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Uncertain times ahead



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Jessica Thompson, left, a 20-year-old with a cognitive disability that makes reading and organizational skills difficult, works with therapy technician Erin Magill Wednesday at her Twin Falls home. State Medicaid reform passed this year will reduce the hours of medical services Thompson and other Medicaid recipients like her will be eligible to receive.

Reforming education

After the legislative session: A 27-member task force will start holding public meetings this year to plan how classroom technologies will be implemented.

For more next steps, see Main 4.

Reforming Medicaid

After the legislative session: The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will begin a \$300,000 study to explore how to change a Medicaid system that pays providers per service rendered to one with more oversight, to discourage providers from billing for unnecessary services.

For more on the next steps in reforming Medicaid, see Main 4.

Faced with another year of winnowing revenues, Idaho lawmakers traded reduction for reform this session. What will remain when they depart the Capitol will be months of work to realize the legislation of change.

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

BOISE — Because of a disability, 20-year-old Jessica Thompson has challenges with reading, organization and dealing with stressful situations.

For Thompson, Medicaid services are a vital link to living with a cognitive disability in Twin Falls. She gets 22 weekly hours of developmental services that help her with a variety of tasks: household chores like cooking and washing dishes and other life skills like

budgeting and social interaction. "Over the years, she's learned a lot with the people she's working with," said her mother, LaRee Hollibaugh. "With the budget cuts, you never know what they're going to cut." Thompson is one Medicaid recipient among 220,000 in an Idaho system that, along with public education, has been targeted for significant trims during the era of the state budget crunch.

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Some say broke states cut taxes too much

By Tony Pugh
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — In his new budget proposal, Ohio Republican Gov. John Kasich calls for extending a generous 21 percent cut in state income taxes. The measure was originally part of a sweeping 2005 tax overhaul that abolished the state corporate income tax and phased out a business property tax. The tax cuts were supposed to stimulate Ohio's economy and create jobs. But that didn't happen once the economy tanked. Instead, the changes ended up costing Ohio more than \$2 billion a year in lost tax revenue; money that would go a long way toward closing the state's \$8 billion budget gap for fiscal year 2012. "At least half of our current budget problem is a direct result of the tax changes we made in 2005. A lot of people don't want to hear that, but that's the reality. Much of our pain is self-inflicted," said Zach Schiller, research director at Policy Matters Ohio, a liberal government-research

group in Cleveland. Schiller's lament is by no means unique. Across the country, taxpayers jarred by cuts to government jobs and services are reassessing the risks and costs of a variety of tax reductions, exemptions and credits, and the ideology that drives them. States cut taxes in hopes of spurring economic growth, but in state after state, it hasn't worked. There's no question that mammoth state budget problems resulted largely from falling tax revenues, rising costs and greater demand for state services during the recession. But questionable tax reductions at the state and local level made the budget gaps larger — and resulting spending cuts deeper — than they otherwise would have been in many states. A 2008 study by Arizona State University found that that state's structural deficits could be traced to 15 years of tax cuts, mainly income tax reductions that "were not matched by spending cuts of a commensurate size."

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Jarren McCall, of Jerry's Concrete and Construction, makes a frame for a sidewalk along Caswell Avenue West off of Washington Street North Friday in Twin Falls.

Construction cones return to T.F.'s Washington Street

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

With warmer weather, work has resumed on Washington Street North in Twin Falls. DEBCO Construction of Orofino ended its winter hiatus on the project this week, with frames set up along the road's southbound lanes to pour sidewalks. Work was originally set to re-

sume at the beginning of March, but rain and snow brought more delays, said Idaho Transportation Department spokesman Nathan Jerke. The project, which began last year, will result in a widened, rebuilt and augmented Washington essentially from Addison Avenue north to Pole Line Road. The particular zone now under

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ALSO MAKING NEWS

Japan's disaster dims future of nuke power in U.S.

Even before the crisis in Japan, dubious economics jeopardized nuclear energy's second act in the U.S. Now, potentially tougher safety requirements and regulatory scrutiny threaten to stir up public opinion against a technology that lately has been viewed as a prime defense against global warming. **Opinion 7**



U.S. forces step back from role in Libya

The U.S. is following through on a pledge to shift the main combat burden in Libya to NATO allies while some leaders call for more support for the rebels. **Main 3**



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Chris Roberts, of Jerry's Concrete and Construction, crosses a freshly poured sidewalk along Washington Street North on Friday.

Cones

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construction runs from Filer Avenue to Cheney Drive, though initial work should only stretch as far north as North College Road.

The federally funded, \$6.5 million project is sponsored by the city of Twin Falls and administered by ITD.

Progress now will still depend to a certain extent on the weather — after a sunny Friday, cold winds and threatening rain swept through the area Saturday with breezy, cool temperatures expected today. But lane closures on the southbound side have reappeared near Caswell Avenue, Jerke said, and progress will mean ITD will

begin counting days off on DEBCO's contract. Barring significant moisture, construction could wrap up in early July, he said.

