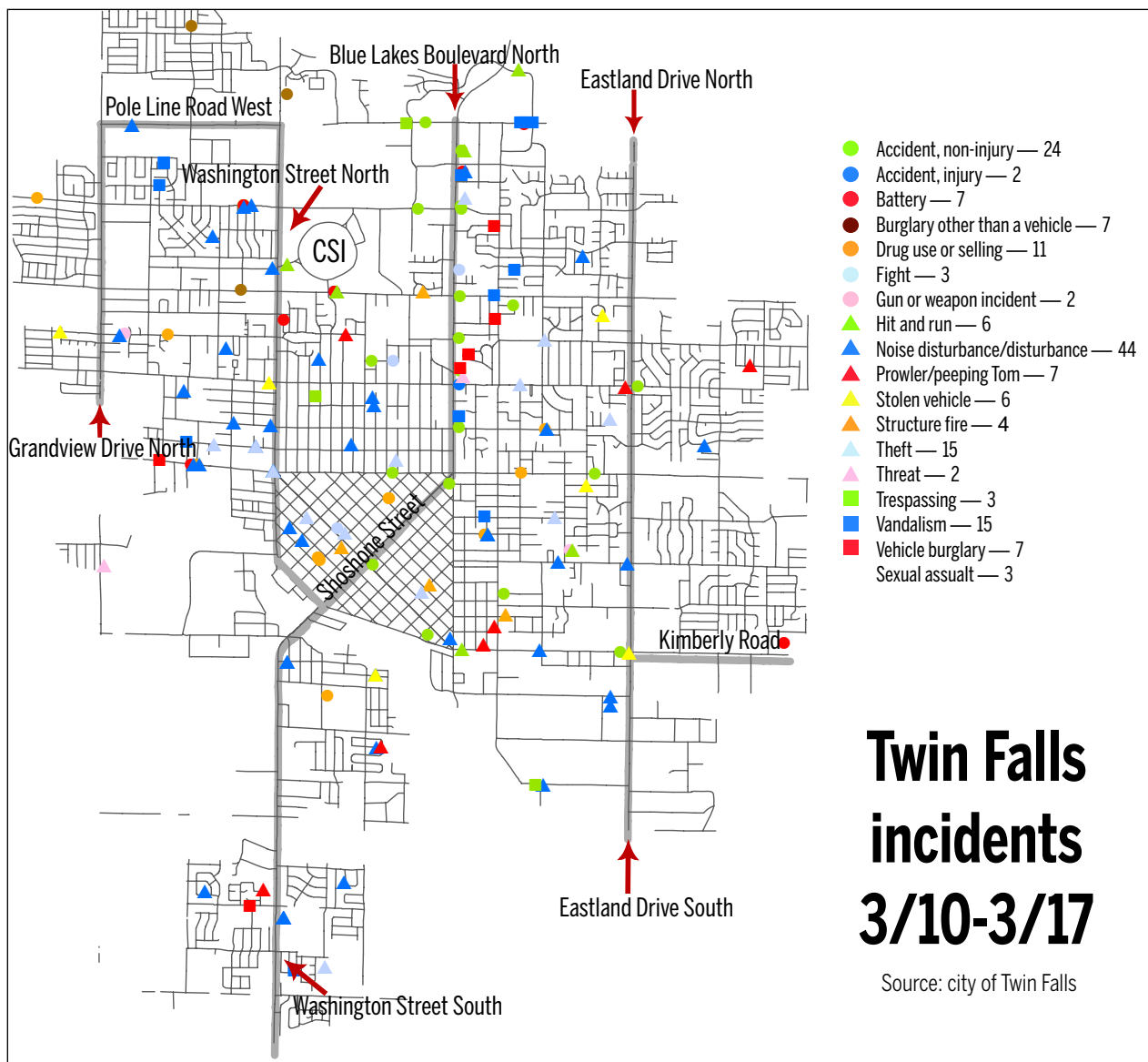
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Newcomb worries guns on campus may cost BSU

BOISE (AP) — A Boise State University official said the school could lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue from lost sporting and entertainment events if Idaho lawmakers approve a bill to allow guns on college campuses.

Bruce Newcomb is the university's director of government affairs and a former speaker of the Idaho House.

He told the *Idaho Statesman* that such a law could

jeopardize hosting events such as the NCAA men's basketball tournament and the scheduled 2012 NCAA Division I men's and women's indoor track and field championships.

Republican Rep. Marv Hagedorn of Meridian disagreed and wondered how the school knows guns aren't being taken on campus currently.

The co-sponsor of the legislation said he has carried guns to a lot of BSU venues.

WANTED in Twin Falls County



Charles Lee Cook

Age: 27
Description: 5 feet, 10 inches; 210 pounds; brown hair; blue eyes
Wanted for: Failure to appear; original charge felony driving under the influence; \$100,000 bond

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information pertaining to Cook to call 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers, 732-5387, where tipsters can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Trevor M. Bullock, 20, Twin Falls; aggravated assault with weapon, 10 years penitentiary, three determinate, seven indeterminate, four years probation, \$1,000 fine, \$225.50 costs, \$300 public defender costs, submit DNA and fingerprint to Idaho DNA and genetic marker database.

Steven D. Madsen, 50, Buhl; possession of methamphetamine, five years penitentiary, three determinate, two indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction concurrent with existing sentence, \$287 restitution, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, 100 hours community service.

Garrick E. Merritt, 21, Filer; possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$656.26 restitution, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, 100 hours community service.

Michael J. Park, 33, Twin Falls; possession of oxycodone, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at Correctional Alternative Placement Program, \$1,000 fine, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, \$988.12 restitution, \$82 court compliance costs.

FELONY DISMISSALS

Armondo Cortez, 18, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property, state dismissal.

Robert Harrington, 18, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property, state dismissal.

Carlos R. Cantu, 19, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property, state dismissal.

Michelle A. Daniels, 26, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, state dismissal.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Carey I. Buttars, 53, Burley; driving under the influence (excessive), \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Kade D. Laughlin, 20, Filer; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50

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costs, 180 days jail, 177 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, comply with recommendations of alcohol evaluation.

Gregory P. Park, 31, Wendell; driving under the influence (second offense), \$1,500 fine, \$750 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, comply with recommendations of alcohol evaluation.

CIVIL FILINGS

Hollifield Ranches Inc., vs. Cummins Family Produce Inc. Seeking repayment of balance and interest accrued totaling \$128,197.75, repayment of balance and interest accrued totaling \$103,887.90, \$7,500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defendant failed pay for goods (potatoes).

Glenn H. Johnston vs. Cody W. Stevens, Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Utah, LLC. Seeking an award of special and general damages in excess of \$10,000, medical expenses, lost earnings and lost earnings capacity, recovery for damages to property, an award of attorney fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking damages sustained in a vehicle accident that occurred when defendant was driving under the influence of alcohol.

Belinda Reyes-Fagan and Montserrat Rodriguez-Reyes vs. Dawn O'Toole and Stacy O'Toole. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages, amount to be proven at trial; medical expenses of plaintiffs and minor child, attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

Candy Woods vs. Christopher Mullen and Maxine Mullen. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages, amount to be proven at trial; medical expenses, attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

Gary Miller dba Miller Concrete and Excavation vs. Kenneth and Laura Fitzgerald. Seeking repayment of balance and interest accrued totaling \$11,335.46 and attorney's fees. Plaintiff alleges defendant failed pay for services.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services has filed claims against the following: Stacey A. Budden. Seeking establishment of support for child in foster care: \$212 monthly support plus 56 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance: provide medical insurance.

James M. Kerr and Stacey A. Budden. Seeking establishment of support for child in foster care: \$620 monthly support, \$310 each, 100 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance: provide medical insurance.

Brandy A. Stallings. Seeking establishment of support for child in foster care: \$209 monthly support, 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance: provide medical insurance, \$242.71 reimbursement of foster care expenses and child support from Jan. 27

to Feb. 28. Shon M. Bybee. Seeking establishment of child support: \$368 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance: provide medical insurance, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Devon J. Lemmons. Seeking establishment of paternity and child support: \$411 monthly support plus 64 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance: provide medical insurance, 64 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

John R. Vanvorst. Seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$569 monthly support plus 74 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance: provide medical insurance, \$6,078 birth costs, 74 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

DIVORCES FILED

Jennifer Wences vs. Delfino Wences
Daniel D. Haycock vs. Cody J. Haycock
Jamie L. Resz vs. Jesse D. Resz
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CITY OF TWIN FALLS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

James F. Reeves, 39, Puyallup, Wash.; driving under the influence (excessive), \$1,500 fine, \$750 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, one credited, driving

privileges suspended 365 days, 12 months probation, follow recommendations of alcohol evaluation.

Rexann Larocco, 43, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol, judgment withheld

Juan C. Carhuas-Aldana, 21, Twin Falls; driving under the

influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol, judgment withheld.

Faustina C. Martinez, 28, Jerome; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.



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Teachers

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Even after Idaho recently eliminated the Early Retirement Incentive Program, which offered financial incentives for teachers who wanted to put down their pencils before retirement age, some teachers are still looking to get out early.

Idaho's public school teachers become eligible for their full Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) benefits once they reach the Rule of 90, which adds public employees' age to their years of public service.

Last year, PERSI reported 787 teachers and education administrators retired — the highest number since the state updated its recording system in 1990.

But will 2011 see another large group of teachers choose to seek the security of what they have now over a shifting public education landscape?

"We knew we would eventually get more pay with more experience," Dehoney said. "Will teachers leave because of Tom Luna's plan? Everyone is kind of sitting tight right now. But if those bills pass ... I think there will be a lot of people leaving because everyone is so discouraged."

Two of Luna's three reform bills were signed into law by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on Thursday.

They will limit what Idaho's teachers union can negotiate with local school districts and tweak the long-standing method of how teachers are paid, adding merit-based pay incentives but also eliminating tenure for new teachers.

Idaho Education Association President Sheri Wood said fears over job and financial security may weigh heavily on teachers who are at or close to the Rule of 90. Many saw their pay reduced last year, after the Legislature allowed school districts to renegotiate teacher contracts to deal with dwindling state and federal education funding.

"There is a great deal of fear out there for teachers who are closer to retirement," Wood said. "Teachers say that they would really like to teach for a couple more years, but they are scared of what the Legislature will do. And if they continue to cut salaries, teachers think, 'I may as well get out now, because my retirement will be cut.'"

Twin Falls School District spokeswoman Beth Pendergrass said the district isn't expecting an increase in teachers retiring this year, while Buhl School District Superintendent Byron Stutzman said he isn't sure if it will be an issue, but worries about attracting younger teachers to the Gem State.

"What we are doing to education as a profession isn't the right direction," he said. "Kids are going to look at teaching and go the other way. We are leaving teachers very vulnerable right now!"

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Pay for Idaho's public school teachers is based on a grid that increases a teachers' yearly salary after he or

she reaches certain benchmarks for years of service or continuing education credits earned. The least an Idaho school district can pay a first-year teacher is currently \$29,655 per year, though that figure would be restored to \$30,000 if the last of Luna's reform bills is signed into law.

School districts can choose to pay their employees more than the state grid dictates, but Dehoney said the system is less than ideal. For example, based solely on the state grid, a first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree and teaching certificate wouldn't be eligible for a raise until he or she put in eight years of service without gaining more education.

The years of service required reduce when teachers earn ongoing education credits, but Dehoney said that cost usually is paid out of teachers' own pockets. And when it goes into effect in 2012, the much discussed pay-for-performance aspect of Luna's plan won't apply to everyone. Earning the bonuses will be more difficult for new teachers who can't take on leadership roles until later in their careers, according to Stutzman.

As for older educators, Dehoney said those she works with at Kimberly Elementary School have taken on second jobs just to get bills paid.

Dehoney has taken on two jobs in addition to her full-time second-grade teaching position. After school she works at Twin Falls-based Alliance Family Services in psychosocial rehabilitation services, and teaches English as Second Language through the College of Southern Idaho two nights a week.

At age 55, she still has a year before she reaches the Rule of 90, but she said that won't affect her decision to retire and apply for a job at a private school.

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Retirement from public education is a now lifeline for the three Kimberly women.

"I felt if I was cut anymore I couldn't live," said Olmstead, who retired last year and is now teaching part-time. "For me, the decision to retire was a financial one. So I am going to draw retirement and go teach somewhere else."

For her, "somewhere else" is Kyrgyzstan on a full-time teaching salary for 10 months. Olmstead reached her Rule of 90 last June. She was among the last Idaho educators who were able to cash in on the early retire-

ment incentive, which gives teachers a bonus for retiring early and costs the state around \$4 million every year, according to Luna spokeswoman Melissa McGrath.

In 1996, ERIP was put in place and almost 3,000 teachers have taken advantage of the incentive bonus money, but after the passage of Luna's Senate Bill 1108, the opportunity to get out with a little extra cash was eliminated. McGrath said the estimated \$4 million in state funding saved can be used to benefit students rather than their retiring teachers, although Wood said the IEA has numbers that proves that is untrue in the long run. Wood said ERIP was beneficial for women who took time off from teaching to raise children and couldn't reach the Rule of 90 until they hit their 80s.

Last spring was the final chance for teachers to apply for the money and 202 teachers will be paid the bonus this year.

And now the question remains — will teachers still retire early if that benefit isn't available? Dehoney and Hall gave a resounding yes.

"If early incentive is taken away it won't play a role," Hall said. "I hate to place money as the reason I'm leaving. Our experience as older teachers is invaluable. I think the intent was to get weaker teachers out but I think it's the strong ones that will be leaving."

Dehoney and Hall are both leaving the system before their time is up, opting for early retirement.

Dehoney said she will feel more comfortable when her retirement is locked in and she knows she can count on it. The other part of the equation is the recent years of hardship in education. Teach-

ers have seen their salaries spiral downward, and Hall, 56, said the sacrifice she has made in the name of education is turning into a long list of unpaid efforts.

"I love to teach. I want to teach but I cannot do one more bandwagon year," she said. "Losing days has broken my heart, and my perspective is that those who did the most got the biggest cut."

Among her activities, Hall volunteers as pep club advisor, mentors for a group called the Mona Foundation and serves on a wellness committee.

Only a year and a half away from reaching the Rule of 90, Hall said she applied for ERIP last year but turned down the bonus of around \$17,000 so she could coach and teach this year's senior class at Kimberly High School. She plans to retire on June 3 and isn't sure what the future will hold.

The three teachers all acknowledged that they didn't choose teaching for the salary but for the love of instruction and nurture. However, they point out, they assumed they would make the same salary or get a raise as their careers advanced, not

watch as their compensation shuffled backward.

Olmstead said she worries about good teachers leaving Idaho and the ones who stay in the system losing their creativity as they teach toward preparing students for standardized tests.

"When they talk about bringing in the best and

brightest teachers, I think the best and the brightest are leaving because (the state) doesn't take care of those at the end of the salary," she said. "It's really sad."

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Lunchtime basketball provides lessons for Heyburn kids

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Heyburn's fourth- and fifth-graders are learning how to dribble a ball and execute layups, but they're picking up other lessons on the basketball court as well — lessons like how to pass the ball to a player who might be left out or the sportsmanship of extending your hand to an opponent.

The enthusiasm for Heyburn Elementary School's Intramural Basketball Program rang out from court-side Friday as students and parents counted down the last seconds of a 10-minute clock during a lunch-time game.

Parent Joseph Easterday sat on the sidelines watching his son play.

"This is my first time watching him here, and he's been having a blast with it," Easterday said. "I think it's really good for them."

The games are the brain-child of the school's physical education teacher, Colleen Madrigal, who organizes and



LAURIE WELCH/Times-News

Students Dominique Hernandez, left front, and Jacqueline Sanchez, right front, work to keep a ball in bounds Friday during a Heyburn Elementary School intramural basketball game.

oversees the fourth- and fifth-grade competitions with the entire school staff standing behind her.

"She is an exceptional teacher," said Terry Garner, principal at Heyburn Elementary School. "She is totally devoted to these kids. Education is paramount to her, but she also really cares about them as people, who they are, what they are going through and how she can help."

Madrigal inspires the 120 participants by providing them with colored team shirts and by creating player trading cards or mock-ups of magazine covers for each student at the end of the season.

This year, the students will receive a copy of a sports page clipping featuring each student.

"It's really fun," said Heyburn student Dominique Hernandez. "You get to run

around and be a team member."

Garner said it was a challenge fitting the intramural basketball season in, which stretches from January to the end of March because of the stringent curriculum teachers have to meet.

"We literally turned our schedule at the school upside down this year to do this," Garner said.

The only way to squeeze the games in was by reconfiguring the school's lunch breaks to stagger the fourth- and fifth-grade lunches.

"That meant the cooks would have to start about 15 minutes earlier, but when we went and talked to them, the head cook said the games were so good for the kids they were willing to help out as well," Garner said.

Madrigal said the program is unusual in an elementary school.

"In order to do it you have to be willing to give something up, like lunch," Madrigal said.

Madrigal and her assistant coach and referee, Joanne

Justesen, who teaches computer lab at the school haven't eaten lunch in nearly three months.

Garner said the decline in discipline problems has been an added benefit.

"This has been a really wonderful thing for our school," Garner said.

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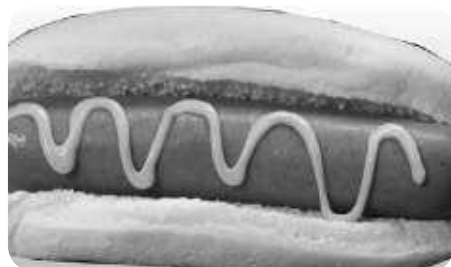
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Clay Marsh, who was among at least three missionaries from Utah who arrived at the Salt Lake City airport on Friday, said it was hard to leave knowing the devastation the quake caused in Japan, but he thinks the people of Japan will overcome the tragedy.

“The lovely thing about Japanese people is that they love to rebuild as quickly as possible,” he said. “That’s their spirit and that’s their kind of attitude: ‘We don’t sit. We move forward. We progress.’”

His mother, Mary Marsh, told the *Deseret News* that while she’s relieved that her son is home, she thinks about the suffering he left behind.

“While I am happy for my son to be home, I’m aching for the moms who lost a son there. It’s a very emotional time,” she said.

Church officials have said all 638 Mormon missionaries living in Japan, including 342 from the U.S., are safe and accounted for following the March 11 quake.

Asia holds promise for growth of Yellowstone Park tourism

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — As it is the world over, Yellowstone National Park could be a powerful magnet for attracting tourists from the People’s Republic of China.

Xiang (Robert) Li, assistant professor at the University of South Carolina, said the Chinese are most aware of urban destinations in the U.S. like New York and Los Angeles. But in the West, Yellowstone and Grand Canyon also are on their radar.

Li said people were asked to rate the importance of 15 activities when planning trips outside Asia. Visiting national parks ranked first, even though Chinese visitors usually don’t see national parks on tours of the U.S.

Li said travel between China and the U.S. has become easier since a memorandum of understanding was signed between the two governments in 2007. American travel businesses now are able to promote their services inside China, and Chinese can travel to the U.S. in groups for leisure purposes.

In the past, Chinese visitors often came as members of business or government delegations and frequently would include a leisure component in their trips, he said. Many such visitors were senior in social status and rank; but in recent years, affluent younger people and



Bison roam outside the entrance to Yellowstone National Park in Gardiner, Mont. on Thursday. Yellowstone Park could be a powerful magnet for attracting tourists from China.

AP photo

student groups have been visiting the U.S. Chinese visitors often come to the U.S. to visit friends and relatives.

“This is a very dynamic and ever-changing market,” Li said.

While travel from China is nascent, travel from Japan is well-established. It ranks fourth among countries of origin for visitors to the U.S.

This year, 3.4 million Japanese travelers are expected to visit the U.S., according to the federal Office of Travel and Tourism Industries.

Ketchum hotel on fast track to auction

KETCHUM (AP) — A luxury hotel in the resort town of Ketchum that has been on the market for two years appears headed for the auction block.

The Knob Hill Inn was initially listed for \$17 million when it first went up for sale. But interest among potential buyers has been scant, despite several markdowns in the asking price.

The inn, with 26 suites and a restaurant, has an assessed value \$5.7 million — another sign, real estate agents say, of the depressed real estate market in and around Sun Valley over the last two years.

New York-based Concierge Auctions has been contracted to auction off the hotel. Company officials say they will advertise the hotel worldwide leading up to the July 12 auction.

The hotel is located on a 1.2-acre parcel on Ketchum’s north side.

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Clashing sheep cultures in Idaho

By Rocky Barker
Idaho Statesman

BOISE — The decision to phase out domestic sheep grazing on 70,000 acres of bighorn sheep habitat in the Payette National Forest cost Frank Shirts his best range.

And he's the lucky one. His brother Ron Shirts was forced to sell Frank his sheep and give up the business and lifestyle he's cherished all his life.

"Right now he's heartbroken," Frank Shirts said. "He hasn't been able to look at these sheep since I moved them down here."

Payette National Forest Supervisor Suzanne Rainville decided to end sheep grazing in areas where bighorn sheep have been dying from lung diseases carried by both domestic and wild sheep. The decision won her praise from the Wild Sheep Foundation, a hunters group, and strong protests from the Idaho Woolgrowers Association and the Idaho Legislature.

What is a loss for one culture is a victory for another. The Nez Perce Tribe, which pushed the Forest Service to enforce separation between domestic and wild sheep, has long turned the bighorns' curved horns into bows and their tough-but-light hide into shirts — a tradition the tribe wants to keep alive.

"The archaeological record indicates that when the pharaohs were floating the Nile, my relations were eating roast bighorn sheep on the Salmon River," said Brooklyn Baptiste, the tribe's vice chairman.

The bighorn sheep population statewide is roughly half of what it was in the 1980s. And on the Salmon River above Riggins, the wild sheep declined by nearly 70 percent between 1986 and 2007.

Payette officials conducted an extensive analysis of the impacts of contact between bighorns and domestic sheep before Rainville made her decision.

A panel of scientists con-

cluded that domestics pass the disease to bighorns in the wild, but the issue remains controversial — especially now that it means the powerful ranching interests have to move.

The Soulen family, of Weiser, will have to cut back its bands by nearly 40 percent if the decision holds.

Regional Forester Harv Forsgren upheld the decision in the face of nine separate appeals earlier this month. The Woolgrowers have asked Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell to review the decision. They are expected to sue if Tidwell allows the decision to stand.

The sheep industry worries that the analysis Rainville used for her decision will be used for all public land.

"We're in the greatest battle of the industry's life, and it's with our own government," said Stan Boyd, executive director of the Idaho Woolgrowers.

Had the ranchers been willing to consider moving their operations out of bighorn country for a price, the Payette situation would not have blown into the West-wide battle it has become, said Steve Torbit, regional director of the National Wildlife Federation in Colorado. His group and others had offered to pay Ron Shirts and Carlson to retire their grazing on the bighorn habitat but were rebuffed.

With 10 other bighorn sheep die-offs across the West in 2010 alone, the Forest Service is already looking at how to use the Payette analysis on other forests in the region, a memo from the agency shows. Craig Gehrke, Boise director of the Wilderness Society, said that was good news.

"We're going to expect the agency to implement this where there are issues between bighorns and domestic sheep," Gehrke said.

Frank Shirts is convinced bighorn sheep that have died in Hells Canyon did not have contact with his

See **SHEEP**, Business 3



SHAWN RAECKE/The Idaho Statesman/AP photo

Frank Shirts, 57, speaks with a reporter at his sheep ranch in Wilder, Idaho. Shirts, who started his ranch about 20 years ago with just a few sheep, now has 12 bands of sheep with about 2,300 to 2,400 sheep per band.

How to decode a college financial aid offer » Business 3



Photos by KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Jan Mason has been the manger of the popular Gold Mine thrift store in Ketchum for years but will retire Friday.

GOLDEN GOODBYE

Ketchum's popular Gold Mine thrift store says goodbye to retiring manager

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Jan Mason is thankful that her employees are so honest.

They've found plenty of money in the pockets of coats and trousers that Sun Valley's wealthy residents have donated to the Gold Mine thrift store over the years—all of which they've been able to return to the donors.

And it wasn't petty cash, either.

"Eighteen hundred dollars, \$1,100...often the people would tell us, I didn't miss it," said Jan Mason, who will retire as manager of the Gold Mine on Friday, can say with honesty that she hasn't had a dull day in 23 years of working at the thrift store.

The Gold Mine is arguably the biggest tourist attraction in Sun Valley after Bald Mountain and Sun Valley Lodge. Visitors come from all over the United States after reading of it in "USA To-

day," "The New York Times," "Vanity Fair," and other publications.

And Idahoans visiting Sun Valley from Boise and Twin Falls often make it their first stop, lured by the prospect of finding a fur coat, Bogner ski outfit or pair of high-end tailored pants that have scarcely been worn, if at all.

"It's the first place I head for when I get to Sun Valley,"

said Boisean Lindsay Crawford.

Mason found the Gold Mine a godsend when she and her husband Kirk moved to Sun Valley from Maui 25 years ago.

The thrift store was started in 1955 in a miner's cabin with no heat, electricity or running water by

See **GOODBYE**, Business 3



Jan Mason holds a picture of Actress Norma Shearer who contributed much of her wardrobe to get the Gold Mine up and running and shopped there as well.

Retiring Manager Jan Mason's tips for shopping at The Gold Mine:

- Get there when it opens. Clerks put out new clothes and other items every day.
- Attend the Spring Opener (on April 6) and the Winter Opener, which sport fantastic deals.
- If you don't see what you're looking for, ask. Chances are the Gold Mine has it in one of its nearby warehouses.

DIG THIS

The Gold Mine is located at 331 N. Walnut Ave. in Ketchum. Store hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Saturdays.

Why inflation hurts more than it did 30 years ago

WASHINGTON — Inflation spooked the nation in the early 1980s. It surged and kept rising until it topped 13 percent.

These days, inflation is much lower. Yet to many Americans, it feels worse now. And for a good reason: Their income has been even flatter than inflation.

Back in the '80's, the money people made typically more than made up for high inflation. In 1981, banks would pay nearly 16 percent on a six-month CD. And workers typically got pay raises to match their higher living costs.

No more.

Over the 12 months that ended in February, consumer prices increased just 2.1 percent. Yet wages for many people have risen even less — if they're not actually frozen.

Social Security recipients have gone two straight years with no increase in benefits. Money market rates? You need a magnifying glass to find them.

That's why even moderate inflation hurts more now. And it's why if food and gas prices lift inflation even

See **INFLATION**, Business 3



AP photo

Judy Bates searches on her computer looking for good deals at her home recently in Dora, Ala.

Area businesses react to boosts in Magic Valley economy

From the recently announced Magic Valley 14 Cinemas to be built at the Magic Valley Mall this spring, to the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo and the 35th annual College of Southern Idaho Rodeo, which ends Saturday, area businesses are taking notice.

After reading about the cinema complex coming to Twin Falls local construction contractor Chuck Pratt contacted the *Times-News* for information on the possible opportunity to get involved.

With residential home construction almost non-



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Blair Koch

existent in southern Idaho and commercial opportunities slim, Pratt wants to get his feet in the door.

"It's probably too early in the process that they'll be signing a general contractor and lining up subcontractor help but I want to let them know I'm interested," Pratt said.

The rodeo action at CSI

draws teams from across the country and several hundred participants.

Judges, family and fans also make the trip to Twin Falls and that means hotel rooms are booked and restaurants will likely see a boost in diners because of the event.