"They'll be on and off for this week and next week ... try to catch what good weather they can," Jerke said Thursday.

Work that remains includes the sidewalk, street lighting and landscaping in the southbound lanes. Once the sidewalk concrete is done, Jerke said, traffic will then be diverted into the southbound lanes while DEBCO fully reconstructs the northbound side of the street.

ITD asks drivers to use caution when traversing the construction zone. Watch for changing lane alignments, workers and uneven pavement.

COMING THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES-NEWS

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Reporter Melissa Davlin checks in with Curves members who are trying to get fit.

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Playing chicken with a posse of roosters

It's official: Hens are now citizens of Hailey. But not roosters. Smart move on the city's part.

For roosters are trouble, and as an old farm boy I can tell you they don't just crow at 5 a.m.

After a year-long test of an ordinance allowing hens — but not their male counterparts — to be raised within the town's limits, the Hailey City Council granted the birds permanent residency last week.

The rules governing chickens were set to expire June 9 under a sunset clause that allowed the city to repeal the ordinance after a year of monitoring, but only two complaints were received, according to the *Idaho Mountain Express*.

One was about a household violating the three-hen limit. The other — of course — was about a rooster, who subsequently moved away.

He'll be back.

Think of a rooster as a pit-bull with skinny legs. If there's havoc to be raised, he'll dig it up.

To control unseemly behavior, I'm told there are a few tried-and-true techniques. Some of them can be found on the website ChickenCrossing.org.

"At the first sign of aggression grab your rooster up and hold him no matter how much he kicks, screams and protests. DO NOT PUT HIM DOWN!

Now I haven't lived on a farm for nearly 50 years, but I still have scars from cuddling a rooster. When I was maybe 8 I scooped up a Sussex and he broke my glasses.

Plan B, according to ChickenCrossing.org, is to keep the business end of the rooster away from any portions of your body that you wish to keep.

"At the first sign of aggression grab your rooster up, hold him upside down by the legs, and let him flap, scream or whatever until he just hangs there without moving, showing his submission to you."

Keep in mind that these are the very birds that made



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

cockfighting all it is today. I sure don't want to be on the same side of the fence when that inverted rooster hits the ground.

Because a rooster throw-down never really ends. These animals are genetically hardwired to make every fight just the warm-up for the next.

When I was about 5, I went to visit my grandfather who farmed near Pocatello. He'd given me a box of Cracker Jacks, and before I wandered out into the backyard Granddad shooed his half-dozen roosters into a chicken-wire enclosure.

My grandfather went back into the house, and I was sitting on the back porch steps playing with the little blue plastic airplane that was the prize in my Cracker Jacks. When I looked up, the roosters were back and I was surrounded.

I found myself nose-to-beak with the biggest damn bird in Bannock County. And he wasn't blinking.

Not knowing what else to do, I sat stock-still until the roosters wandered away. And when I looked down, I found out why.

The Cracker Jacks and the blue plastic airplane were gone.

And so were my shoelaces.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor. Hear him Fridays at 8:30 a.m. on KLIX-1310 AM.

States

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In Texas, which faces a \$27 billion budget deficit over the next two years, about one-third of the shortage stems from a 2006 property tax reduction that was linked to an underperforming business tax.

In Louisiana, lawmakers essentially passed the largest tax cut in state history by rolling back an income tax hike for high earners in 2007 and again in 2008.

Without those tax reductions, Louisiana wouldn't have had a budget deficit in fiscal year 2010, the 2011 deficit would've been 50 percent less and the 2012 deficit of \$1.6 billion would be reduced by about one-third, said Edward Ashworth, the director of the Louisiana Budget Project, a watchdog group.

These and similar budget problems nationwide are symptoms of a larger condition, said Timothy J. Bartik, senior economist at the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo, Mich.

"If state and local taxes were at the same percentage of state personal income as they were 40 years ago, you wouldn't have all these budgetary problems," Bartik said.

Before California's Proposition 13 triggered a nationwide tax-cutting revolt in the late 1970s, state and local taxes accounted for nearly 13 percent of personal income in 1972, Bartik said. By 2007, it was 11 percent.

State corporate income taxes have fallen as well. Once nearly 10 percent of all state tax revenue in the late '70s, they accounted for only 5.4 percent in 2010.

"It's a dying tax, killed off by thousands of credits, deductions, abatements and incentive packages," according to 2010 congressional testimony by Joseph Henchman, the director of state projects at the Tax

Foundation, a conservative tax-research center.

Even now, as states struggle to provide basic services and ponder job cuts that threaten their economic recovery, at least seven governors in states with budget deficits have called for or enacted large tax reductions, mainly for businesses.

Four are newly elected Republicans in Florida, Maine, Michigan and Wisconsin. The others are Republicans Jan Brewer of Arizona and Chris Christie of New Jersey and Democrat Beverly Perdue of North Carolina.

Their willingness to forgo needed tax revenue is hard to fathom, as states face a collective \$125 billion budget shortfall for the coming fiscal year, said Jon Shure, the deputy director of the State Fiscal Project at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a respected liberal research institute in Washington.

"To be cutting taxes when you're short of revenue is like saying you could run faster if you cut off your foot," Shure said.

"States have suffered an unprecedented collapse in revenue, and they are at the bottom of a deep hole looking up, and these governors are saying, 'You need a ladder to climb out, but I'm going to give you a shovel instead, so you can dig the hole deeper.'"

Tax Foundation President Scott Hodge said the governors were simply trying to improve their states' business climates by lowering the tax burden.

"They're trying to increase their market share and their attractiveness to business," Hodge said. "And also, more importantly, they're trying to prevent the attrition of business and investment to other states" that have lower tax rates.

Republican lawmakers and pro-business groups have long maintained that tax cuts help stimulate economic activity, while keeping businesses and wealthy individuals from leaving the state for lower taxes elsewhere. They also argue that business and personal spending increases after tax reductions, broadening the base to be taxed at the lower rate, which partly offsets the lost tax revenue.

So calls to balance lean state budgets through spending cuts as well as modest, revenue-boosting tax hikes haven't resonated with Republican governors, who see tax relief as the key to reversing job losses in the Great Recession.

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A version of Buhl

Follow *Times-News* writer Melissa Davlin on her trip to report in Nepal's refugee camps, where Bhutanese refugees are preparing to resettle in Twin Falls. From Davlin's latest blog post:

The hour-long drive from the airport to Damak was nice. Unlike Kathmandu, where I always felt on-edge, I immediately felt relaxed. We passed through several small towns and drove past rice paddies, fields of boys playing cricket, plenty of cows and bamboo thatch huts. ... Jhapa, the district where Damak is located, is rural and agricultural — like Magic Valley in some ways. Some towns even reminded me of small southern Idaho cities — replace the Fords with bicycle rickshaws and the jeans with saris, and you have the Nepali version of Buhl."

Read the rest of Davlin's blog and post comments at Magicvalley.com/nepal

HUD OKs emergency home loan program

BOISE (AP) — Federal housing officials have an Idaho plan to help unemployed homeowners pay their mortgages.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on Friday approved Idaho's application to administer the agency's emergency home loan program.

That approval allows the Idaho Housing and Finance Association to begin taking applications from homeowners at risk of foreclosure due to layoffs, underemployment or medical conditions.

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Truce reached in unlikelyst of ways

BOISE — Sometimes it just makes sense to skip reading those bills aloud on the House floor.

Legislators endured a few minutes of discomfort, if not downright embarrassment, on Thursday. Even a stalwart conservative, Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls, and House Minority Leader John Rusche, D-Lewiston, agreed on something: The bill reading should stop.

It was just too much.

“The language is pretty graphic,” Hartgen said.

So just how did things end up with a female clerk reading aloud the graphic details of a bill about sex offender classifications?

A couple days earlier, House Democratic leadership started requesting that bills be read aloud before a vote. For vastly outnumbered Democrats, it’s a procedural move to try and wear

LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK

Ben Botkin



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out Republican legislators.

That’s because the House GOP leaders aren’t allowing what the Democrats want: hearings for bills that would raise the tobacco tax to aid the budget and give the public an advisory vote on the “Students Come First” legislation.

Republican legislators have balked at those ideas, saying there’s not enough backing to even introduce them.

Until Thursday, all went as might be expected.

Democratic legislators didn’t get what they wanted. Republican legislators didn’t cave in.

Then the sex offender bill arrived. As usual, Rusche objected to a request to skip the reading, and the words began to flow.

First, Rep. JoAn Wood, R-Rigby, objected.

Rusche didn’t back down. A couple minutes later, Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls, raised similar objections. Talking about it Friday, Hartgen said the bill had some words in it that would make people uncomfortable, including female staffers and high school pages.

“Legislation has to be specific, so by its very nature, it was graphic,” he said, referring to the bill’s subject matter.

With Hartgen’s request,

Rusche relented.

The bill reading stopped and those burned ears started healing.

“Our purpose isn’t to make people feel bad,” Rusche said later. “We’re protesting, so that, we did not feel, was in the interest of a successful protest to continue reading that bill.”

The aloud reading of bills continued Friday and more could be ahead. Rusche stresses the importance of the issues at hand, which involve a strapped state budget and the need to fund public education.

“We are still hoping that the majority will give us an opportunity to have these issues heard,” he said. “We will use what tools we think are appropriate to bring that about.”

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Plan for Starbucks in visitor’s center in Ketchum draws ire

KETCHUM (AP) — A lawsuit will be filed against the Ketchum Urban Renewal Agency if it goes ahead with a plan to lease space in the city’s visitor center to a Starbucks franchise, a group of Ketchum businesses says.

The group in a letter written by a Boise attorney last week said that if the agency doesn’t provide written confirmation that it is abandoning the plan it approved March 16, then the businesses will seek a court injunction to stop the Cairde Group from putting in a Starbucks franchise.