Lisa Bancott, front desk supervisor for the Best Western Inn Twin Falls, said the rodeo alone will account for about 40 percent of room bookings this weekend.

Other events, like a bowling tournament will account for even more rooms filled.

"Our queen-bed rooms are gone. We've got a few king rooms available but they are going quickly," Bancott said. "These events are great for Twin Falls. Not just for hotels but for restaurants and the economy in general."

Next week, there is another rodeo coming to town.

"It'll be busy again next week," Bancott said. "But that's a good thing."

CSI Dental Hygiene students hold fund raiser

With dental health tied to a myriad of other ailments,

like heart disease, it's in everyone's best interest to go to the dentist regularly.

That's why you should also help those studying to enter the dental health field.

From 1-4 p.m. April 2 you can help support the students of the College of Southern Idaho's Dental Hygiene program.

Money raised through the open house, featuring a variety of vendor booths, will go toward supporting the program's Smiles Club education activities and seminars.

The program is part of

making sure students receive the best education possible.

Students will also provide tours of their new lab.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

For more information about the event, or CSI's Dental Hygiene program, contact Cindy Harding, at charding@csi.edu or 732-6722 or Clinic Manager Andie Dayley at adaley@csi.edu or 732-6751.

Blair Koch may be reached at bkoch@magicvalley.com or 735-3295.

YOUR BUSINESS

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Courtesy photo

Pictured here, from left, BILLS Place board members Patty Brown and Bill Brockman and CSI Nursing Department officials Donna Barker, Jay Reeder, Jody Dille and Steve Agenbrood.

CSI Nursing Department donates supplies to BILLS Place

TWIN FALLS—The College of Southern Idaho's Nursing Department recently donated folding chairs and paper products to BILLS Place, a Twin Falls non-profit organization.

Its primary objective is "Building Independent Lifelong Skills," in helping get women back on their feet after they have experienced life altering events; from drug abuse to abusive relationships and time spent behind bars.

BILLS Place is designed to bridge the gap and address the problem of the "revolving door" back into the system. BILLS Place offers a hand up, empowering participants to become contributing members of society. Currently, there are six women residing at BILLS Place, working toward self-sufficiency.

MILESTONES



Rhiannon Chavez



Marvin Green



Brad Mantz



Dave Seamons

Ree-Construction announces employee Xactimate 27 certification

Xactimate is the restoration industry's most widely used damage estimating program used to assess the scope of, and valuation of, structural insurance claims.

Employee Rhiannon Chavez has successfully completed Level 2 Certification.

Brad Mantz, Marvin Green and Dave Seamons have each achieved Level 3 Certification and are currently the only Level 3 Certi-

fied estimators in the state of Idaho.

The level indicates that each employee has "full mastery of the Xactimate estimating system and can be considered an Xactimate subject matter expert."

Ree-Construction has offices in the Magic and Wood River Valleys to locally provide emergency response and property damage services to all of southern Idaho area.



Maria Duran



Hiliana Gonzalez



Lisa Henslee



Alicia Skinner

Cactus Petes' team members honored during recognition banquet

JACKPOT — Five Cactus Petes Team Members were recognized at the 2010 Team Member Recognition Awards Banquet March 7.

The event honors team members who exemplify the best of the best.

The following top prizes were awarded: Maria Duran, accounts payable clerk, was chosen as Team Member of the Year and received \$15,000. Sergey Avakov, slot technician and Alicia Skinner, cook, were each awarded \$2,500 and were selected as Team Member of the Year finalists.



Sergey Avakov

Hiliana Gonzalez, host/cashier, received the honor of Part-time Team Member of the Year and received \$7,500.

Lisa Henslee, Casino Operations Tech Manager, was awarded Team Leader of the Year and received \$5,000.

Cactus Petes' monthly recognition program awards \$200 to each Team Member of the Month recipients — one from the Gaming division, one from the Food and Beverage division, and one from the Support Area.

Team Members are nominated by their peers.

MILESTONES



Amy Butler



Angeli DiLucca



Karen Martinat



Madlyn Shepherd



Flo Slatter



Tami Slatter



Patty Strunk



Heidi Walker

VISIONS GROUP HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING, RIBBON CUTTING

BUHL— The Visions Group Home Health and Hospice celebrated the opening of an office at 1007 Main St., Buhl with an open house and ribbon cutting, hosted by the Buhl Chamber of Commerce on March 3.

Visions offers services in the areas of hospice, home health and home care private staffing.

Visions CEO and co-founder is Tami Slatter, Madlyn Shepherd is the business manager, Flo Slatter serves as volunteer coordinator; Karen Martinat is the social worker and grief counselor, Buhl office manager is Janice Rice; hospice manger is Patty Strunk, Amy Butler is a registered nurse & assistant director; Heidi Walker is the community

education coordinator and Angeli DiLucca is the community resource coordinator.

The Twin Falls, Visions is located at 209 Shoup Ave. West. Information: 735-0121

Contact the Buhl office by calling 595-1579 or email tvg@thevisions-group.org

Key Bank in Burley cuts red ribbon



Amy Dussett

BURLEY—The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting at Key Bank located at 1301 Overland, Burley, to commemorate the addition of their new Mortgage Department.

Amy Dussett is the office mortgage advisor.

Information: 678-9051.

CP Capital Solutions cuts the red ribbon

CP Capital Solutions, at 1688 Kimberly Road Suite 3, Twin Falls, cut the red ribbon with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, on March 4.

The company recently opened and is a new chamber member.

CP Capital Solutions have extensive finance and provides financial services for small business.

Their financial managers



Jerre Fender



Mary Fender

For information: (208) 422-3063.

Ribbon cutting at Formalicity

The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting at Formalicity located at 2271 Overland, Burley, to commemorate their grand opening with Owner Diane Bevan.



Diane Bevan

Formality is a prom and bridal gown resale shop and tuxedo rental.

Business hours are 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Information: 678-5000.

Cassia County Farm Bureau announces annual banquet



Julene Cottle



Suzy Harper



Gerald Marchant

The Cassia County Farm Bureau had its annual banquet on March 15 with about 200 members present.

The Farm Woman of the year award was given to Suzy Harper of Malta.

The Grand Farmer Award went to Cowboy Poet Garald Marchant from Oakley.

Julene Cottle from Malta, won the Grand Prize drawing of \$400 from Lee's Furniture.

GET POKED

No, not on Facebook. Ariel Hansen reports on acupuncture in south-central Idaho — who's using it, and what conditions it helps.

Monday in Healthy & Fit



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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and mostly dry. High 52.

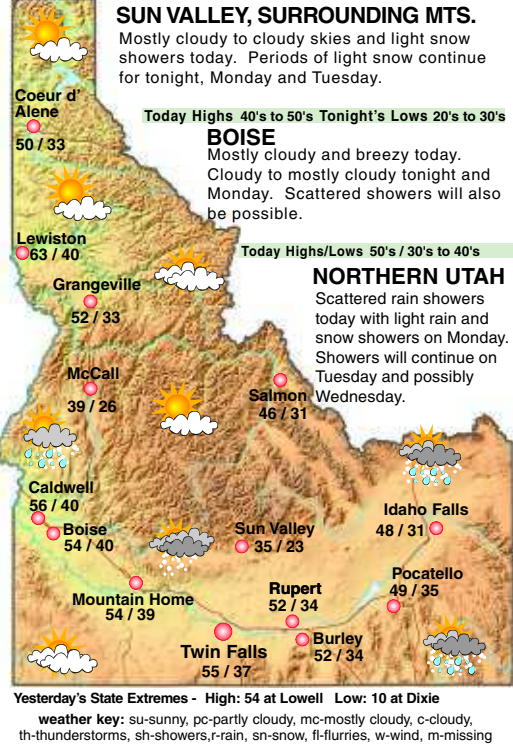
Tonight: Scattered rain and a few snow showers. Low 34.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, a few showers. High 51.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature	Precipitation
Yesterday's High 44°	Yesterday's 0.01"
Yesterday's Low 27°	Month to Date 1.14"
Normal High / Low 53° / 28°	Avg. Month to Date 0.66"
Record High 78° in 1997	Water Year to Date 6.60"
Record Low 7° in 1965	Avg. Water Year to Date 5.38"

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly cloudy and mild, breezy to windy	Mostly cloudy, scattered rain showers	Daytime rain showers, then mixed showers	Partly cloudy, a few scat'd showers	Partly cloudy, chance scat'd showers	Mild, scattered showers still possible
High 55°	Low 37°	48° / 31°	53° / 32°	57° / 38°	58° / 37°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity
Yesterday's High 46°	Yesterday's 0.01"	Yesterday's High 81%
Yesterday's Low 33°	Month to Date 1.20"	Yesterday's Low 40%
Normal High / Low 52° / 30°	Avg. Month to Date 0.72"	Today's Forecast Avg. 58%
Record High 73° in 2004	Water Year to Date 7.51"	
Record Low 8° in 1965	Avg. Water Year to Date 6.06"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Mar. 26	April 3	April 11	April 18

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	Hi 40 Lo 40 mc	Hi 35 Lo 35 sh	Hi 54 Lo 35 sh
Bonniers Ferry	46 30 pc	43 32 mx	44 32 sh
Burley	52 34 mx	51 32 sh	51 32 sh
Challis	52 39 pc	55 48 r	55 48 r
Coeur d'Alene	50 33 pc	44 33 r	42 33 sh
Elko, NV	46 31 ls	45 28 ls	49 28 mx
Eugene, OR	56 40 sh	55 37 sh	55 37 sh
Gooding	49 37 mc	44 31 sh	50 31 sh
Gracie	44 29 mc	44 25 mx	42 25 mx
Hagerman	55 39 pc	49 32 sh	53 32 mc
Hailey	40 28 ls	37 23 mx	39 23 mx
Idaho Falls	48 31 mx	47 29 sh	45 29 sh
Kalispell, MT	47 27 pc	46 26 r	46 26 sh
Jerome	51 37 mc	46 30 sh	50 30 sh
Lewiston	63 40 mc	54 39 r	56 39 sh
Malad City	47 32 mc	45 31 sh	45 31 sh
Malta	48 33 mx	46 29 sh	47 29 sh
McCall	39 26 ls	38 25 ls	38 25 mx
Missoula, MT	53 31 pc	52 29 r	47 29 sh
Pocatello	49 35 mx	48 31 sh	46 31 sh
Portland, OR	56 42 pc	56 40 sh	56 40 sh
Rupert	52 34 mx	49 31 sh	51 31 sh
Rexburg	44 31 mc	43 28 mx	40 28 mx
Richland, WA	58 37 sh	51 36 sh	58 36 sh
Rogerson	41 30 ls	38 26 ls	43 26 ls
Salmon	46 31 pc	50 29 r	47 29 sh
Salt Lake City, UT	54 41 mc	51 35 r	52 35 r
Spokane, WA	53 25 pc	46 35 r	47 35 sh
Stanley	40 20 ls	39 18 ls	37 18 ls
Sun Valley	53 23 ls	34 19 ls	34 19 ls
Yellowstone, MT	35 15 ls	37 15 mx	30 15 ls

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	Hi 16 Lo 9	Hi 12 Lo 9	Saskatoon	Hi 16 Lo 9	Hi 12 Lo 9
Cranbrook	30 10 ls	29 9 ls	Toronto	35 29 pc	46 23 sh
Edmonton	28 21 ls	26 17 ls	Vancouver	42 36 pc	42 35 ls
Kelowna	33 22 ls	32 20 ls	Victoria	46 41 pc	46 39 r
Lethbridge	38 25 ls	30 23 ls	Winnipeg	33 23 ls	30 14 ls
Regina	32 18 ls	30 15 ls			

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	48	38	0.02"
Challis	43	25	0.09"
Coeur d'Alene	43	32	0.15"
Idaho Falls	43	33	Trace"
Jerome	44	32	Trace"
Lewiston	52	37	0.19"
Lowell	54	33	0.13"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malta	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Pocatello	46	32	0.08"
Rexburg	42	31	0.01"
Salmon	37	27	0.04"
Stanley	33	24	0.09"
Sun Valley	38	30	0.20"

Barometric Pressure

5 pm Yesterday 29.82 in.

Sunrise and Sunset

Today	Sunrise: 7:42 AM	Sunset: 7:50 PM
Monday	Sunrise: 7:40 AM	Sunset: 7:51 PM
Tuesday	Sunrise: 7:38 AM	Sunset: 7:52 PM
Wednesday	Sunrise: 7:36 AM	Sunset: 7:53 PM
Thursday	Sunrise: 7:36 AM	Sunset: 7:55 PM

Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 9:39 PM	Moonset: 7:46 AM
Monday	Moonrise: 10:57 PM	Moonset: 8:20 AM
Tuesday	Moonrise: none	Moonset: 8:58 AM

Today's U.V. Index

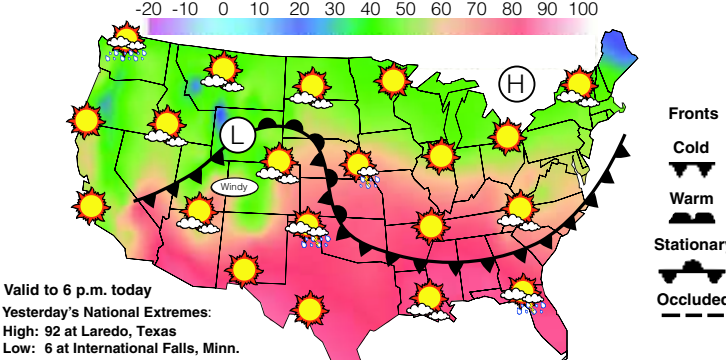
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City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
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Baltimore	52 39 pc	55 48 r	Phoenix	83 58 pc	68 47 sh
Birmingham	75 57 sh	78 56 su	Raleigh	62 43 pc	71 53 mc
Boston	42 29 su	42 37 r	Reno	51 29 mx	45 30 ls
Charlotte, SC	66 53 mc	69 59 pc	Sacramento	57 44 r	56 43 sh
Chicago	57 29 pc	55 29 sh	St. Louis	78 58 th	81 57 pc
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At ground zero, the future finally appears

By David B. Caruso
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The noise at ground zero is a steady roar. Engines hum. Cement mixers churn. Air horns blast. Cranes, including one that looks like a giant crab leg, soar and crawl over every corner of the 16-acre site.

For years, the future has been slow to appear at the site of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. But with six months remaining until the national 9/11 memorial opens, the work to turn a mountain of rubble into some of the inspiring moments envisioned nearly a decade ago is thundering forward.

One World Trade Center, otherwise known as the Freedom Tower, has joined the Manhattan skyline. Its steel frame, already clad in glass on lower floors, now stands 58 stories tall and is starting to inch above many of the skyscrapers that ring the site. A new floor is being added every week.

The mammoth black-granite fountains and reflecting pools that mark the footprints of the fallen twin towers are largely finished, and they are a spectacle. Workers have already begun testing the waterfalls that will ultimately cascade into a void in the center of each square pit. The plaza that surrounds them has the potential to be one of the city's awesome public spaces once construction is complete. Some 150 trees have already been planted in the plaza deck, even as workers continue to build it.

The memorial plaza won't be complete when it opens on

“We want people to be able to see that downtown does have this incredible future to it.”

— Chris Ward, executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Sept. 11, 2011, and a tour of the site last week makes clear that work around it will continue for years. Mud is still plentiful at ground level, and for now the site is dominated by the same concrete-gray shades that blanketed lower Manhattan after the 9/11 attacks.

But the agency that owned the trade center and has spent nearly a decade rebuilding it is aiming to deliver a memorial experience on 9/11/11 that closes one chapter — marked by mourning — and ushers in a new experience, where ground zero again becomes part of the city's everyday fabric.

“We want people to be able to see that downtown does have this incredible future to it,” said Chris Ward, executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. “The work will not be done on that day. What we hope will be done is the sense of frustration.”

For now, the complexity and scale of the construction is evident in every corner.

Workers labor around the clock. During the busiest shifts, around 2,800 people — mostly men — labor amid tangles and ravines of steel. In one steel cavern that will become a transit hub course, showers of orange

sparks fly as welders install trusses weighing up to 50 tons.

From the top of One World Trade, the view is spectacular, as it was from the twin towers, even though the building stands at 680 feet, less than halfway to its planned 1,776-foot height. Visitors to the upper floors can see the grand sweep of the Hudson River and New York Harbor, dotted with container ships, all the way to Sandy Hook at the northern tip of the Jersey Shore. People at ground level can now see the tower, too, from a growing number of places in the city and across the river in New Jersey.

High in the tower, safety is a big concern. There is netting everywhere to keep pieces of this or that from falling into the void below.

On the 29th floor, men preparing to install window glass last week were tethered to the building by safety cables as they worked near the ledge.

Even their hard hats were attached by a safety line, in case they were knocked over the side. A yellow line, painted on the concrete deck, marked how close workers are allowed to stand without wearing a safety harness.

The building's glass curtain wall now rises to the 27th floor.

After initial slow progress, the crews are getting better and faster at getting each pane in place, while managing wind that pushes each big sheet around like a sail. By Sept. 11, the building is expected to be 80 stories high, making it the tallest tower downtown.



The Freedom Tower, right, rises above the World Trade Center site in New York. Rebirth has been slow in coming to ground zero, but in six months the first portions of the national 9/11 memorial are scheduled to open to the public.

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EDITORIAL

Revamped Luna education reform still has its flaws

Details of the much-anticipated rewrite of Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna’s key education reform bill emerged Friday, and there’s less than meets the eye. The new legislation, scheduled to be introduced in the state Senate this week, basically kicks the can down the road. It pushes back the start of Luna’s technology initiative and hands decisions about laying off teachers and raising classes sizes to local school boards. Looming in the background is a teacher merit pay law that Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter signed last week. It obligates the 2012 Legislature to spend \$38 million the state doesn’t have.

According to the *Spokesman-Review* of Spokane, Wash., Luna’s revised bill would cost the state \$5.5 million next year, which would be covered by \$9.4 million in savings from the already passed bill removing teacher tenure, then save the state \$21.7 million the next year and \$35 million in each subsequent year. But those savings would go to fund the teacher pay-for-performance plan; there would be no net savings. The bill shifts money from existing salary based apportionment — the funding stream from the state to school districts that largely goes to salaries — to cover the new technology requirements and merit pay.

Our view:
Under Tom Luna’s revised proposal, the hard decisions would be left to local school boards.
What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The Senate’s No. 2 Republican isn’t buying it. “It provides and fixes in statute the funding formula for technology and it takes it from salary based apportionment,” said Majority Leader Bart Davis of Idaho Falls. “And I don’t support that.” Although local school boards — not the state — would make the call about class sizes and job cuts, they’ll likely have less state money to work with. That means more difficult decisions are inevitable and raises the possibility that some school boards will cut teachers’ pay. Districts would have some flexibility on the use-it-or-lose-it portion of salary based apportionment, meaning local schools wouldn’t have to use all of the money allocated by the Legislature for classroom teachers on teachers.

And those laptops that Luna proposed giving every ninth-grader? They’d still get them, but next year instead of this year. Teachers will receive laptops first, then one-third of high school students for three years. The state Board of Education would set the rules for requiring online courses as a graduation requirement starting with the Class of 2016. The legislation allows parents to enroll students in online classes with or without the permission of their local school districts, yet requires the districts to pay for them.

On the upside, the legislation would create a task force to report to the Legislature on its vision for progress for technology in the classroom. The task force would include superintendents, principals, classroom teachers, educational technology experts, representatives of the business community, leaders of educational groups and lawmakers. At the very least, it would slow down the rush to technology and allow stakeholders a say how it should happen. But basically, the new legislation would implement Luna’s Children Come First program on the backs of teachers. We can do better.

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NO GUNS ON CAMPUS

Colleges are among the few places where firearms don’t belong

By Bruce Newcomb

Boise State University opposes House Bill 222 because it is a solution looking to solve a non-existent problem.

This proposal is trying to fix something that isn’t broken.

In Rep. Erik Simpson’s debate in favor of the bill, he cited a report giving BSU a C- for safety. Research provided by members of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators revealed that the company sponsoring the report is owned by a Ukrainian national, and the quoted study lacks any legitimacy.

Under the Cleary Act, the university is responsible for compiling, reporting and publishing crime statistics for the campus and surrounding areas. Recent reports demonstrate that BSU has a very low crime rate.

Rep. Simpson also discussed the need for this proposal because of the constitutional right to bear arms. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, in the opinion of the Court for the Heller case, which struck down gun regulation in the District of Columbia, stated “... nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings ...” Thus, the justice was indicating that our rights are not boundless. In response to this quote, Rep. Simpson said typically schools are defined to only include K-12. The Idaho Supreme court has not held to this definition, instead, they state “the public schools of this state include the little log cabin in the remote district, as well as the magnificent normal schools, the academy, and the state university. The university is as much a public school as is the district school.”

Further, the current bill does allow regulation in undergraduate dormitories. This provision demonstrates

ABOUT HOUSE BILL 222

The guns-on-campus bill would prohibit Idaho’s colleges, universities and community colleges from banning the possession of firearms on campus, except for undergraduate dormitories. It passed the House of Representatives 41-28 on March 16. Among the south-central Idaho delegation, Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls; Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls; Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, and Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, voted for the bill. Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls; Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls; Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome; Rep. Bert Stephenson, R-Rupert; Rep. Rich Wills, R-Glenns Ferry, Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, opposed it. The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Erik Simpson, R-Idaho Falls, is awaiting action by the Senate State Affairs Committee.

If universities can no longer regulate guns on campus, where will large-scale, highly profitable acts perform? Will they take their tours to other states will Elton John cancel his appearance in Idaho; will the NCAA look elsewhere? Why limit economic activity unnecessarily, especially in these financially constrained times?



See **NO GUNS**, Opinion 2

What’s south-central Idaho’s storyline?

Help me uncover the Magic Valley’s master narratives.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
Josh Awtry

things we already cover, but I want to make sure we’re doing the best job we can on them. A few familiar themes from our discussion:

• **Shift of the southern Idaho family:** For decades, family farms ruled the Magic Valley’s roost. But as families are replaced by large companies, a shift is taking place on both the business and home level.

• **The new Latino population:** Southern Idaho’s Latinos are nothing new — many families date back for generations. But the increase in

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larger farming operations have brought us new neighbors, giving the population a boost, but also an accompanying culture shift.

• **Love for the outdoors in several forms:** There’s no question about it — this is an

outdoors place. But the commonality ends there. Some love the outdoors for hunting, while others see it as a nature preserve. Some folks want to run offroad vehicles wherever they’d like, while others want the motors to be silenced.

• **Water and growth:** The name “Magic Valley” was conjured up only once water was brought to the dry land. As more people and businesses move to the area, resources and scarcity are only going to become bigger problems.

Our list is a start, but we’re only 20 people. You’re thousands.

We’ve gotten the ball rolling, and I’d like to hear your thoughts: What are the

See **EDITOR**, Opinion 2

We're not as good as we think we are

We're an overconfident species. Ninety-four percent of college professors believe they have above-average teaching skills. A survey of high school students found that 70 percent of them have above-average leadership skills and only 2 percent are below average.

Men tend to be especially blessed with self-esteem. Men are the victims of unintentional drowning more than twice as often as women. That's because men have tremendous faith in their own swimming ability, especially after they've been drinking.

Americans are similarly endowed with self-esteem. When pollsters ask people around the world to rate themselves on a variety of



David Brooks

traits, they find that people in Serbia, Chile, Israel and the United States generally supply the most positive views of themselves. People in South Korea, Switzerland, Japan, Taiwan and Morocco are on the humble side of the rankings.

Yet even from this high base, there is some evidence to suggest that Americans have taken self-approval up a notch over the past few decades. Start with the anecdotal evidence. It would have

been unthinkable for a baseball player to celebrate himself in the batter's box after a home-run swing. Now it's not unusual. A few decades ago, pop singers didn't compose anthems to their own prowess; now those songs dominate the charts.

American students no longer perform particularly well in global math tests. But Americans are among the world leaders when it comes to thinking that we are really good at math.

Students in the Middle East, Africa and the United States have the greatest faith in their math skills. Students in Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan have much less self-confidence, though they actually do better on

the tests.

In a variety of books and articles, Jean M. Twenge of San Diego State University and W. Keith Campbell of the University of Georgia have collected data suggesting that American self-confidence has risen of late. College students today are much more likely to agree with statements such as "I am easy to like" than college students 30 years ago. In the 1950s, 12 percent of high school seniors said they were a "very important person." By the '90s, 80 percent said they believed that they were.

In short, there's abundant evidence to suggest that we have shifted a bit from a culture that emphasized self-effacement — I'm no better than anybody else, but no-

body is better than me — to a culture that emphasizes self-expansion.

Writers like Twenge point out that young people are bathed in messages telling them how special they are. Often these messages are untethered to evidence of actual merit. Over the past few decades, for example, the number of hours college students spend studying has steadily declined. Meanwhile, the average GPA has steadily risen.

Some argue that today's child-rearing and educational techniques have produced praise addicts. Roni Caryn Rabin of *The New York Times* recently reported on some research that found that college students would rather

receive a compliment than eat their favorite food or have sex.

If Americans do, indeed, have a different and larger conception of the self than they did a few decades ago, I wonder if this is connected to some of the social and political problems we have observed over the past few years.

It's possible that some of the current political problems are influenced by fundamental shifts in culture, involving things as fundamental as how we appraise ourselves. Addressing them would require a more comprehensive shift in values.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community support helped pass school levy

On March 8, voters in the Twin Falls School District turned out to approve by simple majority a \$7.5 million supplemental levy. The supplemental levy will provide \$3.75 million each year for the next two years to the Twin Falls School District. Funds will be used to maintain current student programs and services as well as adding some student/teacher contact days back to the calendar. We would like to thank the patrons of the Twin Falls School District who voted in support of the levy. Your vote affirms your belief in providing a quality education for the students in this community.

We would also like to acknowledge the heroic efforts of the community Budget Advisory Committee. This committee was comprised mainly of community members, parents and students who spent many hours examining the budget of the TFSD and formulating the plan to move forward with a levy. Their undying support for this process and endless energy flowed through the committee and into the community. The commitment and belief of all members in the process were instrumental in its success.

We are so proud of our PTA-O presidents, our principals, teachers, and staff members for the extra effort it took to help inform our patrons and to inspire participation. We would also like to acknowledge the *Times-News*, KMVT and numerous radio outlets for the outstanding and professional coverage of the issues. In addition, the endorsements from the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, the *Times-News* editorial board and many other business leaders in the community were pivotal to the success of the levy election.

With the support of parents, students, staff and community members, the district will begin moving forward with our plans for next year. The supplemental levy was just one piece to the funding puzzle, but with it, we know we will be able to optimize the educational opportunities for our community's students.

Thank you for your vote of confidence. We are truly grateful and humbled by the support from the great people of Twin Falls. We will continue to work diligently to provide a quality education for our children.

BRYAN MATSUOKA
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Bryan Matsuoka is the chairman of the Twin Falls School District board of directors. The letter was also signed by vice chairman Lori Ward; trustees Kenney Young, Dan King and Richard Crowley; and Superintendent Wiley Dobbs.)

Boy Scout compliments his former scoutmaster

I am a 12-year-old Boy Scout and wanted to write this letter.

My scoutmaster this past year was Byron Nickels and I just got a new scout leader. Byron Nickels was the best scout leader I could ever have. He was patient and

kind and fair. He was a great example and leader to me and my troop. He has taught me the importance of being an honorable scout. I am a better person because he believed I was capable of doing good things. I will miss him as my scoutmaster but look forward to using the skills he taught me to be a better person.

TANNER WASDEN
Twin Falls

Porn is destroying lives, families, communities

I recently received an article from my sister and attached was a letter titled "Join the fight against illegal pornography" written by Layne and Liz Stocking.

This couple's comments struck a serious chord with me as I gratefully note a growing grassroots effort being made by small-town Americans to combat pornography and obscenity. My concern is a personal one as I grew up in Heyburn, attended school there and graduated from Minico in the mid-'70s. Today, I reside in the Fremont Correctional Facility in Canon City, Colo.. Prison — a direct result of excessive use and addiction to pornography and Internet chatting.

My journey to this place is a long one and, as I search my life, I recognize the significant role "porn" played in it all, beginning around 12 years and extending to my initial arrest in 2004. There are a million reasons to support the effort and fight against this obscenity. My recommendation is you begin with the reasons right in your home.

Parents, husbands, wives, sons and daughters, each and every one, must make this an effort and stop minimizing pornography as a passing interest. Porn is destroying lives, families and communities. How do I know? Come and visit me some time and I'll explain it to you in great detail.

LONNIE A. HARDY
Canon City, Colo.
(Editor's note: Lonnie Hardy is an inmate at the Fremont Correctional Facility in Canon City, Colo. His sister, Sharon Hardy Mills of Burley, submitted and verified his letter for him.)

Workers deserve unions that will fight for them

Beginning in 1980, middle class incomes started to decline as a result of inflation and loss of our industrial base. This coincides with the decline in union membership. The attack on unions had begun in earnest. Unionization has been the only way workers could defend themselves against predatory employer practices. Getting rid of all unions is what is being proposed. Do Idahoans really want to return to working in sweat shops?

Workers' average incomes between 1950 and 1980 increased from \$17,719 to \$30,941. Since Reagan, income growth has come to a standstill. Since 1980, average income has only grown from \$30,941 to \$31,244 — a grand total of \$303 during the last 30 years. The wealthiest Americans' income increased 281 percent during the same period of

time, and the national debt exploded from less than a trillion dollars to more than \$9 trillion. Tax cuts for the wealthiest also redistributed wealth upward. So much for fairness.

As a retired union member, it has been my experience that unions do more good than evil. Unfortunately, demonetization of unions has been extremely effective. We, the minority, would like a level playing field where workers earn a living wage. As a lifelong resident of red, right-to-work Idaho, I believe unionization and collective bargaining are rights all workers deserve.

LORRAINE E. WRIGHT
Rupert

Former educator against Luna's education reform

I am a retired teacher and sad about the mockery of our democratic system by our governor, state superintendent and many members of the state Legislature. I am proud to be a lifetime member of the National Education Association, which is an association, similar to other professional associations, that represents teachers. The only reason it has the union label is because it represents the teachers in collective bargaining.

When I went to a national meeting of the NEA, it was the epitome of democracy in action. Issues were researched, discussed and debated before being passed. I cringe at the blind-sheep, follow-the-party mentality regarding Luna's educational proposal; it is a travesty of justice. When the Luna bill was presented at the capitol, 90 percent or more of the people there were against this bill.

I hear that the head of the Albertson Foundation has a computer company. No wonder he is supporting Luna's proposal and wants this bill passed for online learning. It is interesting to note that collective bargaining is cited as the reason for budget shortfalls; however, Texas has one of the biggest shortfalls and doesn't have collective bargaining. I am an independent and have never voted a straight ticket. However, I find it interesting to note that a lot of the "red" states are in the "red" or are in trouble with their budgets.

In reference to Luna's statement that the average class size is 18 students, at the elementary school where I volunteer, the upper grades have 25 in them and the lower grades have 21. Luna skews the figures by including principals, vice principals, librarians and counselors as teachers when he divides teachers into numbers of students.

I proudly taught for 31 of my 33 years here in Idaho. However, I can only applaud a few of our local legislators like Leon Smith, Michelle Stennett, Wendy Jaquet, Donna Pence and former legislator Chuck Coirer for their support of education.

CAROL BEARUP
Twin Falls

Sen. Lee Heider thanked for listening to the public

I want to thank our state government officials for the

support they gave to our communities and to the people with abilities. I would like to personally thank Sen. Lee Heider for meeting with me on a Sunday to discuss the concerns over some of the proposed budget cuts to the Health and Welfare budget. There were three proposed areas that were of great concern if they would have made it through and placed into rule. It would have been devastating to individuals with abilities, to the companies that work with these individuals and to the people they employ.

It was truly amazing how the senators on these committees invited the public to testify and truly listen to the people they serve. As I listen to people who came from all over Idaho to testify to let the senators know how these proposed cuts would affect their daily lives, I was very proud to call myself an Idahoan.

Politically, I consider myself an independent. However, I know for a fact in two years, I will be voting for at least one Republican, Sen. Lee Heider, and if he needs any help with his re-election campaign, I will be there to help.

RUBY HAMMOND
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Ruby Hammond is a developmental specialist with Positive Connections in Twin Falls.)

Governor Otter wasting Idaho's time and money

Gov. Otter is taking Idaho for a ride! He is isolated from the citizens of this state, and his staff is an accessory to this deceitful behavior.

Nearly four years ago, I attempted to submit a project that would have been beneficial to Idaho's economy and provide a working environment for musicians and entertainers.

I am a professional musician/bandleader (45-plus years) and have worked with major headliners/legends (e.g., Jack Benny, Danny Thomas, Liza Minnelli, Lola Folana, etc.). I have residency in Lake Tahoe, Nev., and since arriving in Idaho have been dismayed by the callous disregard this state shows musicians and the music industry!

The governor has done TV promos with his family telling people to keep their children away from irrigation ditches. This is a parent's responsibility and, while important, certainly not a priority! Another promo, while sitting on his horse, he stated he gives his horses HINI shots and everyone should do the same. Once again, important but certainly not a priority! These are clearly PR stunts and a waste of state time and money! He has cut education budgets (I went through this in California 30-plus years ago and it's a disastrous move)! Additionally, he allotted several million dollars to "part-time" Legislature (lodging/expense) while in session! Today, exchanging legislative business can be initiated via telecommunications (their session is approximately 2 1/2 months).

Idaho's concept of culture is agriculture!

Thank you for your time and attention.

FRED PADDEN
Rupert

MEANWHILE, IN ARIZONA

Arizona is on track to become the second state in the nation to require state universities and community colleges to allow firearms on campus, although it won't go as far as Utah and require that guns be permitted inside school buildings. **Senate Bill 1467** would forbid state college and university governing boards from prohibiting both concealed and openly carried weapons in a public right of way, which would include public roads and adjacent sidewalks. **The Senate Committee of the Whole** passed the bill Thursday. It was amended

from its original form, which would have allowed concealed guns anywhere on campus, including inside buildings. The bill now goes to a vote of the full Senate. **Currently**, Arizona and 24 other states allow public colleges and universities to make their own decisions about regulating firearms on campus. **None** of the institutions in Arizona allows the public to carry guns on campus. **Utah** is the only state to require public colleges and universities to allow concealed weapons on campus. — *The Arizona Republic*

No guns

Continued from Opinion 1 internal inconsistency in the application of constitutional rights as defined by the bill's authors.

The university's biggest concern regarding the bill is that the repercussions of implementing this proposal are far-reaching and have yet to be fully explored. House Bill 222 does not specify open or concealed carry; it merely states that universities have no authority to regulate whatsoever, excluding undergraduate dormitories. Does this mean then that when a report of a gun on campus is made, officers cannot respond until an illegal action has taken place, i.e. shots fired or threats made?

Does this mean that if officers do respond and ask for proof of a permit they are violating the individual's rights? If so, is the university and the Boise Police Department liable for harassment suits that may be filed in response to trying to keep the campus safe?

Additionally, most contracts and agreements for events in our venues stipulate a no-weapons clause, as it is industry standard that such policies exist. The Idaho Center and the Qwest Arena prohibit weapons of any kind in their facilities. If

universities can no longer regulate guns on campus, where will large-scale, highly profitable acts perform? Will they take their tours to other states? Will ESPN pass up our campus for GameDay; will Elton John cancel his appearance in Idaho; will the NCAA look elsewhere? Why limit economic activity unnecessarily, especially in these financially constrained times?

Finally, Rep. Simpson asserts that allowing guns on campuses makes for a safer environment, especially in the event of an unexpected shooting. A special investigation by 20/20 demonstrated that, in general, when people are under extreme stress their reaction time slows down.

Boise State University is a safe campus. Provisions are in place to maintain this safety. As Justice Scalia illustrated, there are sensitive places where gun regulations are appropriate, campus are just one example.

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Editor

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One of the things I'm most excited about in my editor post is in getting out and meeting people. Last weekend, I was reminded that I don't always get to choose when and how that happens.

I tried to sneak into the newsroom on Sunday afternoon — about the only time the place is quiet — to clean and prepare for the coming week in peace.

I wasn't there fove minutes when my phone rang. Eldon, a longtime reader, didn't get a TV section in his Sunday paper, and he wasn't overly happy about it. He didn't know I was the editor — he was just glad to have reached a human being.

I told him it was his lucky day, and drove a few miles outside of town to hand-deliver one.

What resulted was a half-hour chat on Eldon's porch on a sunny afternoon. We hung out near his tan Buick Roadmaster (which he says he'll drive until it dies) and talked about the "smell of money" wafting over from his neighbor's cattle, the long drives on I-80 (I'm a Nebraskan, he's a retired truck driver) and the follies of reality television.

When he asked what I did there, I mentioned I was the editor — and added that maybe he'd seen my column at the bottom of Sunday's opinion section.

"Don't usually make it that far," Eldon said. "I tend to stop at the obituaries — make sure I'm not in 'em."

Josh Awtry is the editor of the Times-News.

Unlikely events, unparalleled dangers

‘Black swans’ strike out of the blue

By Joel Achenbach
The Washington Post

Disaster bureaucrats talk about black swans: calamities from out of the blue, terrible and strange. The world is now transfixed by the black swan disaster of Japan — an earthquake larger than seismologists thought could happen in that part of the country, leading to a tsunami too big for the sea walls, and now a nuclear crisis that wasn’t supposed to be possible.

“People talk about the Big One. This is it,” said Tom O’Rourke, a Cornell professor of civil and environmental engineering and a member of the federal Advisory Committee for Earthquake Hazard Reduction. “This is what the Big One looks like. We’ve had an imaginative idea of what the Big One would be like if it struck a major, populated, modern society.”

Japan’s nightmare comes in the wake of two other events that scientists found surprising in their location and intensity: the highly destructive earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand, on Feb. 22, which was triggered by a little-regarded fault; and the tsunami-spawning Sumatra earthquake Dec. 26, 2004, on a trench not considered likely to cause such a “mega-quake.”

It may seem as if there are more natural disasters these days, but the real issue is that there are more people and more property vulnerable to the violent forces of Earth. Natural disasters are supplemented by technological disasters — last year’s Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico being one example. Disaster planners in the United States have to ask themselves how they would deal not only with the obvious types of calamities — Gulf Coast hurricanes, for example — but also the events that are of low probability but come with high consequences.

“You don’t get to pick the next disaster. You don’t necessarily know where the threats are,” Craig Fugate, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said this week as he contemplated Japan’s horrific combination of catastrophes. “We plan for the things we know, but we also plan for the things we don’t know.”

The term “black swan” was coined and popularized by Nassim Nicholas Taleb, a New York University professor of risk engineering and author of “The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable.”

People debate what qualifies as a black swan. Most alleged black swans turn out to have obvious precursors



SHIHO FUKADA/The International Herald Tribune
Members of the Japanese Defense Force stand near the body of a victim from the recent tsunami in Nobiru, Japan, Monday. The tsunami that barreled into northeast Japan was so murderous that not much was left when search-and-rescue teams finally reached the area.

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and warning signs — the Sept. 11 attacks included. Nothing comes out of the blue, truly.

The next big disaster could be something off the radar of most Americans. A solar flare, for example, could trigger a geomagnetic storm that could knock out much of the nation’s power grid. Or an earthquake could hit an East Coast city not generally considered vulnerable to a major temblor. That sounds like paranoia, but mainstream scientists and government officials research such things.

“South Carolina’s got a very significant seismic history,” Fugate noted. “There’s a fault that runs through Charleston, South Carolina, that has devastated that area before.” That 1886 event, with an estimated magnitude of 7.3, killed 60 people and was felt as far away as Wisconsin, Boston and Cuba.

That was what geologists call an intraplate earthquake, an event within one of the planet’s major tectonic plates rather than along the margin, where earthquakes are easier to understand and anticipate. What causes these intraplate earthquakes is a thorny scientific question. Some intraplate faults might have a major quake every few thousand years, so infrequently that they are not in sync with the human time scale and do not factor significantly in the U.S. Geological Survey’s seismic hazard maps.

Conversely, some hazards are well publicized at this point but highly unlikely for centuries to come, such as a full-blown eruption of the Yellowstone caldera, sometimes referred to as a supervolcano. If Yellowstone were to explode, it would be an

event thousands of times more violent than the Mount St. Helens eruption, and its effect would be felt across much of the western United States. But it has been 640,000 years since the last such event and, although the caldera is active and generates swarms of small earthquakes, there is no sign that a major event will happen in the lifetime of anyone around today.

Some hazards become more prominent with new scientific research. Only in the past couple of decades have scientists come to appreciate the threat posed by the Cascadia subduction zone, a tectonic plate boundary running just off the coast of the Pacific Northwest, from Northern California to Vancouver Island. It could generate a mega-quake like the one that just hit Japan.

A breakthrough in understanding that fault line came when American scientist Brian Atwater found signs of coastal cedar forests that had been swamped after the growing season of 1699. In a major earthquake, the land can drop several feet instantly and the tidal line can change. Atwater consulted with Japanese scientists and found records of an “orphan tsunami” in the year 1700. Scientists were able to determine that around 9 p.m. on Jan. 26, 1700, the Cascadia subduction zone generated a mega-quake.

“What we’re watching in Japan is possible off the Cascadia subduction zone,” said O’Rourke, the Cornell professor.

Disaster preparation requires a careful calibration of risk and a strong sense of what’s a reasonable level of caution. Society cannot protect itself from everything that conceivably could

go wrong. Even with nuclear power, where safeguards are piled on top of safeguards, there is a point at which the operation becomes too expensive for anyone to attempt.

David Lochbaum, director of the Union of Concerned Scientists’ Nuclear Safety Program, said this week, “You can design a reactor to be bulletproof, but no one would want to pay for it.”

Tom Hunter, former head of Sandia National Laboratories and a leader of the federal government’s scientific team that responded to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill — the most recent black swan in the United States — said it is up to America’s political and business leaders to find the right balance between safety and efficiency.

“I think many of our systems do not operate as if things could go wrong,” Hunter said. “They operate as if everything will go right.”

Scientists have put together what they call a Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Assessment that seeks to map the probability of a certain amount of shaking in any given time window. But “probabilistic” isn’t the same thing as deterministic.

“The problem is that, by design, you leave yourself open to the low-probability, high-impact event,” said Susan Hough, a U.S. Geological Survey seismologist who has written about the difficulty of predicting earthquakes. In Boston, for example, she said, “hazard maps say the hazard is low, and rightly so, but the potential risk could be enormous. Seismologists know this, but I don’t think the point is widely appreciated outside of the scientific community.”

In May, FEMA will run an exercise in the central United States to help prepare for any earthquakes along the New Madrid seismic zone. This is the 200th anniversary

of the first of three powerful earthquakes — estimated at magnitude 7.7 — that struck along the Mississippi River Valley.

Three years ago, 5,000 emergency responders in Southern California participated in an earthquake drill, known as the “ShakeOut,” that pondered the effects of a magnitude-7.8 quake on the San Andreas Fault. But now officials are talking about something that they say is just as likely and possibly would cost three times as much in property damage: a flood of biblical proportions that would turn California’s Central Valley into an inland sea.

The U.S. Geological Survey prepared what it called the ArkStorm scenario (for “Atmospheric River 1,000”), in which California experiences rainfall similar to what occurred in the winter of 1861-62, when rain fell for 45 consecutive days. The flooded area could be 300 miles long and 20 miles wide, and property damage could reach \$400 billion, with an additional \$325 billion in business interruption costs.

The Oak Ridge National Laboratory issued a warning this past fall about the possible disastrous effects of an electromagnetic pulse (EMP), caused by a solar flare or a terrorist attack,

that would knock out the electrical grid for up to 130 million people. A solar storm damaged a Quebec power system in 1989 and caused a blackout that affected 6 million.

The question for policymakers is to what extent it makes sense to take mitigation steps for low-probability, high-consequence hazards.

The Oak Ridge report suggests that paying now is a lot cheaper than paying later. “The cost of damage from the most extreme solar event has been estimated at \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion with a recovery time of four to 10 years,” the report said, “while the average yearly cost of installing equipment to mitigate an EMP event is estimated at less than 20 cents per year for the average residential customer.”

The disaster experts have a buzzword: resilience. You can’t stop the disaster from happening — the very nature of a black swan is that it catches you off-guard — but you can increase the speed and grace with which society bounces back.

“Think of resilience in terms of the old Timex commercial,” said Jack Hayes, director of the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program. “It can take a licking and keep on ticking.”

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Japan finds radiation in milk, spinach

Officials say levels exceed safety limits

By Shino Yuasa and Eric Talmadge
Associated Press writers

FUKUSHIMA, Japan — Japan announced the first signs that contamination from its tsunami-crippled nuclear complex have seeped into the food chain, saying that radiation levels in spinach and milk from farms near the facility exceeded government safety limits.

Japanese officials insisted that the small amounts of radiation — with traces also found in tap water in Tokyo — posed no immediate health threat, and said the situation at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, while still unpredictable, appeared to be coming under control after near-constant dousing of water to prevent spent fuel rods from burning up.

Emergency teams using an unmanned vehicle to spray water targeting the most at-risk of the plant's six reactors launched a new round today — aimed at the plant's Unit 4 — while preparing to switch power back on for the first time since a March 11 earthquake and tsunami knocked out the plant's crucial cooling systems.

However, there was no guarantee the cooling systems would still work, even once power was restored.

Japan has been struggling with an overwhelming chain of disasters prompted by the 9.0-magnitude quake. The quake spawned a tsunami that ravaged Japan's north-eastern coast, killing more than 7,600 people and knocking out cooling systems at the plant, prompting overheated reactors and fuel to leak radiation.

More than 11,000 people are still missing, and more than 452,000 are living in shelters.

The government's top spokesman, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano, said at a news conference Saturday that tainted milk and spinach were collected from several farms ranging from 20 miles to 75 miles away from the reactors.

After the announcements, Japanese officials immediately tried to calm an already-jittery public, saying the amounts detected were so small that people would have to consume unimaginable amounts to endanger their health.

"Can you imagine eating one kilogram of spinach every day for one year?" said State Secretary of Health Minister Yoko Komiyama. One kilogram is a little over two pounds.

Edano said someone drinking the tainted milk for one year would consume as much radiation as in a CT scan; for the spinach, it would be one-fifth of a CT scan. A CT scan is a com-



A volunteer carries a woman who fled from Futaba, near the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, into an evacuation center in Saitama, Japan, Saturday.

pressed series of X-rays used for medical tests.

Minuscule amounts of radioactive iodine also were found in tap water Friday in Tokyo and elsewhere in Japan — although experts said none of those tests showed any health risks. The Health Ministry also said that radioactive iodine slightly above government safety limits was found in drinking water at one point Thursday in a sampling from Fukushima prefecture, the site of the nuclear plant, but later tests showed the level had fallen again.

Six workers trying to bring the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant back under control were exposed to more than 100 millisieverts of radiation — Japan's normal limit for those involved in emergency operations, according to Tokyo Electric Power Co., which operates the complex. The government raised that limit to 250 millisieverts on Tuesday as the crisis escalated.

An expert in the United States also said the risk from the radiation levels in food appeared limited and urged calm.

"The most troubling thing to me is the fear that's out of proportion to the risk," said Dr. Henry Duval Royal, a radiologist at Washington University Medical School.

The areas where the spinach and milk were sampled are rich farm country also known for melons, rice and peaches, so the contamination could affect food supplies for large parts of Japan.

More tests were being done on other foods, Edano said, and if they show further contamination, then food shipments from the area would be halted.

Farmers worried that the crisis would crush demand, even for crops unaffected by the crisis.

"There will probably be damaging rumors," said a tearful Shizuko Kohata, 60, a farmer who was evacuated from a town near the nuclear plant by bus. She was staying at a sports arena just north of Tokyo. "I grow things and I'm worried about whether I can make it in the future."

Iodine levels in the spinach exceeded safety limits by three to seven times, a food safety official said. Tests on the milk done Wednesday detected small amounts of iodine-131 and cesium-137. High levels of iodine are linked to thyroid cancer, one of the least deadly cancers if treated. Cesium is a longer-lasting element that affects the whole body and raises cancer risk. But only iodine was detected Thursday and Friday, a Health Ministry official said.

The Health Ministry said iodine levels slightly above the safety limit were discovered Thursday in drinking water samples from Fukushima prefecture. On Friday, levels were about half that benchmark; by Saturday, they had fallen further.

Drinking one liter of water with the iodine at Thursday's levels is the equivalent of receiving one-eighty-eighth of the radiation from a chest X-ray, said Kazuma Yokota, a spokesman for the prefecture's disaster response headquarters.

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Intervention in Libya comes with unusual speed

By **Angela Charlton**
Associated Press writer

Analysis

PARIS — In diplomatic terms, international military action against Libya's leader went from the brainstorming stage to the shooting-at-tanks stage with stunning speed.

Saturday's launch of U.S., British and French airstrikes with Arab backing and U.N. mandate was not universally endorsed. And it's unclear whether it will be fast enough to do what its proponents want, to shore up rebel forces and oust Libya's leader Moammar Gadhafi.

But the cascade of quick, weighty decisions getting there was unusual — just one of the unusual things about this dramatic operation.

It has the backing of the Arab League, which has balked at other interventions in the Arab world and is known more for lengthy deliberations than action.

And it was initiated by the French, who famously opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

It was French President Nicolas Sarkozy who announced that 22 participants in an emergency summit in Paris on Saturday had agreed to launch armed action against Gadhafi's military. And a French fighter jet reported the first strike Saturday afternoon, against a Libyan military vehicle in or near Benghazi, the heart of the uprising against the long-time leader, before over a hundred cruise missiles fired from U.S and British ships slammed into this north African nation.

The action in Libya came after the international community was slow to respond to swelling protests in Tunisia and then Egypt in January and February that toppled longtime autocrats and sparked uprisings around the Arab world.

Leaders and diplomats dawdled less when Libya's Gadhafi started shooting at protesters.

On Feb. 26, the U.N. Security Council imposed sanctions on Gadhafi's regime after just about two days of discussion, and as rebel forces gained ground against the Libyan military.

On March 10, France recognized the opposition Interim Governing Council as the "legitimate representatives of the Libyan people." The next day, the 27-nation European Union offered the opposition similar support.

Support in Arab countries mounted for a no-fly zone.

With Gadhafi's forces showing signs of a resurgence, the 22-member Arab League called March 12 for the U.N.'s Security Council to impose a no-fly zone.

That was a crucial moment, especially for the United States. Without Arab support, any intervention would have risked being seen as a Western occupation.

France and Britain pushed for a new, stronger U.N. resolution. Washington, initially reluctant, said even a no-fly zone wouldn't be enough, paving the way for authori-

zation of a draft calling for "all necessary measures" to protect civilians.

That resolution won U.N. adoption Thursday.

On Friday, the U.S., France and Britain sent Gadhafi a letter telling him a cease-fire must begin immediately, or risk the consequences.

On Saturday morning, Gadhafi's forces defied their own cease-fire, aiming new strikes on Benghazi.

Western warplanes and warships amassed around the Mediterranean, from Canada, Britain, Denmark, the United States.

Sarkozy hastily gathered 22 high-powered guests for a lunch summit Saturday: U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, British Prime Minister David Cameron, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Arab League Secretary General Amr Moussa, and top officials from around Europe and Arab countries.

After lunch, Sarkozy announced that the political leaders had agreed to launch military action. French planes, he said, were already in the air.

Ninety minutes later, French military officials reported their first strike.

This was all very different from past protracted, divisive U.N. debates over military intervention. In 2002-2003, France especially was vehemently opposed to action in Iraq, and Britain was forced to withdraw a U.N. resolution authorizing force against Saddam Hussein. The United States then organized a coalition without U.N. approval.

On Saturday, the U.N. chief hailed the Paris summit on Libya as a success.

It's "never too late" to undertake an operation like this, Ban said. "Arab countries, Europeans, Americans — they were all in one voice," he said.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said "we have every reason to fear that left unchecked, Gadhafi will commit unspeakable atrocities."

British Prime Minister David Cameron said after the summit: "We have to make it stop. ... The time for action has come, it needs to be urgent."

Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper, also in Paris, said Gadhafi's claim of a cease-fire "was an obvious lie from the beginning."

The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), an umbrella organization representing 57 Muslim nations, called on member states to help implement the U.N. resolution and to establish contacts with the Libyan opposition.

But several countries remain cautious or openly critical about the risky operation.

Russia's Foreign Ministry said it noted the launch of operations "with regret," and noted that the U.N. resolution authorizing them was "hastily approved."



Sarkozy

Libel abounds on Net but lawsuits rare

By **Kevin Giles**
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — One Facebook user, angry over a dispute with a neighbor, ridicules her online as a thief and a liar. On Twitter, someone accuses a murder suspect of being a killer. A blogger discloses sensitive details about a political candidate's personal life.

A perplexing phenomenon has emerged as millions of people have their say in social media. In today's world, libelous online comments are rampant — and yet very few people have filed lawsuits over reckless and untrue statements.

Court actions involving users on youth-dominated social media remain surprisingly low, suggesting a new outspoken culture that's more tolerant of lies, rude behavior and character assassination.

"They've come to accept this kind of hurly-burly Internet conversation as normal," said Mark Anfinson, a Minneapolis media attorney. "There are a lot of folks out there who never had a voice before. They now talk in a context just like in a bar or across the backyard fence."

While loose lips have be-

come common in social media exchanges, consequences loom for people who launch false attacks that threaten to inflict serious harm on someone's reputation. Libel cases, often driven by anger and a quest for vengeance, can cost tens of thousands of dollars in attorney fees and result in unflattering publicity.

Few people have been sued for comments they made online and even fewer cases go to trial. Reasons for this, experts say, include:

- Attorneys can't sue Internet companies — who have the deep pockets — for what individual users say because of protection from the federal Communications Decency Act.

- A blurring between fact and fiction continues unabated on Internet sites.

- Many states have no laws to address the endless ways people fabricate information.

- Many online postings are never seen in the first place. Unlike permanent comments in newspapers, postings can slide past without being noticed — but whether they ever dis-

appear from databases remains in dispute.

- Online postings, depending on how they're delivered, can have narrow audiences.

Still, lawsuits do occur. An NBA referee filed a suit this week against



The Associated Press and one of its sports writers for a Twitter message that the referee said suggested he'd made a bad

call on purpose to make up for an earlier call. The referee, William Spooner, said the tweet resulted in a disciplinary investigation and hurt his reputation; he's seeking \$75,000 and a court order to remove the comment from AP sports writer Jon Krawczynski's postings.