“This letter is intended to put the URA on notice that if it does not cease all efforts in leasing the Visitors Center to the Cairde Group or any other private commercial entity, this firm will immediately institute litigation against the URA,”

states the letter written by Alexander McLaughlin and obtained by the *Idaho Mountain Express*.

In February, the agency advertised 1,200 square feet on the building’s ground floor for lease to a food-service business. The Starbucks franchise was the only applicant by the deadline that offered to lease the space at a market-rate rent.

The building on Sun Valley Road is owned by the urban renewal agency, a public entity funded by property taxes but separate from city government.

The businesses argue that the agency disregarded city and state law in allowing Starbucks into the visitor’s center. Specifically, they argue that leasing the space to Starbucks violates the city’s “off-site vendor ordinance” because the visitor’s center is public.

U.S. eases off role in Libya; supporters call for arming rebels

By Robert Burns
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Two weeks after a dark-of-night barrage of mostly U.S. missiles and bombs opened the international air assault on Libya’s Moammar Gadhafi, the American combat role is ending, the rag-tag rebels are reeling and the Pentagon is betting its European allies can finish the job.

Gadhafi is still standing, with a few uncertain signs that his inner circle could crack. The Obama administration is hoping that if Gadhafi’s government doesn’t implode soon, a relentless campaign of airstrikes on his tanks, air defenses and most trusted army units will at least weaken his ability to survive a renewed uprising by a disjointed opposition. The rebels initially rattled Gadhafi but in recent days have given up most of their gains.

The bottom line, according to Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: “He’s still killing his people.”

So the mission remains incomplete, but the U.S. is following through on a pledge to shift the main combat burden to Britain, France and other NATO allies.

Starting today, no U.S. combat aircraft are to fly strike missions in Libya. NATO’s on-scene commander can request American strikes in the days ahead, in which case they may have to be approved in Washington.

On Saturday, U.S. combat aircraft flew 24 strike missions in Libya, the Pentagon said.



Libyan rebels clean ammunition with gasoline Saturday before heading for the front line near Brega, Libya.

will continue to be flown by Britain, France and other NATO member countries.

A larger group of participating air forces will patrol over Libya to ensure that Gadhafi’s air force stays grounded. U.S. planes will support them with refueling aircraft and electronic jammers.

The Navy began the operation March 19 with 11 ships in the Mediterranean. As of Friday, nine remained: the submarines USS Florida and USS Scranton; destroyers USS Stout and USS Barry; amphibious warships USS Kearsarge and USS Ponce; the command ship USS Mount Whitney; and two supply ships, USNS Robert E. Peary and USNS Kanawha.

The subs and the destroyers are armed with Tomahawks. Marine Harrier attack planes launch from aboard the Kearsarge, and the Mount Whitney had served as a floating command post for the American admiral who was the on-scene commander until NATO took control Thursday.

The Mount Whitney remains assigned to the mission but the new operational commander, Canadian Lt. Gen. Charles Bouchard, is working ashore at his NATO headquarters in Naples, Italy. The U.S. Navy is likely to peel more ships away from the mission in coming days, including some of those with Tomahawks.

The international military mission has been limited from the start, with the stated objective of protecting Libyan civilians from attack. But until this weekend, Air Force and Marine attack

planes have chased down Libyan tanks and other targets on a daily basis.

Proud pilot

Marine Lt. Col. Shawn R. Hermley, a Harrier pilot who estimates he has flown about a dozen combat missions over Libya, said in an interview Friday that he’s not personally bothered that he’ll no longer be dropping 500-pound guided bombs on Gadhafi’s tanks, armored personnel carriers and self-propelled artillery. He said his Harrier detachment has made a difference, while

taking care not to risk civilian casualties.

“If we were to walk away today, I’d be very proud of that and realize that we’ve made a significant impact to protect the people of Libya,” he said by telephone from aboard the Kearsarge.

Weapons for rebels

Still to be decided is whether the White House will up the ante and provide arms to the rebels. That step, say some congressional supporters of the Libya mission, is crucial to ensuring that the strategic goal of ousting Gadhafi is achieved before he kills more opponents.

“We are concerned that regional support will waver if Western forces are perceived as presiding over a military deadlock,” McCain and Sen. Joe Lieberman, a Connecticut independent, wrote Friday in the *Wall Street Journal*. “We cannot allow Gadhafi to consolidate his grip over part of the country and settle in for the long haul.”

They called for a “more robust and coherent package of aid” to the rebels, who are armed mainly with light weapons. Mullen estimated in congressional testimony Thursday that as few as 1,000 among the rebels are former members of Gadhafi’s military.

The rest are simply “guys

MORE ON LIBYA

Coalition airstrike kills 13 rebels.

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U.S. and its allies are hoping that the defection to Britain on Wednesday by Libyan Foreign Minister Moussa Koussa is a sign of things to come.