Ordinary folks are held to the same legal standards as news reporters and anyone else who makes written statements in public, but few seem to know that — or care.

"People do and say things online that they aren't likely to do in the physical world," said David Ardia, director of the Citizen Media Law Project at Harvard Law School in Boston. Libel suits related to social media are rare na-

tionwide, he said, in part because users can fire off instant replies to nasty comments.


"There's this feeling of engagement that people have available to them, tools they didn't have in the past," Ardia said.

Many offending comments relate to politics, religion and interpersonal relationships — topics sure to inspire arguments in face-to-face conversations.

Social media, Ardia said, has made the world into one big chat with everyone speaking at once. The cacophony of voices seems to race at Mach speed, with new comments continually burying old ones, but experts say it's a mistake to presume libelous comments will disappear entirely.

"The rule is you're responsible for what you say," said Minneapolis attorney Leita Walker.


Whether posting on Facebook, writing a letter to the editor of a newspaper, blogging or otherwise expressing an opinion, "you strive to be accurate and fair and make sure what you write is true. You don't want to repeat a rumor to find out the rumor isn't true."



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BURLEY — Caroline Marie Ray was born March 12, 1936, in Findlay, Ohio. She passed away Friday, March 11, 2011, in Phoenix, Ariz.

She is survived by her sons, Hugh N. Ray (Tammy Hartman) of Phoenix, Ariz., Steven Ray of Pocatello and Jeff Ray (Jamie) of Burley; her grandchildren, Kim Ray, Cory Ray, McKenna Hitt and Brandon Ray; and great-grandchildren, Camry and McKalla Ray.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, at the Pleasant



View Cemetery in Burley, under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Joseph Milton Harris

July 25, 1929–March 16, 2011

BOISE — Joseph Milton Harris of Boise, Idaho, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at his home of natural causes.

Milt was born July 25, 1929, to Hilda and Dony Harris and raised in Albion, Idaho. He married first wife, Ruth Mallory, and had four children, Sid, Kim, Jody and Robin. Later on in life, he met and married Faye Vickers. They shared a wonderful 40 years of farming, horse racing, traveling, camping and fishing together.

Milt was preceded in death by his parents, Hilda and Dony; brothers, Clifton and Jay; sister, Darlene; first wife, Ruth; second wife, Faye; and stepson, James Vickers. He is survived by his sister, Norma; children, Sid



Harris, Kim and Lesia Harris, Jody and Dave Hamilton, and Robin and Scott Baggett; stepchildren, Evelyn and Sam Wilson, Martha and Gale Waltman, Donna and Jim Neal, and Lawrence and Vicki Vickers; and lots of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We are blessed to have had Milt in our lives and will miss him dearly. A special thanks to Journey's Hospice for all their care and support.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at 200 E. Gowen Road in Boise. To share memories with the family, please visit Milt's memorial webpage online at www.cloverdalefuneralhome.com.

Mike Barron

Dec. 1, 1939–March 15, 2011

Jon Michael "Mike" Barron, age 71, of Twin Falls, passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center after his hard-fought battle with cancer.



He was born on the back porch of his family home in Buhl, Idaho, on Dec. 1, 1939. Parents Byron and Bernice Barron were on their way to the hospital and Mike's quick arrival was the first of many adventures in his life. He graduated with the Class of 1959 from Buhl High School. In 1960, he joined the Army and was stationed in North Carolina with the 82nd Airborne Division.

He came back to Buhl to marry the love of his life (and the only one that would put up with him), Nancy Erb, on Dec. 26, 1960. They were lucky enough in love and life to celebrate 50 years together. They were then stationed at Fort Bragg, where they had their two daughters, Terry and Jerry. Returning home in 1963, he worked at Erb Brothers Market until he started as a route salesman with Clover Club Foods in 1966 and worked there for 30 years, then moving to American Linen, where he retired.

With a work ethic like no other and never knowing a stranger with his gift of gab, he met many friends and learned the history of the towns and the hard-working people that run them. He worked hard for his family and taught them to work hard but play harder. He loved the outdoors with camping, hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding and skiing. No matter where he went, he always left the campground better than how he found it. He enjoyed many adventures with his girls and later with his

grandchildren; he always looked forward to elk hunting trips with big brother, Jim, and his beloved nephew, By Barron.

His second family was the National Ski Patrol System. Dur-

ing the 38 years he was on the Soldier Mountain Ski Patrol, he held many offices and received many awards; he received his national number in 1983, and the last one being the Outstanding Paid Patroller of the Nation for 2010.

Many will miss him, but his memories on and off the hill will live on forever.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Barron of Twin Falls; his daughters, Terry (Chuck) Sharp of Twin Falls, and their children, Jenna, Kelsey and Alex; Jerry (Ray) Woolley of Filer, and their children, Joe (Jim) Woolley of Nashville, Tenn., and Sarah of Twin Falls; his brother, James (Nancy) Barron, and their children, Pat (Jeff) Shifflett, Jane (Paul) VanMaldeghem and Byron (Marina) Barron, and their families; and many other cousins, nieces and nephews; and special riding, skiing and camping friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; and grandson, Jesse Woolley.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the Soldier Mountain Ski Area in Fairfield, Idaho. A graveside service will be held in Twin Falls at a later date. Cremation has been entrusted to the care of Rosenau Funeral Home and Crematory.

The family wants to send out a special thanks to all the doctors and nurses in the Cancer Center and at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Family and friends are encouraged to share their thoughts and memories at www.rosenaufuneralhome.com.

Martha Torrez

Nov. 10, 1957–March 14, 2011

NAMPA — Martha Alicia (Garcia) Torrez, 53, a loving wife, mother, daughter and sister, died on Monday, March 14, 2011.

She was born Nov. 10, 1957, in Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to Oscar and Alicia Garcia. Martha immigrated to the United States with her parents in 1965, where they eventually settled in Rupert, Idaho, and she attended Minidoka County High School.

Martha attended Boise State University and married her high school sweetheart and soul mate, Oscar Torrez, also of Rupert, Idaho. They were married Dec. 15, 1979, and eventually moved to Nampa, Idaho, where they dedicated themselves to raising their three beautiful children.

Martha spent the last 21 years working for the State of Idaho, most recently as a vocational counselor for the Idaho Industrial Commission, where she was loved by her colleagues and claimants alike.

At the center of her life was an abiding belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ. She had an unyielding faith, calling on and wholeheartedly believing in her Savior, even during her darkest moments of suffering through liver failure.

Martha's life was always focused around family. With her loving and nurturing spirit, her five younger siblings viewed her as their second mother and she was the daughter every mother and father dreamed of having. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren. Martha's legacy is her unwavering commit-



ment to being the absolute best mother, wife, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend.

To know her truly was to love her. Martha touched so many lives along the way and left an indelible mark on us all. She had a comforting voice, a beautiful smile, a contagious laugh, a sparkle in her eyes and a loving heart that will forever be missed. Martha took every opportunity to be kind to any person she met, and in the end, all those little kindnesses of hers added up to a much-beloved and greatly-admired woman.

Martha is survived by her loving husband, Oscar; son, Carlos and his wife, Annie; son, Robby; daughter, Erica; grandchildren, Ellenease, Alexa and Tyahno; parents, Oscar and Alicia Garcia; siblings, Armando Garcia, Norma (Rene) Barbosa, Julio (Linda) Garcia and Elizabeth Garcia. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends who will forever cherish and adore her. Martha is preceded in death by her brother, Oscar.

Grace is defined as "unmerited divine assistance given humans for their regeneration or sanctification." Our grace was Martha. Now heaven is graced with her presence and is made all the better with the arrival of its newest angel.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 21, at Christian Faith Center, 31 S. Midland Blvd. in Nampa, Idaho 83651. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to Christian Faith Center, either to the above address or at their website, <http://www.cfc-nampa.org/giving.html>.

Iona Clark

Feb. 24, 1932–March 17, 2011

CALDWELL — Iona Clark, 79, of Caldwell, passed away at a local hospital on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

She was born Feb. 24, 1932, in Nampa, Idaho, to Albert and Isa (Bess) McPheeters.

Iona met and married Raymond Clark on June 26, 1953. They were together as best friends and partners for 45 years. Iona worked as a legal secretary, mom, homemaker and business partner to Raymond. She loved spending time outdoors, at family functions and, most



of all, creating and selling handmade crafts. Iona was a very private person but was a friend to all she met.

Iona is survived by her two sons, Rex Clark and his children, Mike Clark and DeeAnna Clark, all of Orange Park, Fla., and Kim Clark and his wife, Tracy of Phoenix, Ore.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Per her wishes, there will be no formal services. Her online guestbook is available at www.flahiffuneralchapel.com.

SERVICES

Ivin Monell Jackson of Kimberly, funeral at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Kimberly LDS 4th Ward Chapel; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Marjorie Lamph England of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 26 S. 100 W.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert, and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

William E. (Bill) Toolson of Orem, Utah, and formerly of Burley and Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at

the Cascade LDS Church, 481 E Center St. in Orem, Utah; visitation from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at Sundberg-Olpin Mortuary, 495 S. State St. in Orem, Utah, or 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Walter M. Mildon of Filer, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Alvin P. Castro of Burley, memorial service at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Morrison-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main st. in Burley.

Eloise Alleene Deuel of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Ventura Hernandez

Ventura Hernandez, 63, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 17, 2011, at his home.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Jacob Miles

BURLEY — Jacob Daniel Miles, 16, of Burley, died Friday, March 18, 2011, at his

home.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Delbert Smith

WESTMINSTER, Colo. — Delbert Martin Smith, 55, of Westminster, Colo., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 17, 2011, at the Denver Hospice in Denver, Colo.

A graveside service will be held at Fort Logan Veterans Cemetery; information: 720-810-5959 (All Veterans Funeral Home in Wheat Ridge, Colo.)

John J. Thorne

April 22, 1937–March 18, 2011

BOISE — John J. Thorne, 73, passed away Friday, March 18, 2011, in Boise, Idaho.

A public viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 21, at Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel in Meridian. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Meridian 10th Ward Building, 11918 Ustick Road. A luncheon will immediately follow the service. Inurnment service will follow at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery.

John was born April 22, 1937, in Jerome, Idaho. John was the 10th child of Lee and Ida Mae Thorne of Jerome. John enlisted in the U.S. Navy on Sept. 28, 1954, and served until May 2, 1958.

John married Donna Marie Anderson on Nov. 8, 1958. Together they had five children, Rhonda (Dennis) McFarland of Twin Falls, Idaho, Reina (Rick) Olson of Ogden, Utah, Rodney (Zanna) Thorne of Bruneau, Idaho, Rachele (Dean) Bridwell of Boise and Richard Thorne



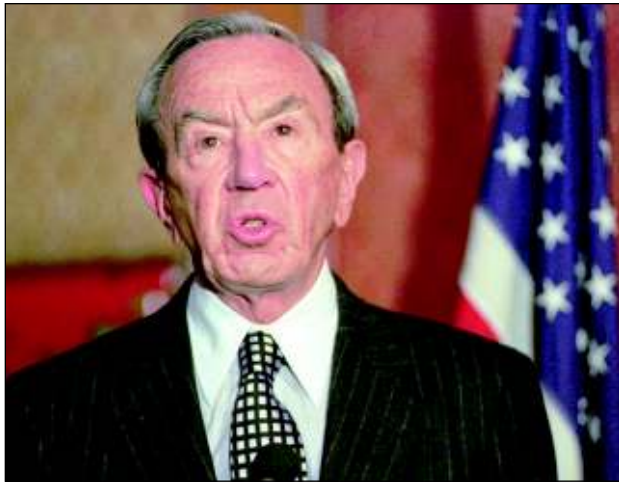
of Twin Falls.

His favorite sport was fishing. He made his own sinkers. He loved to talk about his fishing stories short and long. He also enjoyed camping, archery and playing cribbage.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Ida Mae Thorne; sisters, Mary Alice Randall and Loretta May Bagley; brothers, Chester Donald Thorne, Jessie Lee Thorne and Eugene Thorne; and infant son, Ronnie Thorne.

John is survived by his sisters, Tiny Stricker and Naomi Pearl Falconer; and brothers, Ronald Ray Thorne, Dale Thorne, Parley Thorne and LaVone Thorne. John had 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel.



AP photo

Warren Christopher talks to reporters during a news conference at the Sheraton hotel in Damascus, Syria, in this Jan. 12, 1996, file photo. Christopher, who once served as secretary of state, died from complications of kidney and bladder cancer on Friday.

Former Secretary of State Warren Christopher dies

By Barry Schweid
Associated Press writer

When he took over as secretary of state in the Clinton administration at age 68, Warren M. Christopher said he didn't expect to travel much. He went on to set a four-year mark for miles traveled by America's top diplomat.

The attorney turned envoy tirelessly traveled to Bosnia and the Middle East on peace missions during his 1993-1996 tenure — including some two dozen to Syria alone in a futile effort to promote a settlement with Israel.

After his work finished carrying out the Clinton administration agenda abroad, the longtime Californian returned home for an active life in local and national affairs and with his law firm.

Late Friday, the 85-year-old statesman died at his home in Los Angeles of complications from bladder and kidney cancer, said Sonja Steptoe of the law firm O'Melveny & Myers, where Christopher was a senior partner.

President Barack Obama said Saturday that he mourned the passing of a man who proved to be a "resolute pursuer of peace" and dedicated public servant.

"Warren Christopher was a skillful diplomat, a steadfast public servant, and a faithful American," the president said in a statement.

As Christopher prepared to step down in 1996 as secretary "for someone else to pick up the baton," he said in an interview he was pleased to have played a role in making the United States safer.

Along with his peace efforts, he told The Associated Press that his proudest accomplishments included playing a role in promoting a ban on nuclear weapons

tests and extension of curbs on proliferation of weapons technology.

The loyal Democrat also headed Clinton's vice-presidential search committee, recommending Al Gore for the party's 1992 presidential ticket, and he also supervised the contested Florida recount for Gore in the 2000 presidential election. The Supreme Court, on a 5-4 vote, decided for George W. Bush.

Clinton said Saturday that he was saddened by Christopher's passing, calling him a public servant who "faithfully and effectively advanced America's interests and values."

"Chris had the lowest ratio of ego to accomplishment of any public servant I've ever worked with," Clinton said in a statement. "That made him easy to underestimate, but all Americans should be grateful that, along with great ability, he possessed the stamina and the steel to accomplish things that were truly extraordinary."

Clinton praised Christopher's work in the Middle East peace process and in helping to end the war in Bosnia.

While Christopher's efforts with Syria didn't bear fruit, he was more successful in the negotiations that produced a settlement in 1995 for Bosnia, ending a war among Muslims, Serbs and Croats that claimed 260,000 lives and drove another 1.8 million people from their homes.

Some critics said the administration had moved too slowly against the ethnic violence. Then-Rep. Frank McCloskey, an Indiana Democrat, called for Christopher's resignation and virtually accused the administration of ignoring genocide against Bosnian Muslims. A handful of State Department officials resigned in protest.

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AROUND THE WEST

IDAHO Man wanted for car theft arrested in Wash.

BOISE — Boise police say authorities in Seattle have arrested a man who is charged in Montana for assault on a woman and is also wanted in Idaho on a warrant for the theft of her car.

Police spokesman Charles McClure says Lloyd Hardin McNeil was arrested Friday in Seattle. He says he doesn't have details on the arrest.

Boise police issued the warrant for McNeil in the theft of a car belonging to Natalie Davis, who was found dead March 5 in Boise.

McNeil is scheduled to stand trial April 19 in Montana for assault with a weapon, partner or family member assault and unlawful restraint. He is accused of choking Davis, slapping her face and hitting her in the hip with a large flashlight during a July 4 camping trip.

ISU spring enrollment dips 16 percent

POCATELLO — Officials at Idaho State University say spring enrollment this year dropped 16 percent compared to last year, but that a new way of counting students is responsible for most of the decline.

The school reported an enrollment of 12,173 students this spring, compared to 14,521 last spring.

But officials tell the *Idaho State Journal* that this year high school students taking college-level professional technical course weren't counted.

Some other changes also resulted in counting fewer students.

School spokesman Vince Miller says counting those students puts the decline in enrollment at about 3.7 percent.

NEVADA Reno man gets life in prison for killing wife over gambling remark

RENO — A Reno man has been sentenced to life in prison for strangling his wife after she called him a “coward” for gambling away all their savings.

The *Reno Gazette-Journal* reports the sentence was imposed Friday on 55-year-old Samuel Kung, who will be eligible for parole after serving 10 years.

Kung earlier pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the June killing of his 53-year-old wife, Gina Lew, in their bedroom.

Family members say Kung could not keep a job, while Lew worked two jobs to support them and also cleaned and cooked for him.

Police say Kung was heavily involved in high-stakes poker and his gambling left him reliant on payday loans and borrowing money from Lew's elderly parents.

In a statement, Kung apologized for the killing.

Probation officer faces sex charges

CARSON CITY — A Carson City probation officer has been charged in a 22-count criminal complaint with using his position to get women to undress and to inappropriately touch them.

The *Nevada Appeal* and *Reno Gazette-Journal* report the complaint was filed Friday by the Nevada Attorney General's Office against 35-year-old Aaron Lewis.

The complaint charges him with misconduct of a public officer, coercion using physical force, open or gross lewdness, and oppression under color of office.

The charges relate to six different alleged victims, and he's accused of getting them to undress in their homes, the courthouse and his official vehicle.

Lewis told The Associated Press on Saturday that he couldn't comment on the charges, and he referred queries to his attorney, Larry Digesti, who did not immediately return a phone call.

UTAH Teenager sentenced for hazing incident

VERNAL — A second Vernal Junior High School wrestler has been ordered to serve at least 22 days in a youth detention center for his role in an alleged hazing incident on a school bus.

The *Deseret News* of Salt Lake City reports the 14-year-old also was ordered to perform 188 hours of community service and to undergo a sexual behavior risk assessment.

In a plea agreement, the teen entered an admission this week in 8th District Juvenile Court to a charge of attempted forcible sex abuse in return for dismissal of a hazing charge.

Another 14-year-old wrestler entered the same admission and received the same punishment in February.

A 15-year-old wrestler awaits trial on April 25.

The three were accused of engaging in lewd acts and smearing bodily fluids on teammates.

CALIFORNIA Man dies in chain-reaction crash

YUBA CITY — Authorities have released the name of the man who died in a chain-reaction crash involving about 40 vehicles on snowy Interstate 80 in the Sierra Nevada.

Placer County Sheriff's Sgt. Ed Clark identified the victim on Saturday as Douglas Swasey, an Auburn-area resident in his late 60s.

The California Highway Patrol tells KGO-TV that Swasey was killed in the Friday afternoon crash after stepping out of his truck to either put chains on or try to get it free. The crash occurred on the interstate's westbound lanes about 70 miles east of Sacramento.

More than a dozen other people were transported to hospitals with minor to moderate injuries.

Numerous spinouts also prompted authorities to close the east-bound lanes of I-80. The highway was reopened by Saturday morning.

WYOMING BLM releases final proposal for drilling

CASPER — The Bureau of Land Management's proposed plan for expanding coal-bed methane drilling in an environmentally sensitive part of northeast Wyoming calls for staged development.

The *Casper Star-Tribune* reports that under a proposed final version of a plan for the environmentally sensitive Fortification Creek area, development would be phased in based on standards established to protect elk and soils at risk for erosion.

The BLM's preferred management alternative would allow overhead power lines along certain corridors, including roads. It says operators would have to meet elk and reclamation performance standards before the BLM would process applications for drilling permits.

The proposed final plan is being circulated for a 30-day review and protest period ending April 18.

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U.S. law enforcement role in Mexico drug war surges

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Arturo Beltran-Leyva, a notoriously cruel cartel boss and one of Mexico's most wanted criminals, threw a riotous Christmas party two years ago with Grammy-winning musicians, prostitutes, and lavish food and drinks.

U.S. law enforcement agents in Mexico, electronically spying on Beltran-Leyva, relayed detailed information to U.S.-trained Mexican Navy Special Forces, who crashed the fiesta. After a 90-minute shootout, the cartel leader fled with a gut wound.

U.S. detectives next electronically tracked Beltran-Leyva, 48, to a posh apartment in nearby Cuernavaca. With their help, 200 Mexican Special Forces rolled in on tanks and rappelled from helicopters. The next morning, photos of Beltran-Leyva's bloody body, plastered with bank notes, were splashed across Mexican front pages.

At the time, it was considered a rare success in U.S.-Mexico law enforcement cooperation. Now, unprecedented numbers of U.S. law enforcement agents work in Mexico, and high-profile arrests occur monthly. U.S. drones spy on cartel hideouts, while U.S. tracking beacons pinpoint suspect's cars and phones.

“Yes, we're tracking vehicles, yes, we're tracking people,” says Brad Barker, president of HALO Corporation, a private security firm that, among other things, helps rescue kidnapped people in Mexico. “There's been a huge spike in agents down there.”

The bilateral cooperation is touching off Mexican sensitivities about sovereignty, while stoking U.S. debate about the wisdom of inserting American operatives so deep into the fight. More than 35,000 people have been killed in drug trafficking violence since President Felipe Calderon launched a crackdown four years ago, and the killing of a U.S. agent last month prompted the U.S. Congress to schedule hearings into the role of American personnel.

The U.S. agents generally provide intelligence



AP file photo

Mexican federal police guard a U.S. embassy vehicle in February after it came under attack by gunmen on Highway 57 between Mexico City and Monterrey, Mexico. A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent was killed and another wounded in the attack. Unprecedented numbers of U.S. law enforcement agents now work in Mexico.

and training, while Mexicans do the hands-on work. Neither side will say exactly how many agents are in Mexico, citing security concerns, but the Associated Press was able to identify several hundred using the Freedom of Information Act, federal budget requests, government audits, Congressional testimony and agency accountability reports.

The Drug Enforcement Administration has the largest U.S. presence in the drug war, with more than 60 agents in Mexico. Then there are 40 Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, 20 Marshal Service deputies, 18 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents, and dozens more working for the FBI, Citizen and Immigration Service, Customs and Border Protection, Secret Service, Coast Guard and Transportation Safety Agency.

The State Department's Narcotics Affairs Section staff alone jumped from 19 to 69 in the past three years, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

There are so many State Department narcotics personnel that they took up two entire floors of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City before moving into a new building with their Mexican counterparts. This is the second so-called fusion center the two countries share in Mexico now.

The U.S. has spent \$364 million of the \$1.5 billion

promised for Mexico since 2008 under the Merida Initiative, a U.S.-Central American joint anti-crime effort, and Mexico will spend about \$10.7 billion on public security this year.

Despite close law enforcement collaboration, Mexican officials often play down U.S. involvement to avoid rubbing nationalist raw spots. The sensitivities were evident Wednesday in the angry reaction of Mexican lawmakers to news that U.S. Customs and Border Protection has been operating Predator drones in Mexico for the past two years, while the U.S. military's Global Hawk drone began flying south of the border in March. They said they were not informed by Mexico's National Security Council, which had invited the spy planes in.

Earlier this month, members of Mexico's Congress were infuriated to learn that U.S. agents had allowed

hundreds, possibly thousands, of guns to be smuggled into Mexico in undercover operations aimed at busting cartel bosses. Mexico's Attorney General has launched an investigation.

If U.S. agents in Mexico worked on the operation, that “would force us to restate many issues in the relationship,” warned Jorge Alberto Lara Rivera, Deputy Attorney General for International Affairs.

Joint enforcement is also controversial north of the border. Notable arrests and seizures were made last year, yet overall, success is less obvious than the dangers. Calls for congressional hearings were prompted by the murder of ICE Agent Jaime Zapata in a highway ambush that also wounded his colleague, Victor Avila. It came less than a year after the murder of three people connected to the U.S. Consulate General in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

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After about a million sold, nearly perfect Scratch-N-Dent models of the world famous Amish built fireplace mantles are now being given away free to the first 6,092 readers who call to beat the order deadline for the miracle heaters that let you turn your furnace off earlier this year

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By ALLEN BROKAW
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) If you just got stung with another high heat bill you better hurry and get in on this free giveaway.

Today, for the first time ever beautiful Scratch-N-Dent models of the world famous Heat Surge® Miracle Fireplace mantles are actually being given away free to the general public.

The only thing today's readers need to do is call the Toll Free Hotline before the deadline starting at precisely 8:00am this morning to order the miracle heaters. Everyone who does will instantly be awarded the genuine handmade Amish Light Honey Oak Fireplace mantle absolutely free.

"This is all happening because the Amish craftsmen who have already built nearly a million of these mantles take great pride in their work so not all mantles make the final grade. Others can be nicked during handling after they leave the Amish workshops," said Chris Gallo, Heat Surge spokesman.

"We think they are way too hard on themselves, but that's how we are able to set aside hundreds of these nearly perfect units to give away free," Gallo said.

"These are the newest Heat Surge *Fireless Flame*® Fireplace models. Call them whatever you want, refurbished, reconditioned, nearly new, but chances are you will never find the flaw, it could be on the firebox or the mantle, but usually smaller than a thumb nail. Since the mantles also get labeled nearly perfect we are giving them away free," Gallo said.

"It's the buzz around town. Yes, the Amish craftsmen need to earn money like everyone else but they are willing to take less for their work so that everyone can get one. It shows we care. The overriding goal is to help as many people as possible to substantially cut their heat bills now and next fall by allowing everyone to turn down their thermostat," Gallo said.

As we look forward to enjoying the summer, there will be that monster lurking in the shadows: HIGH HEATING BILLS. They are again just a few short months away. So if your heat bills sting right now, just think how bad they could hurt next year.

"Giving these away now is about the best way to prepare everyone for what is coming. So if you thought you couldn't afford the World Famous Heat Surge Fireplace, now is the time to get in on

this," Gallo said.

"Everyone wants them now because by next fall, this free giveaway will be long gone," he said.

Don't let anyone talk you into anything else. Those others are just imitations. These are the Heat Surge Fireplaces with genuine Amish Mantles that actually roll from room to room to give you the huge savings with zone heating.

A special High-Tech on board computer controls what's called the *Fireless Flame* that gives you the peaceful flicker of a real fire but without any flames, fumes, smells, ashes or mess. Everyone is getting them because they require no chimney and no vent. You just plug it in.