“We believe that Moussa Koussa’s departure is yet another sign of fracturing within the regime, and we would urge others within the regime to follow his example,” State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Friday. “We’ve been very explicit in saying that we believe they should read the writing on the wall that they should step down.”

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Ahead

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This year's legislative session began with lawmakers well aware that economic realities would force their hands on tough decisions. But the session's work went far beyond a round of one-year budget cuts and statewide belt-tightening.

Instead, legislators put in place long-term policy changes that structurally change public education and Medicaid, with an eye toward boosting efficiency and keeping costs down permanently. The sputtering economy demanded lawmakers examine how the state operates, not just how much it operates on, said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome and co-chairwoman of the Legislature's budget-setting committee.

"People who pay for their services have cut their own spending," she said.

But reform isn't accomplished with a vote as much as it is by the actions that vote initiates. Now, many await details on what those actions will be. Medicaid providers, patients, students and teachers will all be affected by the wealth of work that will remain when legislators leave Boise.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will launch a study of Medicaid. Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna and members of the education community will form a task force to take a long look at the role of technology in schools.

For them, the end of the legislative session is more of a beginning.

Medicaid reform steeped in immediacy

State officials who oversee Idaho's Medicaid system won't have time to test the waters of reform.

The Medicaid overhaul bill passed by lawmakers this year includes 21 immediate actions to save \$34 million of state dollars — or \$107 million when factoring in the lost federal matching dollars — when the new fiscal year begins in July. Instead of reducing the eligibility of those enrolled in Medicaid, the changes reduce hours of mental health services, increase fees and add assessments of provided care.

Erin Magill, a therapy technician with Community Partnerships of Idaho, works with Thompson and has seen Thompson become more outgoing as her self-esteem grows.

"She's happy," Magill said. "She smiles. She laughs."

In the future, the weekly hours Magill spends with Thompson could drop, especially after Thompson becomes 22 years old and is moved to a different program for adults.

Katherine Hansen is executive director of Community Partnerships of Idaho, a Medicaid provider that works with people with developmental disabilities, including those in Twin Falls and Rupert.

Hansen said some of the more damaging parts of the Medicaid overhaul were pulled out in the legislative session, but she expressed concerns about the state moving forward too quickly with long-term changes, which include making permanent the funding cuts imposed in 2010.

For example, people with a dual diagnosis of a developmental disability and mental illness must choose one treatment over another, she said.

Even with immediate changes, there's much more long-term work ahead for the state.

Idaho's health and welfare agency will need to hire an independent firm this year to conduct a complex, \$300,000 study of Medicaid meant to examine factors like recipient demographics, the needs of rural and urban areas, and services that are needed.

The Legislature's Medicaid overhaul requires the state to start moving away from a current system that pays providers per service rendered. In its place, a managed-care system would include more scrutiny to ensure that patients receive the



Jessica Thompson, center, and therapy technician Erin Magill make peach cobbler Wednesday as Thompson's mother, LaRee Hollibaugh, looks on at her Twin Falls home. Reform bills passed this year in the Legislature will change the long-range direction of the state's Medicaid and public education services.

REFORMING MEDICAID

- 21 immediate changes cut \$34 million in state spending in the coming fiscal year
- Also eliminated: \$73 million in associated federal matching dollars
- Eligibility isn't changed, nor are entire programs eliminated
- Instead, some fees and provider assessments will increase while services are scaled back

Next year: The department is required to present the study's findings and a managed-care plan to legislators in the 2012 session. Afterward, it will still need to advertise for contractors to oversee the system.

care deemed necessary for their well-being and providers don't bill for superfluous service.

That change won't come quickly.

"There is a lot to do, and at this point in time it is a concept — and even that concept is a work in progress," said Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, a retired physician and member of the House Health and Welfare Committee.

The end game for managed care, which will cost an estimated \$2 million to put in place, could mean the state will enter into multiple service contracts tailored to meet its various needs and regional demands.

The details of that scenario depend on what the results of the study show. It's due on Dec. 1, and will be presented to legislators in 2012.

From there, the state will need to seek proposals from contractors to deliver a new system of care.

Wood said it's difficult to gauge when the state's managed-care system will be fully in place. But it's not expected even by July 1, 2012, though parts could be realized by then.

"In Idaho, we're feeling our way," Wood said. "We don't want to rush it, but we do need to get there."

What does this technology mean now?

Behind-the-scenes work remains in the education field as Idaho's public schools system prepares for "Students Come First" to become policy.

A controversial retooling of state education, Luna's plan touches on various areas: teacher contract negotiations are limited to salaries and benefits, schools can remove teachers when enrollment doesn't meet muster and technology will take a role of classroom prominence.

Some changes, like those impacting bargaining and contracts, are immediate. As a result, the Idaho Education Association has already changed its training for teams that negotiate teacher contracts with school districts.

Other changes, like giving high school students access

to laptops, are still 30 months away. Before that unfolds, a 27-member task force chaired by Luna will begin a statewide conversation this year about what kind of training and technology would work best for Idaho schools.