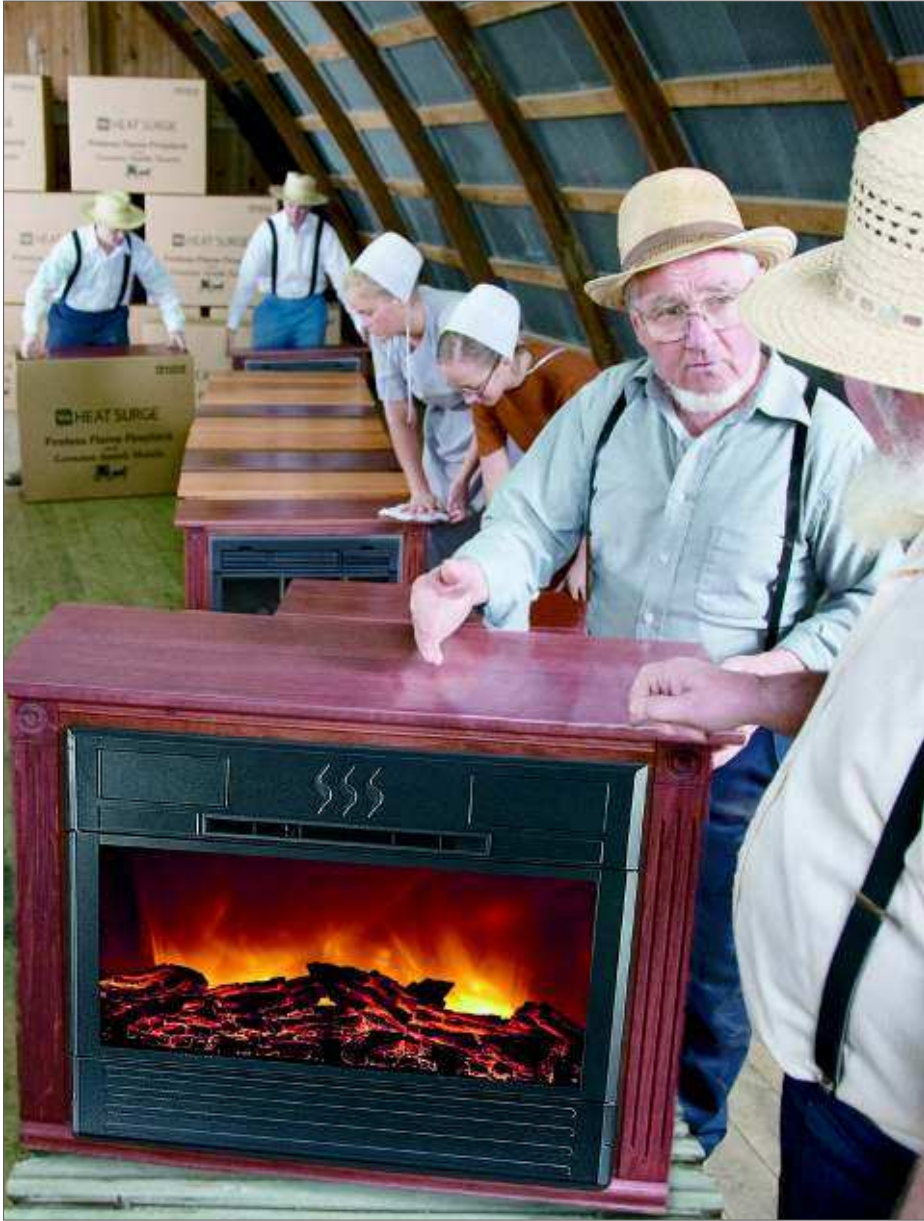
The patent-pending *Fireless Flame* looks so real it fools everybody but it has no real fire. The mantles are handmade in Ohio right in the heart of Amish country where they are beautifully hand-rubbed, stained and varnished.

Thousands of people from California and Florida even flock to get them because they may never have to turn on their furnace. And since the standard setting uses only 750 watts, about the same energy as a coffee maker the potential savings are absolutely incredible.

"That way, everyone who gets them now can immediately start saving on their heat bills. You'll instantly feel bone soothing heat in any room. You will never have to be cold again," he said.

"We'll do everything we can so no one gets left out. But, if you miss out today, your last chance is tomorrow to get in on this free giveaway of the world famous Heat Surge Fireplace mantle, but you also get the *Fireless Flame* miracle heater free of next year's dealer mark up. After they are gone we have to turn everyone away," confirms Gallo.

"So when lines are busy keep trying. We promise to get to every call. Then we will have a delivery truck out to your door right away with your beautiful Amish made Heat Surge Roll-n-Glow® Fireplace," Gallo said. ■



■ **PICKY, PICKY:** "If it's not perfect, give them away free," said the elder Amish craftsman. That's why these nearly perfect genuine Amish built fireplace mantles made in Ohio are being given away free to the first 6,092 readers who call 1-888-414-3601 to beat the order deadline for the world famous Heat Surge *Fireless Flame* miracle heaters that can drastically slash your heat bills. The miracle invention rolls from room to room with no chimney, no vents, no wood, no mess and no smoke. Just plug it in and relax in front of the *Fireless Flame*.

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Miracle invention rolls from room to room with no chimney, no vents, no wood and no smoke



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‘TOP OF THE WORLD’



TRAVIS MORISSE/The Hutchinson News/AP photo

ABOVE: College of Southern Idaho coach Steve Gosar hugs Darius Smith after the Eagles won the NJCAA national championship game 72-64 over Midland College, Saturday at the Sport Arena in Hutchinson, Kan.

Golden Eagles win 3rd national title

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — As the hugs and jubilation briefly subsided, Steve Gosar took in the moment, surveying the crowd. He pumped his fist and pounded the scorer’s table.

Two feet away, his best player, NJCAA Tournament MVP Pierre Jackson, sat on the bench and leaned his head way back, his face displaying a huge grin.

Those gestures said it all. The Golden Eagles had seized their golden opportunity.

They are national champions. The College of Southern Idaho men’s basketball team beat Midland (Texas) College 72-64 Saturday night to claim the NJCAA title. It’s a crown CSI has waited 24 years for since last claiming a title in 1987 with a one-point one over Midland.

“It’s been a long road. There’s been a lot of adversity,” said Gosar. But one happy ending. “It’s special. It’s just special, man,” said Jackson, who scored a game-high 22 points in the title

See **CSI MEN**, Sports 4



LINDSEY BAUMAN/The Hutchinson News/AP photo
College of Southern Idaho’s Pierre Jackson sits with the championship trophy following their NJCAA championship win.

CSI players, coaches soak in national title

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — How does it feel to be a national champion? That’s hard to say. Literally.

“Good, great, it’s unexplainable,” said CSI center Kenny Buckner after the College of Southern Idaho men’s basketball team beat Midland (Texas) College 72-64 Saturday night to win the NJCAA Tournament. “Best feeling in the world.”

“Heaven,” said forward Mitch Bruneel, who like Buckner made the all-tournament team. “It’s a

great feeling. I don’t know how to describe it.”

He wasn’t alone. “It ain’t hit me yet,” said guard Jerrold Brooks.

“Words can’t explain right now,” added point guard Darius Smith after dishing a team-high five assists in the title win. “I can tell you one thing, it’s going to be a good bus ride home.”

Much of the thanks for that happy ride goes to tournament MVP Pierre Jackson, who capped a solid week with a 22-point performance.

See **TITLE**, Sports 4

Minico sweeps Skview in season-opener

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Considering it was their first time out, the Minico Spartans were impressive in their season-opening doubleheader sweep of Skyview on Saturday at Warburton Field.

Casey Christiansen struck out eight and walked none — while also going 2-for-3 at the plate with a home run and three RBIs — in Minico’s 5-1 win in the opener.

Later on, the Spartans won Game 2, 10-5, leaving head coach Ben Frank with



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Minico shortstop Shay Chandler fields a ground ball during the Spartans’ doubleheader with Skyview Saturday at Minico High School.

See **MINICO**, Sports 2

Fredette’s 34 lead BYU to 89-67 win over Zags

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Look out Big Easy. Here comes The Jimmer.

Jimmer Fredette scored 34 points Saturday to lift third-seeded Brigham Young to an 89-67 victory over 11th-seeded Gonzaga and send the Cougars to New Orleans for the region-



BYU guard Charles Abouo (1) puts up a shot against Gonzaga forward Elias Harris (20) in the first half of a Southeast regional third round NCAA tournament college basketball game, Saturday in Denver.

AP photo

al semifinals.

It will be BYU’s deepest trip in the NCAA tournament since 1981, the year Danny Ainge went coast to coast against Notre Dame for a last-second game-

winner — a play that still holds a special place in BYU’s rich sports history.

Fredette has a few dozen of his own clips on that

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Wade and James lead Heat over Nuggets

MIAMI — LeBron James scored 33 points, Dwyane Wade had 32 and the Miami Heat never trailed during a 103-98 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Saturday night.

Chris Bosh finished with his fifth straight double-double, 18 points and 11 rebounds. But the Heat may have also taken a significant hit when starting point guard Mario Chalmers was carried off the floor late in the first quarter with what was preliminarily diagnosed as a sprained right knee.

Mike Bibby, the only other true point guard on Miami's roster, scored 14.

SPURS 109, BOBCATS 98

SAN ANTONIO — Steve Novak scored 19 points while Tim Duncan took his first game off all season, and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Charlotte Bobcats 109-98 on Saturday night.

The Spurs let the 34-year-old Duncan rest a night after they really needed him in a win over Dallas. They managed fine without him against the sliding Bobcats, who have dropped three in a row and nine of their last 11.

Gerald Henderson led Charlotte with 19 points. Stephen Jackson, the Bobcats' leading scorer, didn't play because of a strained hamstring.

GRIZZLIES 99, PACERS 78

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tony Allen had 19 points and a career-high 11 rebounds to help the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Indiana Pacers 99-78 on Saturday night.

Zach Randolph added 17 points and 10 rebounds for Memphis, which moved 1½ games ahead of idle Utah for the eighth and final playoff spot in

the Western Conference.

Mike Conley also had 17 points to go along with nine assists.

Danny Granger and Darren Collison led the Pacers with 17 points apiece, and Tyler Hansbrough had 14 points. Indiana was coming off an impressive 115-108 overtime victory over Chicago on Friday night.



CELTICS 89, HORNETS 85

NEW ORLEANS — Ray Allen scored 20 points, including the clinching free throws with 2.8 seconds left, and the Boston Celtics rallied to beat the New Orleans Hornets 89-85 on Saturday night.

Allen also had a key offensive rebound that led to Glen Davis' two foul shots that made it 87-83 with 15.2 seconds left. Davis also had 20 points.

The Celtics trailed 56-41 early in third quarter, but closed the period with a 23-6 run to go ahead 67-64.

Griffin had 30 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, Eric Gordon scored 29 points in his return to the Clippers' lineup, and Los Angeles beat Cleveland 100-92 on Saturday to end a nine-game losing streak against the Cavaliers.

About an 1½ before tipoff, the arena was in lockdown while police subdued a knife-wielding man who got past security and ended up in front of the Cavaliers' bench. Both teams were safely tucked away in their dressing rooms during the tense standoff.

— The Associated Press

Twin Falls softball falls in their season-opener

By Stephen Meyers
Times-News writer

Well at least it didn't snow.

Because on this blistery, windy day, not much went right for the Twin Falls softball team in its opening-season doubleheader against Highland.

The Bruins lost 13-6 and 8-4 in two error-filled games and will return to action March 26 with a home date against Pocatello.

Twin Falls (0-2) led 3-2 after four innings in Game 2, but Highland added a run in both the fifth and sixth innings heading into the seventh. Then the wheels fell off for the Bruins as they allowed four runs on a whopping eight errors.

Players dropped easy pop-ups, whiffed on ground balls and overall lost control of the game.

"We were playing well. If it wasn't for our errors, we had a nice chance to win that game. It's just those mental things that they just need to get stronger at right now," said Twin Falls head coach Leslie Phillips.

Jaquelyn Corr had an up-and-down pitching performance, striking out nine, but had five walks and one hit batsmen in Game 2.

Lexi Clark went 3-for-3 at the plate, with a 2-run double and two runs scored. Brylee Bartlett added a double in the first inning and Allie Johnson and Madisen Traveller scored the other two runs for the



DREW NASH/Times-News

Twin Falls pitcher Rainey Dyreson attempts to tag out Highland's Aiko Manu at home plate Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls. Manu was called safe.

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Bruins.

Rainey Dyreson started Game One, striking out four, but Madison jumped all over the Bruins, scoring

five runs in the first inning.

Twin Falls avoided being run-ruled by scoring three in the sixth, but the comeback was short-lived.

"I know it's our first time out, but we expect more of them and I know that we'll do better," Phillips said. "I think the girls will do great things."

Game One
Highland 13, Twin Falls 6
Highland 502 220 22 — 13 11 3
Twin Falls 010 023 00 — 6 10 5
Kali Mcinn and Marisa Saldana: Rainey Dyreson and Brylee Bartlett. W: Mcinn. L: Dyreson.
Extra base hits — 2B: Highland, Aiko Manu; Twin Falls, Madisen Traveller.

Game Two
Highland 9, Twin Falls 4
Highland 200 011 4 — 8 6 2
Twin Falls 001 200 1 — 4 5 13
Kali Mcinn and Marisa Saldana: Jacquelyn Corr and Brylee Bartlett. W: Mcinn. L: Corr.
Extra base hits — 2B: Twin Falls, Bartlett, Lexi Clark.

Twin Falls baseball team splits with Madison

Times-News

The Twin Falls baseball team split its doubleheader with Madison Saturday, falling 10-7 in extra innings in Game One, but rebounding to win Game Two 9-2.

"The team is really frustrated. We expect to win two at home every time, so they're disappointed," said Twin Falls coach Tim Stadelmeier. "We had some mental lapses today, but we rebounded and took game two."

Up by one with two outs in the seventh of Game One, Twin Falls committed an error to allow Madison to tie up the game. Madison would add three more in the eighth.

Dakota Cummins had a double and Cody McBride a homerun in the Game Two

rout for the Bruins (3-1) who return to the field Friday against Century.

Game One
Madison 10, Twin Falls 7, eight innings
Madison 030 110 23 — 10 12 3
Twin Falls 120 220 00 — 7 13 4
Wallace, Sutton (3) and Merrill; Slotten, Donaldson (4), Ellis (7) and Jayson Welker. W: Sutton. L: Donaldson.
Extra base hits — 2B: Twin Falls, Slotten, Sneed.

Game Two
Twin Falls 9, Madison 2
Madison 001 001 0 — 2 5 1
Twin Falls 103 302 9 13 3
Drake and Lee; Casey Merritt, John Hohnhorst (5) Tucker Donnelley, W. Merritt. L: Drake.
Extra base hits — 2B: Twin Falls, Dakota Cummins, Madison, Finn, Hayden. HR: Twin Falls, McBride.

CANYON RIDGE SWEEPS SHELLEY

Scott Speer's arm and bat helped lead Canyon Ridge to the sweep over Shelley 7-3 and 11-1.

Speer won both games at the mound and hit two homeruns on the day.

"This was a great way for us to star the season. I saw a lot of good things and some

things we could improve on, which is always good," said Canyon Ridge coach Travis Tarchione.

Canyon Ridge (2-0) plays again March 25 against Great Basin foe Minico.

Game 1
Canyon Ridge 7, Shelley 3
Shelley 000 021 0 — 3 6 5
Canyon Ridge 014 020 x — 7 7 2
Lott, Peterson (4) and Swenson; Garrett Basham, Scott Speer, Caleb Price (4) and Basham, Speer. W: Speer. L: Graham.
Extra base hits — 2B: Canyon Ridge, Bradshaw. HR: Canyon Ridge, Speer.

Game 2
Canyon Ridge 11, Shelley 1
Shelley 000 01 — 1 2 2
Canyon Ridge 251 3x — 11 14 0
Schmidt, Graham (3), Ball (4) and Swenson; Scott Speer, Caleb Price (4) and Basham, Speer. W: Speer. L: Graham.
Extra base hits — 2B: Canyon Ridge, John Cron, Caleb Price. 3B: Shelley, Sam Graham. HR: Canyon Ridge, Speer.

Softball

CANYON RIDGE SWEEPS MADISON

Brinley Miller swung a hot bat to lead Canyon Ridge to the sweep of Madison 12-10

and 16-3.

Miller went 3-for-5 with a homer, triple and a double and three RBIs in Game 1, while Karly Hudelson and Kylee Kuest added three RBIs a piece.

Miller added a solo homerun in Game 2 and Kimberly Bollinger belted a grand slam in the Riverhawks' rout.

Canyon Ridge (3-1) returns to the field April 9 against Minico.

Game 1
Canyon Ridge 12, Madison 10
Madison 052 020 1 — 10 15 2
Canyon Ridge 103 211 4 — 12 17 2
Lauen Shotwell and Karly Hudelson; Doorman and Rasmussen.
Extra base hits — 2B: Canyon Ridge, Brinley Miller, Hudelson, Kylee Kuest. 3B: Canyon Ridge, Miller. HR: Miller.

Game 2
Canyon Ridge 16, Madison 3, five innings
Madison 000 03 — 3 5 3
Canyon Ridge 233 8x — 16 10 2
Emma Stephens and Karly Hudelson; Doorman and Rasmussen.
Extra base hits — 2B: Canyon Ridge, Hudelson, HR: Canyon Ridge, Kimberly Bollinger, Brinley Miller.

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The College of Southern Idaho softball team just keeps



on winning.

No. 13 CSI took two more from Western Nevada Saturday, winning 9-1 and 19-2 to improve to 26-10 overall and 20-3 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

The Golden Eagles have now won 12 in a row and currently sit second in the SWAC standings behind Salt Lake.

TJ Surrage capped a scoring surge in the third inning of Game 2 with a grand slam to left field to bring the Golden Eagles' run total in the inning to a whopping 13.

Marina Groenwegen started the inning with a single, Brailsford got on after being hit by a pitch and I Webster brought them

home with a 3-run homerun to centerfield.

Marie Williams singled in Holly Ritz, a Groenwegen double scored Jessica Albertson and Kelsey Bryant hit a 2-run single.

Bryant finished 3-for-4 with five RBIs, Groenwegen 3-for-4 with 2 RBIs and Mikkell Griffin 2-for-2 with two RBIs.

Jessi Duncan pitched five innings, striking out six and allowing four runs on two hits.

CSI next plays March 25 in Henderson, Nev. against the Southern Nevada.

Game 1
No. 13 CSI 9, WNC 1
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Game 2
No. 13 CSI 19, WNC 2
WNC 010 01 — 2 4 1
CSI 2013 4 x — 19 16 0
Cassie Vondrak and Melanie Pfeiffer; Jessi Duncan and Latiesha Webster. W: Duncan. L: Pfeiffer.

Minico

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little to complain about.

"To be honest, for the first two games, I liked about everything," Frank said. "Pitching-wise, I thought the guys did a pretty good job. For the first time out, I was expecting a little more rust."

Minico showed solid depth in the bullpen as all five pitchers who saw time on the mound showed poise. Nate Hanks relieved Christiansen in the seventh and got the

Game 1 save with a pair of strikeouts.

Suede Denker gave up a solo home run in the first inning of Game 2, but settled in and earned the victory, with Slade Winnmill and Sager Nevarez closing out the final two innings.

"We had a lot of energy in and out of the dugout, got some quick innings," said Denker, who also batted 5-for-8 with two RBIs on the day at the leadoff spot. "It took

us a while at first to get going, but after that we swung it well."

It took three innings for Minico to put a solid bat on a ball, but after that, the Spartans got production throughout their lineup.

"I thought we did a pretty good job offensively," Frank said. "We got better as the day went on; you could tell the first little bit that we hadn't seen any live pitching. I was pretty pleased all the way around. We ran the bases pretty well. The

times we had short game, we executed."

In the two games combined, K.J. Redder got on base in six of his eight at-bats, drawing five walks. He also drove in the go-ahead run on a two-RBI double in Game 2.

"We're definitely happy," Denker said. "We're only going to get better from here. We scrapped together, had some good at-bats, played good D and pitched well."

Minico is back in action

Wednesday at Highland.

Game 1
Minico 5, Skyview 1
100 000 0 — 5 12 0
001 022 x — 5 6 1
Nesenbrink, Grabb (6) and Treinen; Casey Christiansen, Nate Hanks (7) and Dakota Rupard. W: Christiansen. L: Nesenbrink.
Extra-base hits — 2B: Minico, Suede Denker. HR: Minico, Christiansen.

Game 2
Minico 10, Skyview 5
121 000 1 — 5 8 1
223 020 x — 10 8 1
Liljegren, Bennett (3), Poll (6) and Ashworth; Suede Denker, Slade Winnmill (6), Sager Nevarez (7) and Marty Pawson. W: Denker. L: Liljegren.
Extra-base hits — 2B: Skyview, Poncheri 2; Minico, Denker, KJ Redder. HR: Skyview, Lupton.

Justin Rose leads by one into final round

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Justin Rose became the first player in tournament history with consecutive rounds of 65 at Innisbrook, and it gave him a one-shot lead over Brendan de Jonge and Webb Simpson going into the final round of the Transitions Championship. Rose was at 13-under

200, one short of the 54-hole tournament record. Scott Stallings, a PGA Tour rookie who has missed five out of six cuts this year, had a hole-in-one at No. 8 and had five birdies on the back nine for a 66. He was two shots behind, along with Gary Woodland, who was a playoff loser at the

Bob Hope Classic this year. Nine players were separated by three shots. That group includes Nick Watney, who is coming off a World Golf Championship victory last week at Doral. Watney shot a 65.

LPGA PHOENIX — Angela Stan-

ford opened a three-stroke lead over Brittany Lincicome on Saturday in the LPGA Founders Cup, shooting her second straight 6-under 66. Stanford, the 33-year-old Texan who has four victories in 10 full seasons on the tour, is playing for her own foundation in the charity event at Wildfire

Golf Club. Instead of paying the players, the tournament honoring the 13 tour founders is donating \$1 million to charity — half to The LPGA Foundation and its LPGA-USGA Girls Golf program and half to the top-10 finishers' designated charities.

Lincicome followed her opening 67 with a 68, finishing just before dark. Mindy Kim birdied the first five holes and finished with a 67 to reach 8 under, and fifth-ranked Cristie Kerr was another stroke back after a 68.

— The Associated Press

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All Times MDT				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
TEAM	W	L	Pct	
Kansas City	14	7	.667	
Detroit	16	9	.640	
Seattle	11	7	.611	
Minnesota	12	9	.571	
Toronto	11	9	.550	
Boston	12	12	.500	
Los Angeles	11	12	.478	
Baltimore	9	11	.450	
Cleveland	9	11	.450	
Tampa Bay	9	11	.450	
Texas	9	12	.429	
Oakland	9	13	.409	
New York	8	12	.400	
Chicago	8	13	.381	

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
TEAM	W	L	Pct	
San Francisco	18	6	.750	
Colorado	15	8	.652	
Philadelphia	15	8	.652	
Pittsburgh	13	8	.619	
Milwaukee	13	8	.619	
Cincinnati	13	9	.591	
St. Louis	14	10	.584	
New York	11	11	.500	
San Diego	10	10	.500	
Washington	10	11	.476	
Houston	10	14	.417	
Pittsburgh	9	14	.391	
Chicago	9	15	.375	
Los Angeles	7	15	.348	
Florida	7	14	.333	
Arizona	7	18	.280	

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2
Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Detroit & Boston (ss) 3
St. Louis 10, Washington 4
Houston 9, Florida 2
N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 0
Kansas City 6, Cleveland (ss) 5
L.A. Dodgers 6, San Francisco 3
Cincinnati 14, Chicago Cubs 13
Arizona 8, Seattle 5
L.A. Angels 7, San Diego 6
Colorado 9, Milwaukee 7
Chicago White Sox 18, Oakland 1
Minnesota 3, Baltimore 2
Tampa Bay 7, Boston (ss) 3
Cleveland (ss) 12, Texas 6

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia 7, Baltimore 5
Atlanta (ss) 3, N.Y. Mets (ss) 3, tie, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 5, tie, 10 innings
Houston 3, St. Louis (ss) 2
Pittsburgh 7, Boston 1
Florida 5, St. Louis (ss) 4
Minnesota 9, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 2, Atlanta (ss) 1
N.Y. Mets (ss) 7, Washington 4
Seattle 9, Texas 8, 10 innings
San Francisco 3, Kansas City 1
Oakland 8, Chicago White Sox 3
L.A. Dodgers 6, Milwaukee 6, tie, 10 innings
Cleveland 10, L.A. Angels 7
San Diego 14, Chicago Cubs 4
Cincinnati (ss) 10, Colorado 3
Arizona 13, Cincinnati (ss) 10

N.Y. Yankees vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Houston (ss) vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Baltimore vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
St. Louis vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Houston (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Detroit vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
San Diego vs. Seattle at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (ss) vs. Oakland (ss) at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (ss) vs. San Francisco (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (ss) vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.

BASKETBALL				
NBA				
All Times MDT				
EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	49	19	.721	—
Philadelphia	36	33	.522	13½
New York	35	33	.515	14
New Jersey	22	45	.328	26½
Toronto	19	49	.279	30
SOUTHEAST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Miami	48	22	.686	—
x-Orlando	44	26	.629	4
Atlanta	39	30	.565	8½
Charlotte	27	41	.406	19½
Washington	16	51	.239	30½
CENTRAL				
W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Chicago	49	19	.721	—
Indiana	30	40	.429	20
Milwaukee	27	41	.397	22
Detroit	25	44	.362	24½
Cleveland	13	55	.191	36

WESTERN				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	56	13	.812	—
Dallas	48	21	.696	8
New Orleans	40	31	.563	17
Memphis	38	32	.543	18½
Houston	36	34	.514	20½
NORTHWEST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oklahoma City	45	23	.662	—
Denver	41	29	.586	5
Portland	39	29	.574	6
Utah	36	33	.522	9½
Minnesota	17	53	.243	29
PACIFIC				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	49	20	.710	—
Phoenix	34	33	.507	14
Golden State	30	39	.435	19
L.A. Clippers	27	43	.386	22½
Sacramento	16	51	.239	32

Friday's Games

Indiana 115, Chicago 108, OT
Orlando 85, Denver 82
Miami 116, Washington 107
Milwaukee 106, Atlanta 85
Detroit 99, New York 90
Oklahoma City 99, Charlotte 82
San Antonio 97, Dallas 91
Houston 93, Boston 77
Milwaukee 110, New Jersey 95
Phoenix 108, Golden State 97
Philadelphia 102, Sacramento 80
L.A. Lakers 106, Minnesota 85

Saturday's Games

L.A. Clippers 100, Cleveland 92
Miami 103, Denver 98
Memphis 99, Indiana 78
Boston 89, New Orleans 85
San Antonio 109, Charlotte 98
Philadelphia at Portland, late

Sunday's Games

New Jersey at Washington, 11 a.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, Noon
New York at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 1:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 1:30 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

NBA Boxes				
CELTICS 89, HORNETS 85				
BOSTON (89)				
Pierce 19-9 6-6 9, Garnett 6-13 0-0 12, Kstic 0-2 0-0 0, Rondo 4-8 1-2 9, Allen 7-13 4-4 20, JGreen 57-0-0 10, Davis 8-11 4-6 20, DeWest 4-5 1-1 9, Totals 35-68 16-19 89.				
NEW ORLEANS (85)				
Ariza 4-10 0-2 10, DaWest 14-23 4-6 32, Okafar 4-8 2-4 10, Pau 0-9 4-4 4, Belinelli 8-13 2-2 23, WGreen 0-4 0-0 9, New 0-0 0-0 0, Jack 13-0-2 2, Landry 2-3 0-0 4, Pondexter 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 33-75 12-18 85.				
Boston				
New Orleans				
3-Point Goals—Boston 3-10 (Allen 2-4, Pierce 1-6), New Orleans 7-18 (Belinelli 5-8, Ariza 2-5, WGreen 0-1, Pau 0-4), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Boston 26 (Garnett 9), New Orleans 46 (Okafar 11), Assists—Boston 23 (Pierce 6), New Orleans 21 (Pau 15), Total Fouls—Boston 22, New Orleans 16, Technicals—Kstic, DaWest, New Orleans defensive three second 2, A-18,018 (17,188).				