Its membership will be varied, including school groups, education organizations, legislative appointees and the private sector. Luna's responsible for picking 17 members, but said he hasn't drawn up a list yet.

The task force will examine data of other states and school districts that already have technology emphases in place, Luna said.

"We'll identify those things that have worked and we'll identify those things that haven't worked, and we'll end up with a better system because of it," Luna said.

In a way, as the work of legislators draws to an end, a new task for Idaho's education community begins.

"This is a comprehensive, holistic reform of our education system, and that doesn't happen by passing a handful of bills in the Legislature," Luna said. "Education happens in the classroom between the teacher and student, and we have to make sure the water gets to the end of the row."

The task force is due to give a report to the Legislature in 2012, but much work will remain beyond then. Teachers will get state-funded laptops and training to use them during the 2012-13 school year. Laptops — or whatever other electronic gear is deemed appropriate — will be provided to high school students in the following years.

The gadgets will be dis-

tributed on a three-year rollout so that one-third of students receive them each year, starting in fall 2013.

Even then, local school districts will face decisions like whether students can take their laptops home.

And just because a guiding plan is in place, there's no moratorium on disagreement over its implementation. The task force's membership will include those who have opposed Luna's overhaul amid concerns about funding, changes to bargaining and potential classroom size increases. But even the most vocal of the plan's opposition indicates a willingness to collaborate on the task force.

"Anytime the IEA has been invited to the table, we have been at the table," said IEA President Sherri Wood.

She added: "My hope is that we all come to the table with the idea that we're going to work together and we're going to put a plan together that's going to be the best for our kids, the best for our public and the best for Idaho."

Karen Echeverria, executive director of the Idaho School Boards Association, another group to be involved, said the task force will tackle long-term work from a different vantage point from what's offered at the Capitol.

"Whether we like it or not, it now becomes how do we implement and how do we make it work," she said.

Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls and a member of the House Education Committee, said education overhaul is long overdue to bring Idaho up-to-date with the changing times.

"We will have a school system that will be much more nimble with respect to technology," he said.

Even so, concerns remain.

Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, said she worries about the impact of technology-centered changes on rural schools' finances. In 2012, the Legislature will need to identify an additional \$10.74 million to fund Luna's overhaul, and a source hasn't been identified yet. Instead, legislators were presented with an option to fund individual school districts in 10 counties as if they were consolidated by county.

"Maybe our economy's going to get a little better," Pence said. "We may be able to make up that difference. You don't budget and leave a hole. You either cut stuff out or you adjust."

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REFORMING EDUCATION

- "Students Come First" overhaul education with a program that will cost \$20 million in fiscal 2012 and \$60 million when most aspects are phased in during the following year
- \$13 million in technology upgrades is tabbed for fiscal 2012, though local districts will deal with reduced funding for staffing
- Teacher bargaining is limited, contracts must be renegotiated annually, and teachers can be laid off when enrollment drops
- Teachers become eligible for merit-based pay incentives based on student growth, taking on leadership roles or working hard-to-fill jobs.

Next year: The task force is required to report to the Legislature in 2012. Starting in the 2012-13 school year, high school teachers will get laptops and technology training. That's also when the incentive bonuses kick in.

Beyond: Starting in the 2013-14 school year, one-third of high school students will get laptops. The remaining high school students will receive them in the next two school years.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Bryan D. Knight, 39, Jerome; possession of methamphetamine, seven years penitentiary, four determinate, three indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at therapeutic community, \$1,000 fine, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, \$717.43 restitution, \$365 to court compliance program.

Michael C. Schaniel, 22, no hometown given; possession of oxycodone or oxycodone hydrochloride with the intent to deliver, eight years penitentiary, three determinate, five indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at Idaho State Board of Correction, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, \$841.61 restitution, 100 hours community service.

Wesley J. Firpo, 41, Twin Falls; aggravated battery, 10 years penitentiary, two determinate, eight indeterminate, served concurrently with other case, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, \$17,994.50 restitution, must submit DNA and thumbprint; burglary, dismissed per plea agreement.

Tammy I. Kroeker, 48, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, three years probation, \$1,000 fine, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, \$658.53 restitution, 100 hours community service, complete G.E.D., obtain and abide by all recommendations of alcohol and substance abuse evaluation.

Tomi J. Carter, 31, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, accepted into drug court, \$617.83 restitution.

Conor J. Smith, 21, Twin Falls; possession of methadone, accepted into drug court, \$315 restitution.

FELONY DISMISSAL

Robert B. Harrington, 18, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property, state dismissed after preliminary hearing.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING

Lakeila D. Davis, 26, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol, judgment withheld.