CLIPPERS 100, CAVALIERS 92				
CLEVELAND (92)				
Gee 3-5 3-3 9, Samuels 6-9 5-7 17, Hickson 12-18 4-4 28, Sessions 7-13 4-18, Parker 1-4 0-2 6, Hollins 0-0 1-2 1, Gibson 4-12 0-10, Evenga 1-6 0-2, Harangody 15-0 0-2, Harris 1-3 0-0 3, Totals 36-75 17-20 92.				
L.A. CLIPPERS (100)				
Gomes 1-1 0-0 2, Griffin 12-21 6-6 30, Jordan 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 3-6 3-4 11, Gordon 9-20 5-5 29, Kaman 2-9 0-0 4, Aminu 0-1 2-2 2, Bessie 3-5 0-0 6, Smith 6-9 0-0 12, Foye 1-4 1-4, Totals 37-71 18-10 92.				
Cleveland				
L.A. Clippers				
3-Point Goals—Cleveland 3-15 (Gibson 2-9, Harris 1-1, Evenga 0-1, Harangody 0-1, Parker 0-3), L.A. Clippers 9-17 (Gordon 6-10, Williams 2-3, Foye 1-2, Aminu 0-1, Griffin 0-1), Fouled Out—Samuels, Rebounds—Cleveland 43 (Hickson 9), L.A. Clippers 40 (Griffin 8), Assists—Cleveland 20 (Sessions 7), L.A. Clippers 25 (Griffin 8), Total Fouls—Cleveland 14, L.A. Clippers 16, Technicals—Samuels, Cleveland defensive three second 2, A-19,060 (19,060).				

HEAT 103, NUGGETS 98				
DENVER (98)				
Chandler 5-15 0-0 12, Martin 2-5 2-2 6, Nene 3-8 4-8 10, Lawson 7-15 1-2 16, Afflalo 0-2 1-2 1, Gallinari 5-12 11-23 3, Smith 11-19 1-2 27, Andersen 0-0 0-0 0, Forbes 1-2 0-0 3, Mozgov 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 34-78 20-18 98.				
MIAMI (103)				
James 15-25 2-2 33, Bosh 4-9 10-11 18, Dampier 0-0 0-0 0, Chalmers 1-3 0-0 2, Wade 10-20 11-13 32, Magloire 0-0 0-0 0, Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 0-3 0-0 0, Anthony 1-1 2-3 3, Bibby 5-9 0-0 14, House 0-0 1-1 1, Totals 36-71 25-29 103.				
Denver				
Miami				
3-Point Goals—Denver 10-24 (Smith 4-9, Chandler 2-4, Gallinari 2-6, Forbes 1-1, Lawson 1-4), Miami 6-20 (Bibby 4-8, Wade 1-3, James 1-4, Chalmers 0-1, Bosh 0-1, Miller 0-1, Jones 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Denver 45 (Martin 10), Miami 45 (Bosh 11), Assists—Denver 14 (Lawson 6), Miami 15 (Bosh 6), Total Fouls—Denver 19, Miami 22, Technicals—Denver defensive three second 2, James, Wade, A-19,600 (19,600).				

GRIZZLIES 99, PACERS 78				
INDIANA (78)				
Granger 5-15 5-17, Hansbrough 6-13 2-3 14, Hibbert 0-1 2-2 2, Collison 5-8 5-5 17, George 2-8 2-6 6, Foster 2-2 0-0 4, Rush 1-4 1-2 4, McRoberts 2-3 0-0 4, Price 2-2 1-2 2, D.Jones 17 0-0 2, Stephenson 0-4 1-2 1, Totals 26-72 19-26 78.				
MEMPHIS (99)				
Young 3-6 0-0 6, Randolph 8-11 1-2 17, Gasol 4-7 2-2 10, Conley 8-18 1-2 17, Allen 7-14 5-6 19, Mayo 3-9 1-2 7, Arthur 4-8 0-8 8, Battier 1-2 0-0 2, Vasquez 12-0-0 2, Powe 4-7 1-3 3, Smith 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 44-85 11-17 99.				
Indiana				
Memphis				
3-Point Goals—Indiana 7-26 (Collison 2-3, Granger 2-6, Price 2-7, Rush 1-3, D.Jones 0-2, George 0-5), Memphis 0-9 (Powe 0-1, Vasquez 0-1, Young 0-2, Mayo 0-2, Conley 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Indiana 47 (Foster 9), Memphis 54 (Allen 11), Assists—Indiana 11 (George, Granger, D.Jones 2), Memphis 25 (Conley 9), Total Fouls—Indiana 20, Memphis 20, Technicals—Granger, Powe, Memphis defensive three second, A-17,013 (18,119).				

SPURS 109, BOBCATS 98				
CHARLOTTE (98)				
Cunningham 3-8 3-4 9, Diaw 7-14 0-0 16, Brown 1-5 1-2 3, Augustin 2-7 2-2 6, Henderson 9-14 1-1 19, Carroll 2-4 0-0 4, White 5-9 3-4 13, Thomas 3-5 4-5 10, Livingston 4-10 2-10, McGuire 4-4 0-0 8, Najera 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 35-80 16-20 98.				
SAN ANTONIO (109)				
Jefferson 3-8 0-0 9, Splitter 4-6 0-3 8, McDyess 3-6 0-0 6, Parker 4-7 1-2 9, Ginobili 3-6 3-3 11, Bonner 4-10 0-0 10, Hill 3-8 4-6 12, Blair 2-3 1-3 5, Neal 5-7 3-5 15, Novak 6-10 2-12 2, Anderson 2-2 0-0 5, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 39-74 14-24 109.				
Charlotte				
Spurs				
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 2-6 (Diaw 2-3, Augustin 0-3), San Antonio 17-34 (Novak 5-8, Jefferson 3-7, Neal 2-3, Ginobili 2-3, Hill 2-4, Bonner 2-7, Anderson 1-1, Green 0-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Charlotte 48 (Brown 7), San Antonio 41 (Blair, Splitter 6), Assists—Charlotte 23 (Living 8), San Antonio 31 (Parker, Hill 9), Total Fouls—Charlotte 20, San Antonio 18, Technicals—Diaw, A-19,075 (18,797).				

Friday's Late NBA Boxes				
SUNS 108, WARRIORS 97				
GOLDEN STATE (97)				
Wright 9-21 8-9 30, Wade 7-15 2-2 16, Udoh 1-5 1-1 3, Curry 6-13 1-1 15, Ellis 3-12 2-8, Amundson 2-4 1-4 3 3, Thornton 3-4 3-3 9, Law 2-2 3-9 7, Williams 2-6 0-2 4, Radmanovic 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 35-83 21-27 97.				
PHOENIX (108)				
Hill 7-12 2-5 17, Frye 5-12 4-4 17, Lopez 3-5 0-0 6, Nash 5-10 4-4 17, Carter 4-4 5-2 10, Gortat 7-11 4-4 18, Dudley 3-7 2-4 8, Pietrus 2-5 0-0 4, Warrick 1-4 3-4 5, Brooks 1-4 3-3 6, Childress 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 38-86 24-20 108.				
Golden State				
Phoenix				
3-Point Goals—Golden State 6-19 (Wright 4-0, Curry 2-5, Williams 0-1, Ellis 0-3), Phoenix 8-25 (Nash 3-4, Frye 3-6, Brooks 1-2, Hill 1-2, Pietrus 0-1, Dudley 0-4, Carter 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Golden State 58 (Lee 10), Phoenix 50 (Gortat, Frye 9), Assists—Golden State 16 (Curry 5), Phoenix 25 (Nash 10), Total Fouls—Golden State 23, Phoenix 19, Technicals—Golden State Coach Smart, Golden State defensive three second, Brooks, Nash, A-18,422 (18,422).				

PHILADELPHIA (102)				
Igouda 6-11 1-5 13, Brand 5-11 0-0 10, Hawes 3-7 0-0 6, Holiday 6-13 1-1 15, Meeks 3-11 0-0 7, Williams 4-10 3-4 14, Young 4-12 1-1 9, Turner 4-8 0-0 8, Battie 3-6 0-0 6, Speights 4-7 1-9 9, Nocioni 2-2 0-0 5, Kapono 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 44-99 17-22 102.				
SACRAMENTO (80)				
Garcia 2-6 0-0 6, Cousins 6-13 7-11 19, Dalembert 3-10 0-0 6, Udrih 6-13 0-0 13, Thornton 3-12 1-2 7, Taylor 1-4 1-2 2, Thompson 1-6 2-4 4, Jeter 1-6 0-0 2, Casspi 4-11 4-18 14, Greene 1-1 2-2 4, Jackson 1-2 1-1 3, Totals 29-84 17-28 80.				
Philadelphia				
Sacramento				
3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 7-16 (Williams 3-4, Holiday 2-3, Nocioni 1-5, Meeks 1-6, Hawes 0-1), Kapono 0-1), Sacramento 5-22 (Garcia 2-4, Casspi 2-6, Udrih 1-3, Taylor 1-0, Jackson 1-0, Thornton 0-0, Foulou Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 65 (Young 10), Sacramento 61 (Thompson 13), Philadelphia 37 (Igouda 9), Sacramento 37 (Udrih 5). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 19, Sacramento 15, A-5,373 (73,717).				



LINDSEY BAUMAN/The Hutchinson News/AP photo
CSI players celebrate their NJCAA men's basketball championship win over Midland College on Saturday in Hutchinson, Kan.



TRAVIS MORISSE/The Hutchinson News/AP photo
College of Southern Idaho celebrates after the Eagles won the NJCAA men's basketball national championship game 72-64 over Midland College, Saturday at the Sport Arena in Hutchinson, Kan.

CSI men

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“We worked all year for this. It wouldn’t be right if we didn’t win it.”

CSI (33-4) fell behind 5-0, but came to life with a 14-2 run. They led 39-26 at half-time before holding off a Midland rally down the stretch.

“Every team’s going to make a run. We just have to keep fighting through adversity,” said center Kenny Buckner, who had 12 points and nine boards in making the all-tournament team along with teammate Mitch Bruneel.

Jackson hit a 3-pointer with 2:23 left to put CSI up 63-53. With Midland within six and the game still in doubt in the final minute, Jackson jumped in front of a pass and snagged a steal to end Midland’s last threat.

“Big players make big plays,” said Gosar of Jackson’s steal. “I saw him set his sights on it and there’s no one quicker in the country.”

Jackson then iced it at the

foul line, where he set a tournament record with 48 free-throw makes this week.

“That’s big time. All the hard work pays off,” said Jackson.

“There’s things I can count on in my life: the sun is going to come up in the east and set in the west and if Pierre is at the line at the end of the game, he’s going to knock it down,” said Gosar, who was named the tournament’s top coach.

Amazingly, CSI won a national title without playing its best basketball.

“I don’t think we’d played our best game in this tournament,” said point guard Darius Smith. “We had spurts of it.”

Spurts proved to be enough.

Midland (33-4) got 20 points and eight rebounds from Dwayne Davis, while Guy Landry scored 15, many of those down the stretch to help the Chaps rally. But Midland couldn’t match CSI’s balance as Fabyon Harris

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“I’m on top of the world, man,” said Jackson.

And the Golden Eagles (33-4) are on top of the JUCO basketball world. On a night when fellow Region 18 school North Idaho won the women’s NJCAA tourney,

CSI made it a clean sweep.

But even CSI’s coach had a hard time putting it into words.

“It’s an unbelievable feeling. I can’t even describe it,” said Gosar. “Feels like I’m in a dream.”

A pretty darn good one.

NJCAA TOURNAMENT

Saturday’s results

Championship: CSI 72, Midland College 64

Third place: Monroe (N.Y.) 74, College, Southeastern (Iowa) CC 56

Fifth place: Coffeyville (Kan.) CC 70, Shelton (Ala.) State CC 62

Seventh place: Western Wyoming CC 83, Cape Fear CC 79

Tournament MVP: Pierre Jackson, CSI.

All-tournament team: Jordan Aaron, Southeastern; Mitch Bruneel, CSI; Kenny Buckner, CSI; Henry Calhoun, Shelton State; Chris Evans, Wabash Valley, Trevin Harris, Western Wyoming; Ty Nurse, Midland; Guy Landry, Midland; TJ Lindsay, Monroe; Vernon Payne, Cape Fear; Orlando Sanchez, Monroe; Stacy Wilson, Coffeyville.

Coach of the tournament: Steve Gosar, CSI

Sportsmanship award: TJ Stephens, Coffeyville

Bud Obee Small Player award: Neil Watson, Coffeyville



TRAVIS MORISSE/The Hutchinson News/AP photo
CSI’s Pierre Jackson puts up a shot past Midland’s Majok Majok in the first half of the NJCAA men’s national basketball championship game Saturday at the Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan. College of Southern Idaho beat Midland College 72-64.

chipped in nine points, Jerrold Brooks had eight, Smith seven and Bruneel six.

It’s been the Eagles’ recipe for success all season and it was there again in the biggest game on the biggest stage.

Said Jackson: “We finished great.”

NJCAA Championship
No. 2 CSI 72, No. 3 Midland College 64

CSI (72)
Jerrold Brooks 3-10 0-0 8, Pierre Jackson 6-16 9-10 22, Fabyon Harris 1-4 7-9 9, Gerson Santo 2-6 0-0 4, Darius Smith 3-5 1-3 7, Mitch Bruneel 3-8 0-0 6, Kenny Buckner 6-11 0-0 12, Paul Bunch 1-1 0-0 2, Chris Patton 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-62 17-22 72.

MIDLAND (64)
Bobby Hatchett 1-1 0-0 2, Ty Nurse 2-7 1-1 5, Guy Landry 5-11 4-6 15, Majok Majok 0-1 0-0 0, Jamaal Trice 0-4 0-0 0, Rodney Milum 1-5 0-0 3, Darren White 0-10 0-0 0, Dwight Miller 4-6 3-3 11, Dwayne Davis 7-18 6-6 20, Jordan Walker 3-9 2-3 8. Totals 23-58.
Halftime: CSI 39, Midland 26. 3-point goals: CSI 3-14 (Brooks 2-5, Jackson 1-6, Smith 0-1, Bruneel 0-1); Midland 2-16 (Nurse 0-2, Landry 1-3, Trice 0-2, Milum 1-5, Davis 0-4). Rebounds: CSI 38 (Buckner 9; Midland 38 (Davis 8). Assists: CSI 13 (Smith 5; Midland 6 (Landry 4). Turnovers: CSI: Midland, Total fouls: CSI: Midland. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Butler bounces Pitt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Matt Howard made one free throw with 0.8 seconds left to cap a wild final sequence, and Butler added another amazing victory to its list of NCAA tournament upsets, eliminating top-seeded Pittsburgh 71-70 Saturday.

Each team had a chance to win it from the foul line in the last 2 seconds. After Butler’s Shelvin Mack inexplicably fouled Gilbert Brown near midcourt with 1.4 seconds left, Brown made the first try to tie it.

He missed the second, and Howard was fouled by Nasir Robinson while grabbing the rebound. Howard made the first shot, then intentionally banged the second attempt off the rim.

Brown finished with 24 points, but he will forever remember the missed free throw.

Mack scored 30 for Butler (25-9), which used a string of upsets to reach the championship game last year. Butler has won 11 straight overall and is 7-1 in its last eight NCAA tournament games.

Pittsburgh (28-6), the Big East regular-season champion, trailed by 12 points in the first half and blew a five-point lead in the second.

WISCONSIN 70, KANSAS STATE 65

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jordan Taylor couldn’t hit a thing, missing open shots and contested ones from just about everywhere on the court.

He did so much more when it mattered, though, and Wisconsin is headed back to the round of 16 because of him.

Taylor hit two big free throws and blocked Jacob Pullen’s 3-point attempt in the closing seconds to overcome a rough shooting night, lifting the Badgers to a 70-65 win over Kansas State on Saturday in the third round of the NCAA tournament.

KENTUCKY 71, WEST VIRGINIA 63

TAMPA, Fla. — Freshman Brandon Knight scored a career-high 30 points and Josh Harrellson delivered eight of his 15 during a pivotal stretch of the second half, helping fourth-seeded Kentucky beat No. 5 seed West Virginia 71-63 in the NCAA tournament Saturday.

Knight made six free throws in the final minute as the Wildcats (27-8) pulled away to advance to East regional semifinals

against either No. 1 seed Ohio State or eighth-seeded George Mason. It’s the second trip to the round of 16 in as many seasons under coach John Calipari.

CONNECTICUT 69, CINCINNATI 58

WASHINGTON — Kemba Walker scored 33 points and the supposedly powerful Big East finally advanced a team to the NCAA tournament’s round of 16 on Saturday night when Connecticut beat conference foe Cincinnati 69-58.

Walker scored 16 points over the final 10 minutes as UConn ended the game with a 24-13 run.

The Huskies (27-9), the No. 3 seed in the West regional, advance to play No. 2 seed San Diego State in Anaheim, Calif., on Thursday.

Rashad Bishop scored 22 points for the sixth-seeded Bearcats (26-8).

SAN DIEGO STATE 71, TEMPLE 64, 2 OT

TUCSON, Ariz. — Billy White had 16 points and 13 rebounds and Kawhi Leonard sealed San Diego State’s exhausting victory with a steal and a slam dunk.

White sank the go-ahead jumper and Leonard made two free throws as the second-seeded Aztecs (34-2) used one last burst of their magnificent athleticism to finally put away the pesky, No. 7 seed Owls (26-7).

Ramone Moore scored 17 for Temple.

RICHMOND 65, MOREHEAD STATE 48

DENVER — Justin Harper scored 19 points and Kevin Anderson added 14, helping 12th-seeded Richmond advance to the round of 16 for the first time since 1988.

Richmond (29-7) shut down 13th-seeded Morehead State big man and NBA prospect Kenneth Faried — at least as much as anyone can these days.

FLORIDA 73, UCLA 65

TAMPA, Fla. — Florida’s little man Erving Walker came up big again, scoring 21 points and hitting several clutch shots down the stretch.

Walker scored 10 of his team’s final 12 points, including four free throws in the final 33 seconds. His most significant basket was a 3-pointer with about a minute remaining. That shot gave the second-seeded Gators (28-7) a 69-65 lead and forced the No. 7 seed Bruins (23-11) into desperation mode.

— The Associated Press

BYU

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highlight reel with a chance to add some more next Thursday against Florida, a 73-65 winner over UCLA on the other side of the Southeast regional.

In this game, the hoop must have seemed as wide as the Mississippi for the nation’s leading scorer.

He shot 7 for 12 from 3-point range, and after having trouble getting shots over Gonzaga’s tough defense in the first half, he found his rhythm in the second.

He opened the half by pulling up from 5 feet beyond the upper-right part of the 3-point arc and swishing the shot. That triggered an 11-2 run that put BYU up 56-40.

Gonzaga pulled within eight, but with 8:58 left, Fredette made a shot from the exact same spot as part of a 12-0 run that expanded the lead to 20.

Game over, and the rest was simply a matter of seeing where No. 32’s scoring line would settle. He came up far short of the 52 points he scored earlier this month in the Mountain West Conference tournament against New Mexico, but had enough to bump that average up a couple notches, to 28.8.

As the game wound down, the winner long decided, BYU fans chanted “Sweet 16.” But then they came up with a more familiar refrain: “You got Jimmerrd!”

Or, to sum it up more succinctly — “We came, we saw, we Jimmerrd,” as one of the

ubiquitous clever signs in the stands proclaimed.

But it wasn’t all Fredette. He didn’t get his first shot off until almost three minutes into the game and didn’t score until the 11:33 mark, which had to seem like dog years for a team that grew even more dependent on its star earlier this month when leading rebounder Brandon Davies was suspended for violating the school’s honor code.

For the first time since then, BYU genuinely looked like it had some legitimate second options.

Jackson Emery had two 3-pointers, a layup and a steal during Fredette’s early scoring drought. He finished with 16 points. Noah Hartsock (13 points) hit three more 3-pointers to go with the pair he made in BYU’s opening 74-66 win against Wofford.

Who’d have thought that game would be closer than this one?

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Notice is hereby given by the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners for the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on **Thursday, April 7, 2011**, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock, A.M., in the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. North, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear the following request:

MAGIC VALLEY FLIGHT SIMULATION, LLC

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Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time.

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\$9.90-\$10/hr, 48/wk, 4/15/2011 to 11/15/2011 Burley, ID SWA, 208-678-5518

JO# 1385064, 4 General farmworker, M & M Heath Farms, Inc., Buhl ID
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JO# 1386103, 4 Farmworker/Irrigator, Dave Hale Farms, Heyburn ID
\$9.90-\$10/hr, 48/wk, 4/15/2011 to 10/15/2011 Burley, ID SWA, 208-678-5518

JO# 1385064, 1 Farm/Ranch Worker/Irrigator, Flat Top Sheep Co., Carey ID
\$9.90-\$10/hr, 48/wk, 4/1/2011 to 12/15/2011 Bellevue, ID SWA, 208-788-3526

JO# 1385064, 2 Farm/Ranch Worker/Irrigator, Triangle M Farms, Carey ID
\$9.90-\$10/hr, 48/wk, 4/15/2011 to 11/15/2011 Bellevue, ID SWA, 208-788-3526

JO# 1385064, 1 Farmworker/Irrigator, Riverside Holstein, Inc., Carey ID
\$9.90-\$10/hr, 48/wk, 4/15/2011 to 10/15/2011 Twin Falls, ID SWA, 208-735-2500

JO# 1386103, 6 Farmworker/Irrigator, Sage Butte Farms, Inc., Burley ID
\$9.90-\$10/hr, 48/wk, 3/24/2011 to 11/15/2011 Burley, ID SWA, 208-678-5518

JO# 1386619, 2 Farmworker/Irrigator, Ensz Farms, Bruneau ID
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NOTICES

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ORDINANCE NO. 1277

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLEY, IDAHO, ANNEXING REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF BURLEY, IDAHO: DECLARING THE SAME TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF BURLEY, IDAHO; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE WITH THE COUNTY RECORDER, ASSESSOR, AND TAX COLLECTOR OF CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO, AND WITH THE STATE TAX COMMISSION, BOISE, IDAHO, A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THAT A MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SAID LANDS BE FILED AS PROVIDED BY LAW; DECLARING SAID LANDS TO BE ZONED UNDER THE BURLEY CITY ZONING ACT AS DESIGNATED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLEY, IDAHO as follows:

Section 1. The lands described in Section 2 hereof are hereby annexed to and declared to be a part of the City of Burley, Idaho pursuant to Idaho Code § 50-222, and the present boundaries of said City are hereby extended to include said described lands.

Section 2: That the lands referred to in Section 1 hereof are located in Cassia County, Idaho, and are more particularly described in EXHIBIT "A" hereto. Said lands are owned by a single private landowner who has requested annexation. As such, this annexation is classified as a "Category A" Annexation pursuant to Idaho Code § 50-222(3)(a).

Section 3: That the City Clerk of the City of Burley, Idaho, shall file a copy of this Ordinance duly certified as to the correctness thereof, under the corporate seal of the City of Burley, Idaho, with the Cassia County Recorder and with the State Tax Commission at Boise, Idaho.

Section 4: That a legal description and map of the boundaries of the City of Burley, as altered by this annexation shall be prepared by the City Engineer and filed with the State Tax Commission, Boise, Idaho, and with the Cassia County Recorder, Assessor and Tax Collector as provided by law.

Section 5: That the parcel described in Section 2 herein shall hereby remain zoned as it currently is designated. The property's current designation is "R3" under and pursuant to the Burley Zoning Act.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law. PASSED this 15th day of March, 2011.

CITY OF BURLEY

By Terry Greenman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie Haynes, City Clerk

PUBLISH: March 20, 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Lost and Found

FOUND 4 Black Lab puppies. Appx. 11 weeks old on 600 East, 200 South, Jerome. **208-421-3260.**

FOUND Aussie pup, male, red merle, on 400 E, Rupert. **208-431-3149**

FOUND Black Lab, Female, on South Eastland on Thur 3/10. Must be identified. Please call if she is yours only 735-5229.

FOUND in Wendell/Buhl area, close to grade. Great Pyrenees. Good natured and neutered **308-9176**

FOUND Set of Keys, has a Toyota key with automatic car opener at Papa Murpheys. **Call 734-2977.**

FOUND Toy Poodle, white male. Found by Horizon school in Jerome 3/13. Call to identify **208-539-3918**

HELP FIND TWO THIEVES

Help me find the thieves who broke into my Camas County farmhouse in mid January. They stole a side by side, double barrel 410 shotgun, a red Honda Generator, electric air compressor, numerous cordless Craftsman battery power tools [reciprocating saw, drill, jig saw, and skill saw]. The batteries were numbered on the bottom 1, 2 & 3. If you know the thieves please call the Camas County Sheriff **208-764-2261**. Thanks S. Graham

LOST Heavy duty hand truck, Hwy. 30, between Buhl and Filer. **Call 308-2605**

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Lost and Found

LOST Mako Eskimo, Auger, Saturday 3/12/11 at Warm Springs Landing - Magic. Black and red. Please call **788-1873 or 309-0323.**

LOST Nokona baseball glove at Harmon Park on approx. 3/5. Reward offered. **Call 208-734-1220 or 420-8978.**

MISSING Cat long haired gray female, very friendly, 4400 N & Clear Lakes Rd, Buhl. **539-7176**



MISSING German Shepherd 5 mi south, 1 mi west of Kimberly. Lg tan 2 yr old neutered male, red collar. \$300 reward. **539-7804.**

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BIRTHDAY PHOTOS

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Today's Highlight:
On March 20, 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1413, England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V.

In 1727, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was first published in book form after being serialized.

In 1899, Martha M. Place of Brooklyn, N.Y., became the first woman to be executed in the electric chair as she was put to death at Sing Sing for the murder of her stepdaughter.

In 1956, union workers ended a 156-day strike at Westinghouse Electric Corp.

In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

In 1977, voters in Paris chose former French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to be the French capital's first mayor in more than a century.

In 1985, Libby Riddles of Teller, Ala., became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race.

In 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the poisonous gas sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo cult members.

In 1999, Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland and Brian Jones of Britain became the first aviators to fly a hot-air balloon around the world nonstop.

Ten years ago: The skipper of the USS Greeneville took the stand before a Navy court of inquiry and accepted sole responsibility for the collision of his submarine with a Japanese trawler off Hawaii that killed nine Japanese. (Cmdr. Scott Waddle ended up being reprimanded, but was allowed to retire with full rank and pension.) Lori Berenson, accused of aiding guerrillas in Peru, received a retrial in civilian court (she was later convicted of terrorist collaboration and sentenced to 20 years, but was eventually paroled, a decision that's being appealed by prosecutors). Power-strapped California saw a second day of rolling blackouts.

Five years ago: Beginning the fourth year of an unpopular war, President George W. Bush defended his Iraq record against skeptical questioning at the City Club in Cleveland. Anti-war activists marked the third anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq with a "Bring 'Em Home Now!" concert in New York. Paul Tagliabue announced he would step down as NFL commissioner after 16 years. Japan beat Cuba 10-6 in the title game of the inaugural World Baseball Classic.

One year ago: Pope Benedict XVI sent an unprecedented letter to Ireland apologizing for chronic child abuse within the Roman Catholic church, but failed to calm anger of many victims. Thousands of protesters — many directing their anger squarely at President Barack Obama — marched through the nation's capital to urge immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. Former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall died in Santa Fe, N.M., at 90. Lady Bird Johnson's former press secretary, Liz Carpenter, died in Austin, Texas, at 89.

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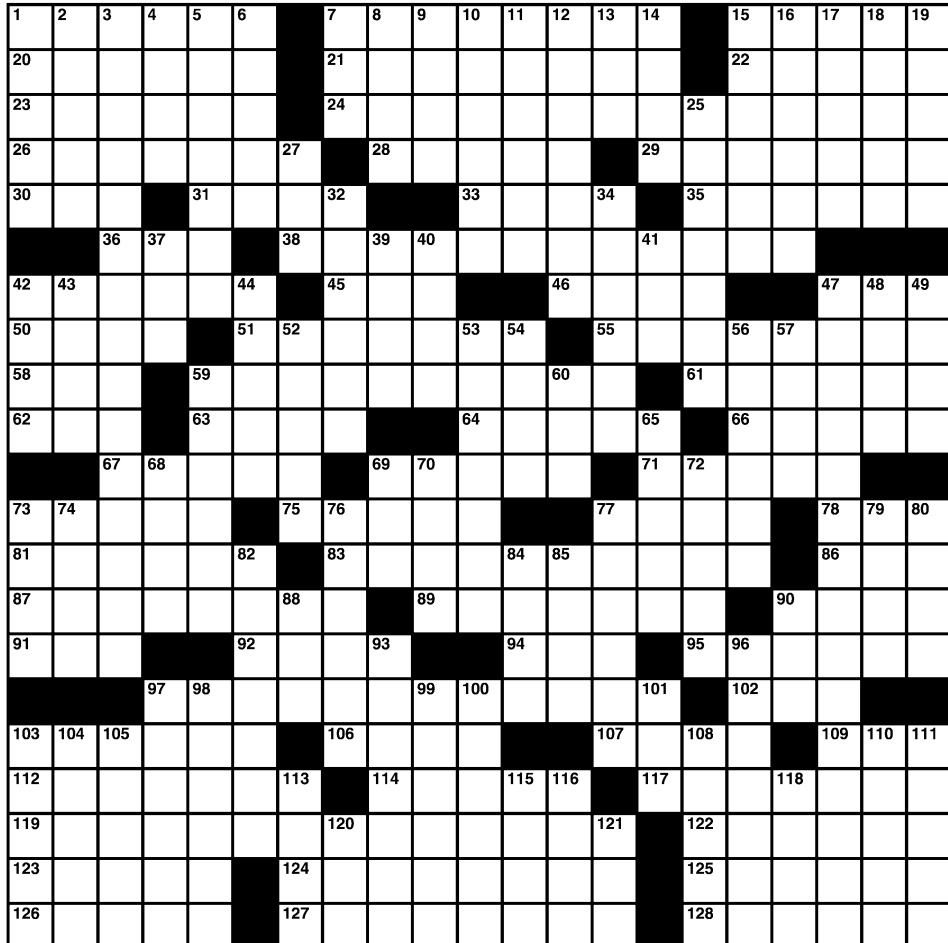
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HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'd like to be seen as smoking hot, but first you need the energy to fan the flames. A tough schedule or plethora of routine responsibilities might prevent you from feeling raring to go in the week to come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Hide and seek is more than a children's game. The changes that are occurring behind the scenes might impact your career or reputation. In the week to come, you would be wise to pay attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In real life, nobody's perfect. In the week ahead, you should be willing to show compassion when people in your circle have personal problems and provide some leeway when people make mistakes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Bring it on. Life's challenges seem to bring out your ingenuity and resourcefulness. During the upcoming week, you will find hidden talents are disclosed in the course of dealing with contingencies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It is natural to seek notoriety. You may seek the spotlight in the week ahead. The old saw about not caring about what people say as long as they say something about you is of the utmost importance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Good morning sunshine, goodbye rain. In the week ahead, you might be more optimistic and less troubled by life's serious concerns. One of your financial obligations could come to an end or be relieved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Knock, knock! Who's there? You might be in a playful mood during the week to come, or experience a few amusing incidents that bring a smile to your face. It is OK to loosen up and enjoy life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There is nothing you can't live down, rise above or overcome. Put a positive spin on problems by being a solution-finder in the week to come. Take pride in an ability to work at maximum capability.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Clear out the clutter. A messy house or room makes you feel uncomfortable and somewhat on edge. In the week, ahead a muddled mind keeps you from operating at top capacity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get a little bang for your buck. You might have the worst judgment in the world about roommates and partners, but you aren't afraid to buy a lottery ticket and hope for the best in the week ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Love those labels. You might find that name brands give you something to trust or rely upon. Make your name a familiar thing in the upcoming week if you want people to trust and remember you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It is time to get rid of the burr under your saddle. The little irritations that make you want to buck the system, shrug off authority or fight back can be disposed of in the week to come. Make improvements.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

3/20

Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

3/19

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I don't want a divorce, but I don't want to be around Louie, either. Louie's "problem" makes him unpleasant to be around. When I visit friends and family without him, they wonder if we're separated. If he could shrug off people's comments and realize the outcome of a game shouldn't affect him, we could be happier. What should I do?

— **BAD SPORT**
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DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR BAD SPORT: It's time you, your children and anyone else who cares at all about your husband stage an intervention and point out to Louie that there are more important things in life than his favorite football team. Chief among them is learning impulse control so he doesn't do further harm to his body and his relationships. It's one thing to feel passion for a sport, but he is creating a situation where he doesn't enjoy it.

What you have described is not normal, or healthy. He has crossed the line and is risking harm to his family, his relationships and his reputation. This is beyond "kooky" — it's a little bit sick, and the person who needs to step in is you.

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— **BEGINNING AGAIN**
WITH BABY IN TEXAS
DEAR BEGINNING

AGAIN: Because of extreme cases in the news, most of us are familiar with the hormonal imbalance that causes postpartum depression. A condition called pre-partum depression is not as well known, but is also well-documented. I'm pleased you were able to get treatment and resolve yours.

Share your story — and end your isolation — by telling your closest friends about your experience. If they are truly friends and care about you, they will embrace and accept you and your daughter and give you the support you need after your illness. And if they don't — then you will have to accept they are not true friends and go on with your life.

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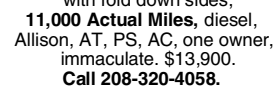
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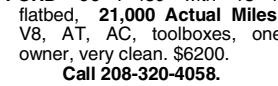
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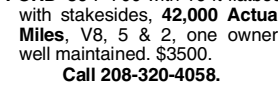
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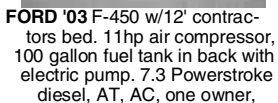
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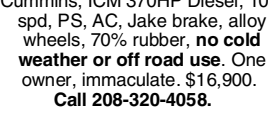
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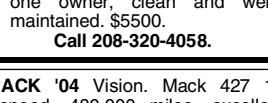

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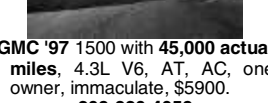

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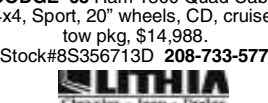

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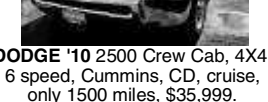

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Dear Mr. Wolff:

How light would you allow a third-in-hand opener of a minor to be, as opposed to opening in a major, assuming you are not at unfavorable vulnerability?

Hyperactive, Grand Junction, Colo.

ANSWER: Because openings in the minors tend not to be pre-emptive, I prefer to keep my openings either up to strength (maybe a 10-count is acceptable in the right circumstances) or based on good suits. I really don't see the point of opening a three-card minor with fewer than 12 points. Openings in the majors may, however, be more obstructive.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I doubled an opening bid of one club, holding ♠ J-9-7-4, ♥ A-Q-7-2, ♦ K-Q-10-3, ♣ 10 and heard a redouble on my left. My partner now bid one heart and my RHO bid two clubs. Should I have bid two hearts now? I was put off by the redouble, and despite my good shape I felt it was too dangerous to bid again with a minimum. What do you think?

Yellow Bird, Eau Claire, Wis.

ANSWER: This is a tough one, but just because my LHO has a decent hand doesn't mean that he is getting ready to sharpen his axe on a two-heart contract — or that things will go so badly if he does. I agree that bidding two hearts here is aggressive, but much depends on whether your partner will compete properly if you pass. If you trust him, you should be more cautious.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

My partner and I had the following problem. I held ♠ A-J-9-3, ♥ Q-2, ♦ 3-2, ♣ A-K-10-4-2 and responded two clubs to my partner's one-heart bid. After he jumped to three hearts, I bid three spades, then converted three no-trump to four hearts. He passed and we missed a slam. (He had A-K-sixth of hearts and A-K-third of diamonds. How should we have bid the hand?

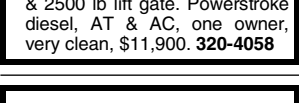
A Day Late and a Dollar Short, Portland, Ore.

ANSWER: First, playing two-over-one, your partner was wrong to bid three hearts; in a game-forcing auction this shows semisolid hearts (solid, or solid missing the ace or king).

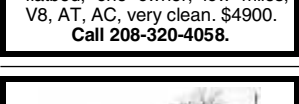
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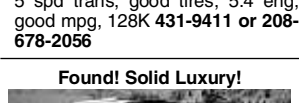

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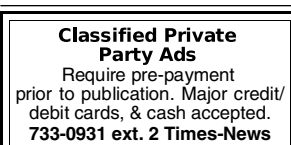
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No matter their hair color, senior women are

EMBRACING OLD AGE

By **Melissa Davlin**
Times-News writer

At 71, Jeanne Meyer still works as a hairstylist. The Twin Falls woman celebrated her 70 birthday by going skydiving. She writes cowboy poetry and has more energy than many 20-somethings.

On March 11, she and two other women — Linda Johnson, 64, of Wendell and Karen Taylor, 76, of Burley — competed in the Ms. Idaho Senior America competition at Twin Falls’ senior center. They wore evening gowns, showed off talents and blushed at compliments about their looks as they competed to advance to state competition in Coeur d’Alene. In the audience were more smartly dressed women, most of whom were 50 and older.

The message of the event: It doesn’t matter how old you are. It matters how old you feel. We’re living longer, and we’re getting old later. And across southern Idaho, women are facing their senior years with growing enthusiasm and grace.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the average life expectancy for Americans is expected to increase from 76.0 years in 1993 to 82.6 years in 2050, and the roughly 70 million American baby boomers have reached or are nearing retirement age.

At the College of Southern Idaho, more people who are 50 and older are going back to school, said Shawna Wasko of the Office on Aging. Some go to stay busy and learn for fun, but others are taking computer classes to stay competitive in the job market.

Groups like the new Magic Valley Social Club (people 50 and older who get together for day trips and dances) and the Over 60 and Getting Fit exercise group (a College of Southern Idaho program that has run for more than 30 years) encourage seniors to stay active and embrace life, no matter how old they are.

Some of that attitude shift is necessary, Wasko said. While in past decades many older Americans could retire at 65, the economy is forcing more seniors to work older.

But working longer isn’t always a bad thing. In the new book “The Longevity Project: Surprising Discoveries for Health and Long Life from the Landmark



ABOVE: Top Hat Tapper Norma Fritzley performs during the opening of the Ms. Idaho Senior America regional pageant March 11 at Twin Falls' senior center. As life expectancy lengthens and the economy keeps seniors working later in life, southern Idaho women are aging with attitude. **BELOW:** Karen Taylor, 76, of Burley performs 'You Make Me Feel So Young' during the talent portion of the Ms. Idaho Senior America pageant. 'You know, I have a problem with aging, because I'm just a kid at heart,' Taylor says. 'I just don't believe in old age.'



Eight-Decade Study,” authors Howard S. Friedman and Leslie R. Martin dissect research originally started by psychology professor Lewis Terman in 1921. The study followed 1,500 gifted children throughout their lives. According to

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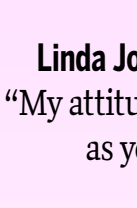


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Wilma Maritt takes pictures before the Ms. Idaho Senior America pageant in Twin Falls. The message of the event: It doesn't matter how old you are. It matters how old you feel.

Thoughts on aging



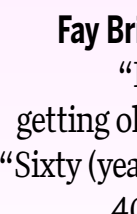
Linda Watkins, 51, Twin Falls
“In my opinion, it’s a state of mind. It’s a number.”



Linda Johnson, 64, Wendell
“My attitude is you’re as young as you want to be.”



Ann Prince, 76, Twin Falls
“I don’t age. I don’t think about it,” Prince said. “You’re only as old as you feel.”



Fay Briscoe, 75, Emmett
“I think we’re getting older, older,” she said. “Sixty (years old) might be what 40 used to be.”



Jeanne Meyer, 71, Twin Falls
“I’m trying to tell these ladies don’t be afraid of a number.”



Jerome student learns more than nursing during visit to Kenya

By **Ariel Hansen**
Times-News writer

Hilary Vanden Bosch isn’t used to being a minority. Where she grew up in Jerome, there are many people of Latino descent, but in North Dakota where she attends Jamestown College, those around her are more than 90 percent Caucasian.

So when she traveled to Kenya in February as part of a three-week nursing program through the college, it was a bit of a culture shock.

“Young students shout ‘mzungu,’ which is ‘white people,’” said Vanden Bosch, describing how her light skin stuck out among the Africans. “At first it was entertaining, but eventually it did get a little old, because we don’t single people out like that because we have a lot more cultures in the United States, and that’s kind of rude and you don’t do that.”

Vanden Bosch was one of 12 nursing students from the college who traveled to a medical facility affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in Kenya. It is in the city of Chogoria, about 140 miles northeast of Nairobi, has 300 beds and serves half a million patients a year.

There, nurses have different responsibilities and attitudes.

“They’re not as gentle, as we define gentle, so pain may not be treated quite like we treat it, and words are a lot more blunt,” Vanden

Bosch said. She described how a child might be restrained, rather than held in her mother’s arms, and wouldn’t be rubbed with numbing cream before an IV needle. “Although many Americans might view that as wrong, it was something in their culture we learned we needed to accept, but also an opportunity to do some education and come to a happy medium.”

Because the technology isn’t as advanced, nurses relied on hands-on treatment and jury-rigged solutions — using an inflated balloon to cushion a patient’s heel to prevent bedsores, for example.

“In general, their nursing care is a lot more back to the basics. I can (now) do more of the hands-on stuff rather than relying on technology to give me the data that I want to know,” Vanden Bosch said.

She also had the opportunity to deliver a baby while working in the obstetrics ward — not assist in the delivery, as nurses do here, but actually participate from labor through birth. During the students’ three weeks, they worked in a variety of departments, from maternity to surgery to an HIV/AIDS clinic.

The college senior has known she wanted to be a nurse since fourth grade, and attending nursing school only solidified that desire.

See **NURSE**, Family Life 2



Photo courtesy HILARY VANDEN BOSCH
One of the patients treated by Jerome student Hilary Vanden Bosch during a Jamestown College nursing trip to Kenya was this boy, who was having his knee biopsied. ‘Upon our first meeting he was scared out of his mind, but when I saw him on the pediatric unit he was happy as ever,’ Vanden Bosch said. ‘Frequently he made faces at me behind my back and absolutely loved me tickling him at times such as this.’

Dog issues draw attention

Times-News

Twin Falls dog lovers are passionate about their pups.

Last week, the *Times-News* published a story about community efforts to open a dog park in Twin Falls. Along with the story, we posted a poll on Magicvalley.com that asked readers whether they’d welcome a dog park in their neighborhood. Of the 273 people who had voted by Tuesday, 77 percent said yes.

People weighed in on the *Times-News*’ Facebook page, too. One commenter said he preferred youth programs to dog parks, while others expressed interest in a fenced area

where dogs could roam off-leash.

Meanwhile, the Magic Valley Canine Social Club, which we featured in another article in last Sunday’s Family Life section, saw a jump in membership last week. As of Tuesday, membership on the club’s Facebook page had risen from 30 to 53 people.

The group’s members are trying to get together an organizational committee to work toward creation of a dog park in Twin Falls. For information, join the Magic Valley Canine Social Club’s page on Facebook.

Want to get in on the conversation? Join the *Times-News*’ Facebook page, or comment on our stories at Magicvalley.com.

New friends for your best friend

Interested in joining Magic Valley Canine Social Club? The club is free. Off-leash walks for socialized dogs are at 10 a.m. Sundays, and Wednesday-evening sessions for unsocialized dogs will start in April or May. Search Facebook for the Magic Valley Canine Social Club page for locations and information, or call Brittany Triner at 421-1997.

Boyfriend's sarcasm, put-downs are cultural reflection, not abuse

It appears that a recent column of mine had an effect similar to a Rorschach inkblot: People read their own personal experiences and/or biases into it and reacted to it from that perspective.

The column involved a question from the mother of a 19-year-old young woman whose 19-year-old boyfriend was, according to Mom, prone to sarcasm and put-downs. On the other hand, he was headed for college, didn't smoke, drink or do drugs, and had a coherent plan for his future.

I said that while his verbal habits were certainly not laudable, his plusses seemed to outweigh his negatives. I advised that this was an issue that the daughter needed to deal with on her own, without her parents' intervention.

I unleashed a minor tsunami. To date, I've received about 100 e-mails and letters from people who were aghast at my advice. To a person, they accused me of enabling the young man's "verbal abuse." More than one respondent suggested that perhaps I am a woman-

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John Rosemond



hater (my wife of 43 years would not agree). Many of my critics, almost all female, said that the column raised ire because of their own experiences with abusive males. That's the Rorschach ink blot aspect of this controversy.

It may be helpful for readers to know that I do not operate in a professional vacuum. Every column of mine is reviewed prior to publication by panel of people including another psychologist and a developmental/behavioral pediatrician. No one on my review panel questioned my advice to this mother. In addition, my column feeds to some 200 newspapers per week. None of those editors raised any red flags.

Nothing in the mother's description suggested that the young man's sarcasm rose to the level of "abuse." One aspect of this problem is that just as our collective

understanding of the word "trauma" has been dramatically dumbed-down over the past 20 or so years, so has our understanding of what constitutes genuine "verbal abuse."

It was obvious that the young man thought his sarcasm was funny. In small, occasional doses, it may be. In large doses, and especially from the perspective of the young lady's parents, it is not. But I failed to sense that he was mean-spirited, hateful or possessed otherwise of a truly abusive attitude toward females.

The fact is that sarcasm is masquerading as humor in contemporary culture.

One of the most popular sit-coms in re-run is "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Out of curiosity, I watched an episode. The script consisted of one insult after another, each accompanied by the laugh track. I had enough after about 10 minutes and exercised my right to censorship. The program in question is by no means exceptional in this regard. From that perspective, it's certainly understandable,

albeit lamentable, that today's young people think that put-downs and insults are the stuff of authentic humor.

But does this back-and-forth banter, as stupid and ill-mannered as it is, qualify as verbal abuse? I think not. It qualifies as evidence that American culture is on the skids. I even wondered if some of the same folks who blasted away at me for my advice might regularly watch and laugh at programs like "Everyone Loves Raymond." It's hardly conceivable.

But when all is said and done, the bottom line is that the young lady in question is not a child. She is an adult. She can vote and get married without her parents' permission. If the young man needs correction, she is the responsible party. Her parents can express their opinion, which they have, but they cannot solve this problem for her and shouldn't make the attempt.

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions at www.rosemond.com.



FUTURE OF A FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

Reporter Melissa Davlin launches a special project exploring the lives of Nepali refugees resettling in Twin Falls. **Next Sunday in Family Life**

Grieving pet owners find solace in online tributes

By Monica Rhor
For The Associated Press

They provide comfort in times of distress, laughter in moments of gravity, love during spells of loneliness. They are, to paraphrase writer Edith Wharton, a heartbeat at one's feet.

Pets are our best friends, faithful companions and family members. And not even death, it seems, can break that bond between animal and human.

Nowhere is that more apparent than in the increasing number of pet obituaries springing up on the Internet, in some newspapers and on social media sites.

On websites such as Doggy Heaven and Immortal Pets, on blogs such as the Orange County Register's Pet Tales, on countless personal Facebook pages, grief-stricken pet owners funnel their sadness into heartfelt, often heart-wrenching tributes.

The obituaries — accompanied by photo montages, poems and notes of condolence from friends and fellow pet owners — are part therapy and part memorial, a way to grieve and a way to immortalize.

The sites also testify to the coveted place pets hold in American culture. About 62 percent of households, or 71.4 million homes, now include pets, according to the American Pet Products Association. Pet owners spend an estimated \$48 billion on food, supplies, medical care and grooming for their animals.

"It's a reflection of the social fabric," says Samantha Gowen, who writes the Orange County Register's Pet Tales blog, which regularly includes obituaries sent in by readers. She notes that most pet owners are aware that they will likely outlive their animals, which gives the relationship a special poignancy.

"There's a great sense of empathy when it comes to pets and their lives," says Gowen. "Pet owners are all connected by their pets and death."

Online obituaries offer pet owners a way to tap into that network, find support and channel the pain of losing a pet. Kristin Tomyn, a 39-year-old real estate agent from Indianapolis, was distraught after the sudden death of Dakotah, her 12-year-old Siberian Husky, and was searching the Internet for consolation when she stumbled across Doggy Heaven.

The site's home page, with a sky-blue background and a logo of a dog collar glowing like an angel's halo, appealed to Tomyn. As did the Doggy Heaven mission



AP photo

Joann Cencula works on her website Doggy Heaven at her home in Wickliffe, Ohio. On the screen is a photograph of Beemer, one of Cencula's beloved dogs that died.

statement: "All dogs go to heaven. Doggy Heaven is a place of solace and joy where you can honor the memory of your departed canine companions."

Tomyn immediately began writing her online elegy for Dakotah.

"The sun has set on your life but you will never be forgotten! We miss you soooo much! I am lost."

The words, she says, just spilled out, along with 12 years' worth of memories. The socks hidden throughout the house. The chewed-up napkins and toilet paper. The "banana" toy Dakotah licked as if it were her puppy.

"We have been through soooo much together. The death of my mother and 3 grandparents, failed relationships, job changes, 2 moves, marriage, and the birth of 2 children," wrote Tomyn. "You were there for me in times when no one else seemed to be and understood me always. You sensed when I was sad and were always by my side."

Doggy Heaven, which began operating about two years ago, now has a database of more than 1,200 dog obituaries. The site is free, searchable by pet names and breeds, and allows owners to post photos and information such as nicknames, favorite toys and favorite games. Visitors can add messages and donate "dog treats" in memory of the deceased pet.

Immortal Pets takes a more somber approach. That site, which includes tributes for any kind of pet, has a funeral, black color scheme, the strains of Beethoven's "Fur Elise" playing in the background and flickering candles scrolling across the screen. The site, which now has about 2,000 pet obituaries for dogs, cats, birds and even rats, offers both public and private memorials and includes a section for free obituaries. Some pages are accessed thousands of time a year by grieving owners.

Poll looks at feelings on declawing, debarking

By Sue Manning
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Cats scratch and dogs bark. Is declawing or debarking the answer?

Nearly 60 percent of American pet owners, including 55 percent of cat owners, say it is OK to have a cat declawed, but only 8 percent approve of having a dog's vocal cords removed, according to an Associated Press-Petside.com poll.

Experts say both surgeries are painful and alter the way the animals walk or talk.

Declawing a cat "is amputation. If you look at your fingers, declawing would be like amputating the last section of each finger. If you were declawed, you would have 10 little short fingers. It's amputation times 10," said veterinarian Louise Murray, vice president of the Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital in New York City. The hospital is part of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Most vets won't do all four feet, because that is considered extremely inhumane and unsafe for the cat, she said.

Mary Sullivan, 84, of Chicago, said she had a cat declawed once because he



When Mary Sullivan of Chicago got Roger from Tails of Hope about seven years ago, they showed her how to cover her furniture if there was a clawing problem. But the cat, who's 14 now, doesn't care about furniture. AP photo

kept slipping on slick floors in her apartment. "Shortly afterward he died. He was in agony the whole time. It broke my heart that I had it done. I'd never do that again," she said.

When she got Roger from Tails of Hope about seven years ago, a condition of the adoption was no declawing. She said they showed her how to cover her furniture if there were a problem, but Roger, who's 14 now, doesn't care about furniture.

"It's not cruel to declaw your cats," said Jennifer Soloway, 60, a retired judge in Sacramento. Her cats, including Willie, who just died at 14, and Nemo, who is 15, were both declawed when they were young.

"They do not know

they've been declawed. They made the same kneading movements. The recovery process was very short. They never showed any sign of pain," she said.

Declawing was necessary, she said. "My little daughter had scratches all over her. Everyone in the family had scratches. They destroyed our wallpaper. It was the only solution we could come up with," Soloway said.

Murray said it's hard to assess pain in cats. After surgery, they are "walking around on stumps with stitches" and if they dig around in their litter, they can be in a lot of pain.

The ASPCA opposes declawing, debarking, defanging, ear cropping and tail docking — any elective sur-

gery done to conform to breed standard or eliminate undesirable behavior — except in extreme circumstances. For example, the health of a cat owner may be at risk if the owner has an immune system disorder or illness that leaves them susceptible to serious infection if scratched.

Ninety percent of pet owners oppose removing a dog's vocal cords. Forty-seven percent would favor a law making the procedure illegal, while 44 percent would oppose a law.

Last July, Massachusetts became the first state to ban elective devocalization surgeries for cats or dogs. Violations are punishable under the state's animal cruelty laws.

Nurse

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"She likes to help people, do whatever she can to help them," said her mother, Julie Vanden Bosch of Jerome. "She's been fascinated by the science, how the body works."

In high school, she volunteered with St. Luke's Magic Valley, said Loraine Devey, retired director of volunteer services for the Twin Falls medical center.

"What she possesses is to be able to listen, and gather what the need is by being in tune with the patient," De-

vey said. She said she was thrilled when she learned Vanden Bosch had the opportunity to nurse in Africa. "What an opportunity for her to grow even more. I'm very proud of her for doing that, and I know she has good support from her family!"

Devey and another former instructor of Vanden Bosch agreed that the young woman has what it takes to be an excellent nurse, in the U.S. or elsewhere.

"She will be a very caring person; she's very intelligent

as far as staying current with good information," said Anita Bartels, a registered nurse with St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. She taught Vanden Bosch as an instructor for College of Southern Idaho through Jerome High School.

Before her graduation in May, Vanden Bosch has one more project to complete as part of her senior-year requirements, which will be three weeks at a Boise medical facility. She is eager for more experience, whether it's in Idaho near family and

friends, elsewhere in the U.S. or somewhere overseas. She said she would like to revisit Africa to do missionary work, but that will be at least two years from now.

No matter where she goes, she said, she'll bring a perspective she gained in Kenya: "We came to view it that if I made a difference in one child's life, that's wonderful, that one child is enough."

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Old age

Continued from Family Life 1

Slate.com, the research found that most research participants who made it to their 70s had enjoyed solid careers and continued to work at least part-time after retirement age.

Staying active is crucial for older people, Wasko said.

"We know that isolation is the biggest threat to seniors," she said.

Arma Bajraktarevic, owner of Arma's Beauty Salon in Twin Falls, said many of her senior clients continue to work. Bajraktarevic, who has styled hair for about 25 years, said she notices older clients are caring more

about their appearance now than in years past, whether they're retired or not.

All of them want to look good, but their approaches differ.

"You have lots of women who can't stand to see their roots," Bajraktarevic said. Others look great with gray hair and embrace it. One 94-year-old client still colors her hair.

While older women are trying to look good, they're not necessarily trying to look younger.

"I look in the mirror and I realize I have aged," Meyer said. But she doesn't feel old, and she doesn't act like it.

"I think the fountain of youth is inside of us," she said. "It's how you're feeling."

That attitude surely impressed pageant judges, who awarded Meyer first place in the contest. As she hugged

the other contestants and greeted well-wishers, she was as giddy as any 19-year-old beauty queen.