CIVIL FILING

Bank of the West vs. Eagle Creek LLC, Trail Creek Pub Inc., Trail Creek Brewing Co. and Scott L. Featherstone. Seeking repayment of \$348,174.50 loan plus costs, late fees and interest accrued, judgment against Eagle Creek LLC, Trail Creek Pub Inc., Trail Creek Brewing Co. and Scott L. Featherstone and amount of \$391,050.96 and interest, foreclosure of property, \$15,000 and attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges loan was not repaid and failed to execute necessary documentation agreed to under loan agreement.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services has filed claims against the following:

Jennifer E. Pastoor. Seeking establishment of child support: \$151 monthly support plus 42 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 42 percent any work related day care expenses.

Jennifer E. Pastoor. Seeking establishment of child support: \$434 monthly support plus 57 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 57 percent any work related day care expenses.

Jennifer E. Pastoor. Seeking establishment for state reimbursement: \$762 for public assistance and state reimbursement from period beginning Nov. 1, 2009.

Jennifer E. Pastoor. Seeking establishment for state reimbursement: \$1,716 for public assistance and state reimbursement from period beginning Nov. 1, 2009.

Jennifer E. Pastoor. Seeking establishment for state reimbursement: \$786 for public assistance and state reimbursement from period beginning Nov. 1, 2009.

Charles E. Hardin. Seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$252 monthly support plus 57 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$1,663 birth costs, 57 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Sara D. Dobbs. Seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$150 monthly support plus 29 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$1,311.29 for child support from July 9, 2010, to March 31, 2011.

John C. Johnson. Seeking establishment of medical support: 73 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance.

Aaron J. Pohlman. Seeking establishment of medical support: 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance.

John C. McGraw. Seeking establishment of child support: \$216 monthly support plus 54 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance.

DIVORCES FILED

Michael J. Priest vs. Elma C. Priest.

Samantha A. Marshall vs. James R. Miller.

Dale W. Jensen vs. Amy Jensen.

Blane K. Holley vs. Julie Anne Holley.

Kathleen K. Nielsen vs. Kenneth V. Nielsen.

Kimberly J. Miller vs. Brandon K. Miller.

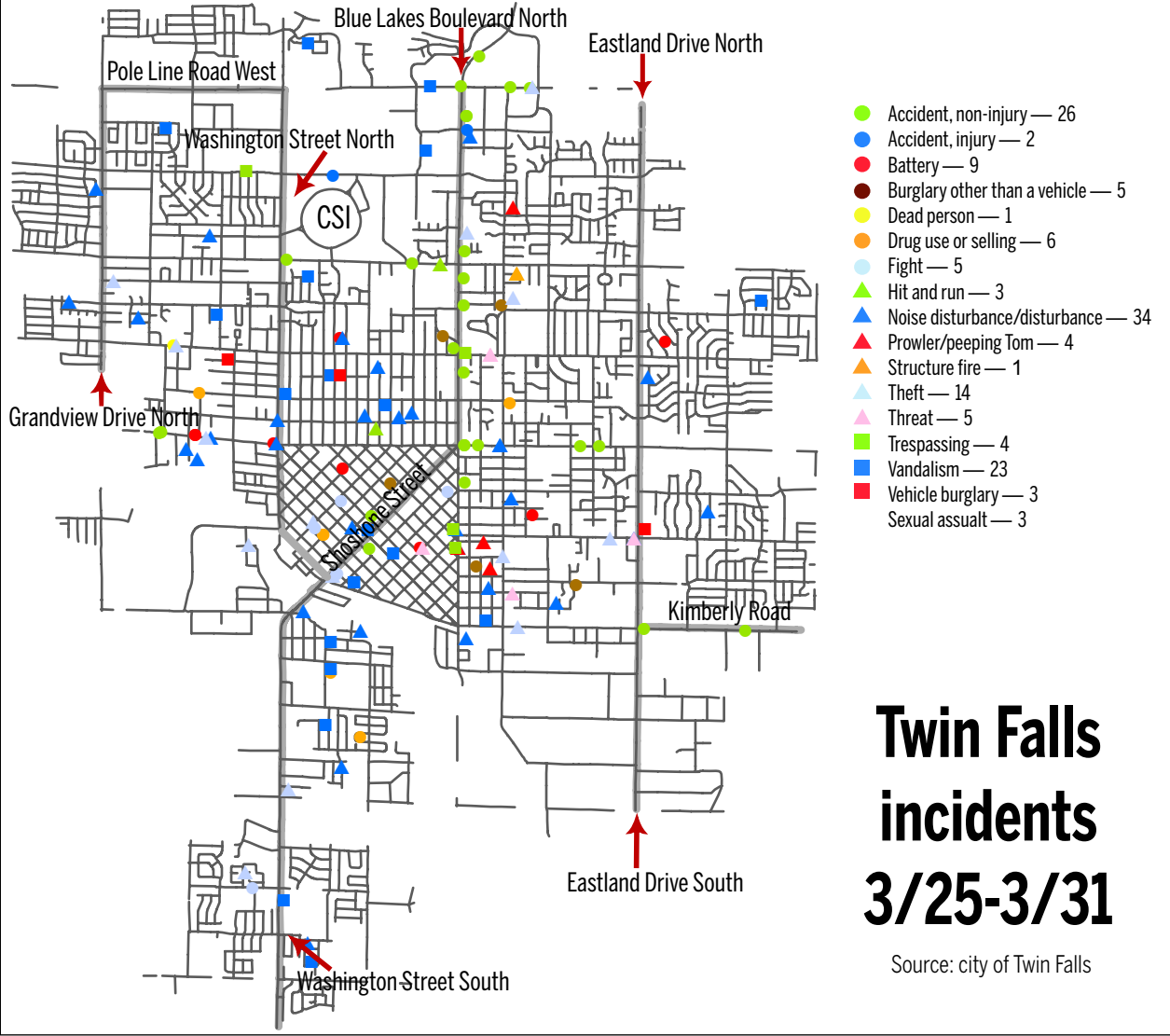
Amanda Rodriguez vs. Juan Rodriguez.