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At night, women answer the call

By **Charity M. Brown**
The Washington Post

Call it the real night shift — that nocturnal period when bleary-eyed adults leave warm beds to tend to the needs of sick kids, elderly parents, an ailing spouse or incontinent pet. So, who takes the night shift: Mom or Dad?

Guess.

Women are 2 1/2 times as likely as men to interrupt their sleep to care for others, according to a new study by researchers from the University of Michigan. And once they're up, women are awake longer: 44 minutes, compared with 30 minutes for men.

“People are getting up for other things, too. We found that men are checking to make sure the door is locked, and especially older men are getting up to use the bathroom. But more women are specifically getting up to care for dependents — that includes feeding, tending to physical or medical care, and especially for young children,” says the study’s lead researcher, Sarah Burgard, an assistant professor of sociology and epidemiology at the University of Michigan School of Public Health in Ann Arbor.

For the study, slated to appear in the journal *Social Forces*, researchers analyzed data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau via the

American Time Use Survey: more than 20,000 time diaries kept by working parents from 2003 to 2007.

Among dual-income couples with a child younger than 1, 32 percent of women reported sleep interruptions on a given 24-hour period, compared with 11 percent of men. For those with children ages 3 to 5, 3 percent of mothers and 1 percent of fathers experienced interrupted sleep. Overall, after controlling the data for differences in work commitment, partnership status and other factors, Burgard said, mothers took “the night shift of caretaking” about 2 1/2 times as often as fathers.

“Obviously, the child-rearing re-

sponsibilities may be slanted at first due to breast-feeding,” Burgard said in an interview. But, she added, “then the responsibilities are never renegotiated.”

According to the study, the gender gap was the greatest during the parents’ prime childbearing and child-rearing years, their 20s and 30s — which is also the optimal period for earnings and career development. Sleep-deprived individuals do not function well on the job, Burgard said: “Poor sleep quality manifests quickly: You’re unable to focus. ... It’s a real limitation.”

Previous research into women’s lack of sufficient sleep noted problems such as undiagnosed sleep ap-

nea and depression, she said, but this study sheds light on another factor: gender-defined responsibilities.

Whether the woman was the “primary caregiver, primary breadwinner, it didn’t matter,” says Burgard. Among parents of children younger than 1, 28 percent of women who were the sole earner in the couple reported getting up in the middle of the night to take care of children, compared with 4 percent of men who were the sole breadwinner.

“The primary care responsibilities still belong to females regardless of other obligations,” says Burgard.



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Leggett & Platt’s Dual King Prodigy power foundation. Each partner has a separate mattress and can choose its firmness, and each mattress can be raised and lowered independently.

Separate beds or blankets can help couples sleep

By **Colleen Newvine Tebeau**
Associated Press writer

When we were newlyweds, my husband and I heard a lot of mildly naughty jokes about sleeping together. But for us, sleeping together — that is, actual sleeping — was no laughing matter.

John snored, I twitched. He stayed up late, I got up early. He liked a cold room with the blankets untucked, I wanted the blankets tucked in to keep me warm. Neither of us was getting much good rest.

We were not alone: Lots of couples have sleep habits that keep each other awake. The Better Sleep Council, funded by the mattress industry, surveyed 1,000 Americans in 2007 and found 1 in 3 reporting that their partner’s sleep habits affected their own sleep.

But, say designers and therapists, there are plenty of creative solutions to such problems.

“I’m a hopeless romantic,” said Beverly Hills, Calif., designer Christopher Grubb, who likes helping clients enjoy sleeping in the same room.

Snoring, he says, is a common problem among his clients, and one found relief with an anti-snoring pillow from Sona, one of several companies that offer pillows designed to keep the sleeper’s airway open.

Grubb also suggests sheets with a high thread count to maximize comfort, a mid-weight comforter to balance different temperature preferences, and beds that cater

“Sleeping apart can contribute to the disconnect that plagues many relationships. It just makes it easier to avoid each other, when what’s really needed is connection and contact.”

— **Tina B. Tessina, a psychotherapist**

to partners’ different needs.

Sometimes, that can mean two mattresses, side by side. For example, Leggett & Platt offers a bed base called the Prodigy. Imagine two hospital beds side by side, each of which can be raised and lowered independently, plus a massage feature that can be used as a silent alarm in the morning. Each partner has a separate mattress and can choose its firmness.

Going to this extra effort is worth it, says Tina B. Tessina, a psychotherapist who blogs as Dr. Romance, and is the author of “Money, Sex and Kids: Stop Fighting about the Three Things That Can Ruin Your Marriage” (Adams Media, 2008).

“Sleeping apart can contribute to the disconnect that plagues many relationships. It just makes it easier to avoid each other, when what’s really needed is connection and contact,” Tessina said.

Barbara Bartlein, a clinical psychotherapist in Milwaukee, Wis., and author of “75 Things To Improve Your Marriage Without Your Spouse Even Knowing” (Trade Paper Press, 2010), said that sleep is important but so is the connection from sleeping together.

“The key is you must also take the time for physical closeness and intimacy. Many couples start the night

together and then move apart if one person is moving, snoring, etc. One of the advantages of sleeping together is you have the opportunity for bedroom talk. This is the especially intimate talk that couples do in the dark that no one else ever hears,” Bartlein said.

Don’t be afraid of unusual solutions if they work for you.

Leta Hamilton gets her togetherness by sleeping in a king-size bed with her infant and toddler while her husband sleeps on the floor. Hamilton, host of the Internet radio show “The Way of the Toddler Hour,” said her husband, James, prefers sleeping on hard surfaces and likes sleeping by himself, but their arrangement keeps him in the same room with the rest of the family.

“We like the time we spend together as a family before going to bed. It’s special,” said Hamilton of Sammamish, Wash. “All of this may sound very weird, but every night I lay in bed and think how lucky I am.”

Little things like blankets and alarm clocks also can make a difference.

Lissa Coffey, lifestyle spokesperson for the Better Sleep Council, said she and her husband prefer different temperatures and sleep schedules. She has a single electric blanket on her side of the bed so she can be toasty warm, while he prefers to sleep cooler. Coffey sleeps later, so her husband uses a soothing alarm that doesn’t disturb her in the morning.

What worked for us?

First we both sought help from the University of Michigan Sleep Disorders Clinic.

Doctors found John’s snoring wasn’t just bothering me; it was keeping him from getting quality sleep. So they fitted him with a mouthpiece to open his throat.

My study confirmed what John already knew: I wiggled dozens of times an hour all night long. The doctors offered medication also used to prevent seizures, but since my movement wasn’t harming my sleep, we opted for a non-medical solution.

We put two twin mattresses on a king-size frame with a tiny space between them. We get those pillow talk moments, and I can twitch all night without disturbing hubby’s sleep. Which might be why these restless newlyweds have made it to 10 years of marriage.

Humans beware: Canine kisses could lead to diseases called ‘zoonoses’

By **Cynthia Hubert**
McClatchy Newspapers

They give you joy. They give you loyalty. They give you sloppy kisses.

But before you allow Fido or Fluffy to climb into bed with you at night, as an increasing number of Americans are doing, know that they can also give you something else: zoonoses.

A University of California-Davis veterinary professor has penned an article for a scientific journal showing that people who allow their pets to lick them, give them “kisses” or sleep with them are at risk for a variety of diseases known as zoonoses. The conditions can range from the mundane to the life threatening.

Bruno Chomel and his co-author, Ben Sun, emphasize that pets provide many health benefits, including stress relief, and they stop short of recommending that people abstain from smooching their pooches. But in reviewing reports from several countries, they argue that such interactions carry some risk, particularly among infants and people whose immune systems have been weakened by disease, chemotherapy or other medicines.

“The risk is not huge. But the trend is that more and more people are sharing their environments with pets, allowing them in their beds, kissing them like crazy,” Chomel said in an interview. “They need to know that a risk does exist” from bacteria that live in the mouths of felines and canines.

In their article, to be published in the journal *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, Chomel and Sun note that pets are becoming increasingly popular in urban households and “have conquered our bedrooms.”

According to a recent survey by the American Pet Products Association, nearly half of pet dogs and 62 percent of cats sleep with their human companions.

Among the bacterial, parasitic and viral conditions they may be bringing with them are plague, cat-scratch disease and staphylococcus infections, Chomel and Sun report.

The researchers reviewed literature about diseases transmitted from animals to humans. In Japan, a study found evidence of zoonoses in pet owners who kissed their animals regularly, but not in those who abstained, according to the paper. Some of these bugs cause

mild symptoms, but others can morph into daunting illnesses, such as meningitis.

In the United States, the most common parasitic zoonoses associated with dogs are caused by hookworms and roundworms, which in humans can cause gastrointestinal symptoms, anemia and other conditions. *Pasteurella multocida*, an infection commonly caused by pet licks, can cause everything from mild respiratory symptoms to serious conditions including endocarditis.

None of those issues are scary enough to keep Lesley and David Kirrene from doting on their pets.

The Kirrenes, who live in east Sacramento, share their bed every night with Austin, a 60-pound Australian shepherd, and a portly tabby, Sammy. Their other pooch, Reba, has no interest in joining them.

Until recently, David Kirrene had adamantly opposed the sleeping arrangements.

“To me, it just seemed like a sanitary thing. Animals in the bed? Would you start smelling like an animal?”

But Kirrene has changed his tune. Austin is his running partner, after all, and helps keep everyone warm on cold winter nights, he reasoned. “Now I call him up on the bed,” he said.

The Realtor and his spouse are less keen on engaging in full-on smooches with their pets.

“I’ll allow a little kiss on the face,” Lesley Kirrene said, but she knows where to draw the line.

The Sacramento, Calif., SPCA, where Lesley Kirrene works, holds an annual fundraiser that features a “kissing contest” involving animals and their owners, and some participants go overboard in the name of competition.

“Sometimes it’s truly embarrassing,” she said. “It’s really hard to watch.”

Chomel advises against such behavior.

Those who do choose to share bed and lip space with animals can avoid disease transmission by hand washing, tooth brushing, regular veterinary care and good overall hygiene, he said.

“Certainly I am a pet lover, but my pets have never been in my bed,” said Chomel. As for doggie and kitty licks and kisses, he said, “You could do it, but I’m not sure your husband will want to kiss you after that.”

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Surviving the sleepover:

How to keep your child’s slumber party from becoming a nightmare

By Heidi Stevens
Chicago Tribune

Slumber parties have never been for the faint of heart, but a slumber party in the age of texting and tweeting is a veritable contact sport.

Which isn’t to say they should be avoided altogether. But if you want to escape emotional bloodshed, you’ll approach them with equal parts caution and strategy.

“I don’t think the goofy stuff is going on anymore,” says clinical psychologist Roni Cohen-Sandler, author of “Trust Me, Mom – Everyone Else Is Going!” (Penguin, \$15). “It’s much more emotional trickery and other hurtful stuff. Short-sheeting the bed is the least of it.”

We turned to some experts for advice on surviving a sleepover, whether you’re the host parent or the one sending your child into the ring.

Is your child ready?

“Some kids might be ready at 8; other kids might be ready never,” says Cohen-Sandler. “The younger the child, the smaller the group should be. Maybe what we’re calling a ‘party’ at age 9 is three girls. By 12, a party is six girls.”

To determine whether your child is ready – to attend or host – Cohen-Sandler says to consider whether he or she has had other sleep-away experiences with cousins or other family members, how your child’s friends interact as a group and how your child responds to new experiences.

“Easygoing kids who can roll with the punches are better candidates for a sleepover,” she says. “For kids who tend to be rigid or controlling or anxious, a sleepover might be too much to manage simply because they can’t control everything.”

“Girls, especially, want everyone to be happy, and it gets to be too much by 10 o’clock at night to worry about.”

Who’s in charge?

If your child is invited to sleep over with a family you don’t know, don’t be shy about prodding.

“Call up the parents and say, ‘Thank you so much for the invitation. I’m wondering what your plan is for the party. What are the activities? Will any movies be shown? What are the rules going to be?’” says Cohen-Sandler.

If your child is hosting, be sure you lay down ground rules early.

“What time bedtime is, who sleeps where, what’s completely off-limits,” says Cohen-Sandler. “Make it clear that everybody has to treat each other nicely and respectfully, and if not, you’re going to call the parents. Done.”

Two non-negotiables

When you’re setting the guidelines, worry less about how much sleep they’ll get and more about

the potential for hurt feelings.

“Slumber parties have a higher than average potential for drama, if not disaster,” says Cohen-Sandler. “All it takes is one person in a group, and things can tip really easily. All these factions and alliances form.”

Two rules will go a long way in preventing slumber-party disasters:

Rule No. 1: Ask the kids to remain together at all times.

“You don’t want two girls going off to a bedroom having some private tete-a-tete and making the other girls feel threatened,” says Cohen-Sandler. “As the evening goes on, kids get tired and start feeling more vulnerable, homesick, insecure. That’s what leads to alliances and meanness and exclusion.”

Rule No. 2: Check all cell phones at the door.

“Technology is making it so much easier for kids to be rotten,” says Cohen-Sandler. “They’re doing things like texting other kids who weren’t invited to the party, stirring up trouble, starting rumors. Taking and sending pictures. You can imagine at a slumber party what kind of pictures can be taken.”

And kids who normally wouldn’t tease or bully can fall victim to groupthink.

“Group mentality can loosen inhibitions,” says Cohen-Sandler.

Keep the cell phones with you, and tell the kids to grab you if they need to call their parents, she advises.

Now, the fun

All that said, slumber parties can be fun and memorable experiences.

Family coach Sue Kirchner, founder of chocolatemoments.com, an online guide to child-friendly activities and products, suggests planning two or three group activities, a movie and plenty of snacks.

For girls, Kirchner suggests a spa theme: Buy Epsom salts and lavender oil and let them make bath salts. Do mud masks and cucumber eye patches.

“You can play spin the nail polish, where the girls sit in a circle and spin different nail polish bottles,” says Kirchner. “When the bottle points at you, you have to paint a fingernail or toenail that color. You end up with a rainbow effect on your hands and toes.”

Boys and girls both enjoy karaoke and Wii marathons, says Kirchner.

Craft activities are a no-brainer.

“You can buy inexpensive white pillowcases and have the kids decorate them with fabric markers,” Kirchner suggests. “Everyone can sign the back.”

“You’ve got these kids for a long time – longer than a normal birthday party,” says Kirchner. “You have to keep them amused, (keep them) respectful of the different house rules, feed them.”

“But (slumber parties) can also really be a lot of fun, and that’s why kids love them so much.”



AP photo

Melissa Orlando feeds her twin daughter Mallory. Orlando, a 26-year-old Colorado art teacher, gave birth to premature twins last year.

Raising a preemie is an emotional roller coaster

By Michael Astor
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — My wife, Ivandy, wasn’t due to deliver our son for another three months when her water broke. We rushed to the hospital where doctors said our baby’s world was drying up around him.

Nicholas was born weighing just 2 pounds, 2 ounces. His face was the size of an old-fashioned silver dollar, and his life seemed to hang from a passel of tubes and wires connected to beeping and sputtering machines.

In the days ahead, I learned to read monitors and hang on nervously as Nicholas’ oxygen levels dipped and rose along with my heart. The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) became our second home. As parents of preemies, we were plunged into a community of experts and caregivers that we hardly knew existed before. And we had to learn to cope not just with our son’s needs, but also with our sorrow, emotions and anxieties.

Before Nicholas’ birth, I’d seen pictures of tiny intubated children in incubators and assumed their mothers had health problems or issues like drug abuse. But I learned that about half the women who have pre-term babies don’t fall into any known risk category, as was the case with Ivandy.

About 12.9 million premature babies are born around the world each year. As medical advances allow more children to stay alive, that number is growing. In the U.S., the number of pre-term infants has increased by 36 percent over the last 25 years. Only recently have doctors started looking beyond survival and focusing on improving outcomes for premature children outside the NICU.

Children born prematurely may have learning disabilities, attention deficits, cerebral palsy, vision and hearing problems, respiratory illnesses and other conditions. Doctors are also finding that the trauma of premature birth can be devastating to parents, who may suffer from depression and anxiety disorders, including post-traumatic stress disorder — the same condition that can afflict troops returning from war.

“Prematurity is not just a medical crisis, it’s a family crisis. There are confusing, conflicting emotions,” explains Mara Tesler Stein, a

clinical psychologist and co-author of “Parenting Your Premature Baby and Child.”

Stein compares parents’ experience of grieving after the birth of a premature child to that of losing a loved one — an especially confusing emotion when you are in fact gaining a loved one.

Our first family portrait shows my wife in a hospital bed and me leaning over, smiling and holding a Polaroid of Nicholas alone inside a plastic box, swallowed by his diaper, sensors trailing from his tiny fingers and feet, an oxygen tube taped to his nose.

My wife and I didn’t know whether to be happy or sad. Should we send out birth announcements? What if the baby doesn’t make it? When I spoke to my father prior to Nicholas’ birth, he was already offering condolences.

We attended one last baby preparedness class after Nicholas was born but it felt awkward explaining to the expecting parents our baby was already born but not yet home. It also felt like time better spent in the hospital with Nicholas.

Most parents agree the hardest part of having a premature child is leaving the baby alone in the NICU.

“I felt like I was abandoning them,” explains Melissa Orlando, a Colorado art teacher who gave birth to premature twins. “Goodness, they didn’t know if I was going to come back. I did a lot of talking with them explaining I was going home to sleep.”

The next hardest thing is the uncertainty: No one could give us a definitive prognosis for our baby because every premature child is different.

Orlando’s twins quickly become over-stimulated, hiccuping and turning white if they were handled too much — a common condition among preemies.

Nicholas, by contrast, never suffered from this, nor did he need a respirator, feeding tube, or require brain surgery as did several of the other children who shared the same NICU. Nicholas’ issues would only become apparent later.

When Nicholas left the NICU I wasn’t suffering so much from post-traumatic stress syndrome as an excess of pride that our child had appeared to have done so well.

I had almost forgotten the morning when I arrived at the NICU to find a report taped to his incubator stat-

ing that he had stopped breathing during the night. A doctor said we’d have to wait and see if there was any neurological damage.

Dr. Brian Carter, director of the Neonatal Follow-up Program at the Monroe Carell, Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, says predicting outcomes for premature children is difficult because treatments are constantly evolving and often doctors only learn 10 years down the road “what were the rewards of our interventions and the disabilities.”

“Many clinicians may be reluctant to glibly inform or saturate or over-saturate a parent’s mind and agenda with all sorts of potential concerns that sound overwhelming and potentially very negative and frightful,” Carter explains.

In retrospect, we were lucky to have doctors who remained unfailingly optimistic — even if they weren’t always entirely honest about all the obstacles that might lie ahead.

Over the past decade, doctors have made many advances in techniques to improve the quality of care in the NICU to lessen trauma and improve outcomes — including skin-to-skin contact, also called “kangaroo care”; encouraging breast milk over formula, and involving parents more in baby care.

Almost from the outset, Ivandy was able to keep Nicholas tucked between her breasts for most of the day. When I watched him with Ivandy or held him in my arms, I felt OK. But when I was away, worries crept in. Would he walk? Talk? Go to school like other kids? The fears would snowball until I would sometimes cry and even scream.

I spent almost all my spare time at the NICU, coming in after work and warbling to Nicholas off-

key for a few hours each evening. The nurses often let me stay long after visiting hours had ended, but it was hard to wake up for work the next day.

“I think fathers can have a harder time attaching to their child, especially if the child’s really sick. Men tend to be fixers and if they can’t fix the situation they really don’t quite know what to do with it,” explains Dianne Maroney, a NICU nurse and co-author of “Your Premature Baby and Child.”

Maroney, whose daughter was born premature, says parents should seek outside help and not rely exclusively on doctors to help overcome the obstacles facing their children.

“You have to learn to follow your gut instinct — my daughter is almost 17 and according to statistics she should be a very different child than she is and she’s really, really quite normal, and I believe that’s because I was willing to step outside the box and try other things,” Maroney said.

When it came time to take Nicholas home, the doctor told us to treat him like any other child. We later discovered he had suffered a brain injury during the incident when he’d stopped breathing. It had affected his motor coordination, requiring him to use a walker.

It turns out such surprises are not uncommon for parents of preemies.

And yet it’s not as bad as it seems. If I had a magic wand and could make everything all better I wouldn’t hesitate for second, but at the same time I wouldn’t want to lose the stronger person I’ve become — a warrior, self-educated physical therapist and passionate advocate for allowing Nicholas to lead as normal a life as possible.

Then there’s also the incomparable joy that has come from knowing and loving Nicholas.

THE GREAT INVITATION DILEMMA

Some schools have guidelines that say if you’re distributing invitations at school, you have to invite the entire class. An impossible feat for a sleepover, of course. Clinical psychologist Roni Cohen-Sandler offers the following tips: **Think** of a sleepover as you would a play date. “If you have a few girls over for an afternoon to go sledding, it’s no different than having a few girls over for a sleepover. You’re not inviting half the class.” **Always** deliver invitations outside of school, regardless of the type of party you’re throwing. “That’s just common sense and decency.” **If you** invite more than half the class to an event, invite the whole class. “Excluding one or two kids is just cruel.”

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Lalah Williams, left, 10, and fellow Girl Scout Hilary Foinding, 9, organize their orders in Upper Marlboro, Md. Williams used face-to-face sales and the Internet to sell 1,003 boxes last year.

Technology boosts Girl Scout cookie sales

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

For 10-year-old Lalah Williams, the magic number is 1,000 — boxes of Girl Scout Cookies, that is.

Last year, the Upper Marlboro, Md., fifth-grader was one of her region's top sellers of Girl Scout cookies, selling 1,003 boxes of Trefoils, Thin Mints and other favorites. She earned every award for selling certain numbers of cookies, including T-shirts and stuffed animals, all the way up to the top prize for selling more than 1,000 boxes.

During cookie season from December to March, Lalah asks absolutely everyone she meets if they want Girl Scout cookies and sends order forms to work with her parents. But for the past couple of years, she has also had some high-tech help for her already strong selling skills, using a program called Cookie Club to track her sales online. She can use it to set sales goals, see her progress and, perhaps most important, to send official cookie order e-mails to potential customers.

"Instead of going up to them and having them take

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FACT

The first cookie sale by Girl Scouts was in 1917 when the Mistletoe Troop in Muskogee, Okla., baked cookies and sold them in the high school cafeteria.

five minutes to decide what cookies they want, they can just send me an e-mail," Lalah explained. That means it takes less time for Lalah, but it also gives the buyer more time to decide how many boxes to buy. Lalah said her e-mail customers almost always buy more than face-to-face purchasers, she said.

This year, the Girl Scouts are rolling out another high-tech device to boost cookie sales: a cookie finder app for smartphones. This free app contains information on all the upcoming Girl Scout cookie booth sales so people can simply enter their city or Zip code to find an upcoming booth sale in their area. Booth sales end March 27.

"Not everyone has a Girl Scout coming to their door so they call us and say, 'Where do I find them?'" said Lidia Soto-Harmon, chief executive of the Girl Scouts Council of the Nation's Capital. "Now we can tell them there's an app that makes it easy."

Soto-Harmon said boosting sales is important, because it's the main way that troops get their funds, keeping about 70 cents for each \$4 box of cookies sold. Getting more people to booth sales also builds girls' personal selling skills.

"We have to make sure our

girls understand the importance of a face-to-face sale and a handshake," Soto-Harmon said. "We can't lose that piece."

This year, Lalah already has plans for her new portable DVD player — which she expects to earn for selling more than 1,000 cookies. Her troop is planning a trip to Savannah, Ga., the birthplace of Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low. The girls will get a special patch for the trip.

"It's going to be a nine-to-12-hour ride," Lalah said. "I'm going to take that with me to watch movies."

Education of Afghan girls still in jeopardy

The Washington Post

Can you imagine not being able to go to school because you are a girl?

That was the situation for girls in Afghanistan under the rule of the Taliban, which controlled the country from 1996 until 2001. The education of women was illegal in Afghanistan, and one of the biggest gains since the change in government has been allowing girls to go to school.

Now those gains are in jeopardy because of lack of money to train teachers and lack of security in the south-central Asian country, according to a new report.

Today there are 2.4 million Afghan girls enrolled in school, but about 20 percent do not attend classes regularly. Girls miss class because it can take three hours to get there; parents are also concerned about school safety.

There are more than 12 million children younger than 15 in Afghanistan. (The country's population is about 29 million.) But only 12 percent of girls can read and write at age 15, compared with 43 percent of the boys.

"An educated woman is better able to stand up for her interests, raise a healthier family and contribute to the economy," said researcher Abdul Wahed Hamidy.

Children's author Dan Gutman: He never forgets to laugh

By Tracy Grant
The Washington Post

Dan Gutman is one goofy guy. He has written, by his count, 98 books. That's more than twice the number of plays written by William Shakespeare. And we're pretty sure that being compared to Shakespeare would make him laugh. That's because Gutman laughs an awful lot.

Recently, we talked to the author about his special kind of writing for kids, why he became a writer and how his new book, "The Genius Files: Mission Unstoppable," came to be. After the interview was over, we had a hard time understanding the notes because it's really, really hard to take notes while you're laughing out loud.

Q Your books are silly. There are 35 in the "My Weird School" series, and the lead characters in this book are named Coke and Pepsi. Do you try to be different?

A "I really worry about boring readers. When I open a book and the author goes on for page after page describing characters, I find it boring. So I try to cut to the chase. ... If I can throw you off your stride a little bit, you'll keep turning the page."

Q The kids in your books are very likable and believable. Why do you think that is?

A "When I visit schools, I'd rather eat with a small

group of kids than with the teachers. I get a sense of how (kids) eat, talk, dress. It's not work to make it sound like average kids talking. ... I used to write for grown-ups, but I wasn't successful at it. That's probably because I relate better to kids."

Q How would you describe "The Genius Files" series?

A "I combined a lot of components that I like. I never took a cross-country trip as a kid, but I would love to (so I decided to have my characters go on that kind of a trip). I was

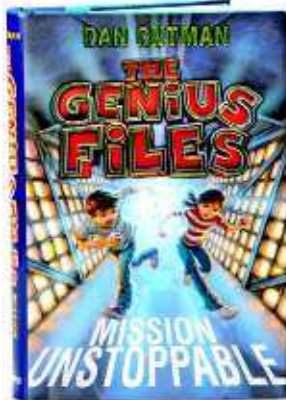
very much intrigued by these offbeat tourist sites: the Pez museum, the world's largest ball of twine. But I knew that just those wacky places alone wouldn't make a cool story. But if someone were trying to kill the kids, that would be really cool. Kind of like Alex Rider. An action-adventure-mystery that has much more humor than Alex Rider. ... There will be four books in "The Genius Files" series, and the second one concludes at the National Museum of American History in Washington."

Q Why did you become a writer?

A "Before my son was born (he's now 21 years old), I was writing for grown-ups. I started reading books to my son and started writing for kids and knew that was what I was meant to do. I owe my whole career to my son and the 'My Weird School' series to my daughter (who is now 15)."

Q What advice would you give to kids who want to become writers?

A "I write my first draft on my computer and then I read it out loud. ... I pretend



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that I'm a kid or a librarian. When I'm reading it through someone else's eyes, I can see where I can improve it and see the mistakes I've made in it."



Dan Gutman is at the scene of the crime in his new book, 'The Genius Files: Mission Unstoppable.' Gutman says the book, which is part of a series, is an action-adventure-mystery with a lot of humor. (And yes, the arrow through his head is intentional!)