CITY OF TWIN FALLS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Shelley A. Hanvold, 48, Filer; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation.

Heather A. McGuire, 25, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 86 suspended, four credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol; driving without privileges, dismissed.

Daren S. Amundson, 42, Boise, driving under the influence (excessive), \$1,000 fine, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 365 days jail served on weekends, 355 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol.



Twin Falls incidents 3/25-3/31

Source: city of Twin Falls

Megaload test run to start Monday

LEWISTON (AP) — Idaho Transportation Department says an oversized load that’s a precursor to shipments through Idaho and Montana to oil sand fields in Alberta, Canada, is scheduled to leave the Port of Lewiston at 10 p.m. Monday.

But agency spokesman Adam Rush also told the *Lewiston Tribune* that Imperial Oil, a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corp., won’t start the move until it has permission to cross into Montana.

If the test load leaves on Monday, it’s scheduled to reach Kooskia by 5:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Gem State pump prices jump over \$3.50 average

BOISE (AP) — The average price for a gallon of gas in Idaho has cleared the \$3.50 mark, bringing Gem State pump prices closer to record highs reached in 2008.

AAA Idaho reports Idaho’s pump price for regular-grade gas was \$3.51, up three cents from last week but still 12 cents below the national average.

Lewiston reported the state’s highest price at \$3.60 and biggest increase, up 7 cents from last week, among the six cities surveyed.

Idaho Falls checked in with the lowest price at \$3.45.

AAA says some of the increase is due to the annual drawdown of gas inventories as traders empty winter blend stocks to make way for pricier summer blends.

Idaho pump prices reached \$3.75 per gallon in May 2008.

Outcry halts plan to paint over murals

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — A public outcry has caused the director of Missoula’s Head Start to back off a decision to paint over 33-year-old murals of giant snakes, a human riding a dinosaur and other images he said could be disturbing or misleading to young minds.

“We’re probably going to consider not painting it at the present time,” Loren Skelton told the *Missoulian* in a story published Saturday. “I think we need to get people in here to see it. I think a lot of people who are making comments don’t know what they’re talking about.”

Immediately after the newspaper published a story Friday about the plan to paint over the interior murals starting Monday at the old Whittier School, phone calls started coming in to Child Start Inc. and the Missoula County Public Schools, owner of the building.

And the school’s nighttime custodian refused to do the job.

“The administration’s going to delay it for a while so people can get to look at it and have more discussion,” Skelton said. “Somebody may come up with something reasonable without being nothing but angry.”

Scott Reed, maintenance chief for public schools, said he gave the OK for the murals to be painted over but said he didn’t know how old the murals were, and he wasn’t aware of the emotional attachment some people had for them.

“We had given them permission,” said Reed. “Every spring they do their painting, and (Skelton) did request for us to give him permission. We paint over kids’ murals once in a while, but I didn’t know they were historic.”

The murals dating back to 1978 contain scenes of American Indians, jailed children, clowns and a centaur with a devil’s face. The murals line the walls of the mezzanine around the building’s basketball court.

Skelton said the images could be too frightening for 3- and 4-year-olds at the school, and that after taking the director’s job last summer he made the decision “almost from the first day” to paint them over.

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L.A. aims to whitewash graffiti writers going legit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Not so long ago, Cristian Gheorghiu roamed the streets of Los Angeles at all hours, black marker in his pocket, hunting for walls and street signs where he could scrawl his graffiti moniker, “Smear.”

These days, he’s working in his garage, splashed in paint and surrounded by canvases, paint cans, markers and odds and ends he uses to fashion abstract mixed-media artworks, which have been exhibited in galleries from California to Europe, fetching up to a couple thousand dollars.

“Painting is a good way to wean yourself off graffiti, get that bug out,” said Gheorghiu, a slightly built 34-year-old with shoulder-length hair. “It’s kind of evolved. I’ve had some moderate success.”

Although he says his tagging days are past, Gheorghiu’s past is now tagging him.

The Los Angeles city attorney’s office has filed a lawsuit against Gheorghiu and nine other graffiti writers associated with the MTA tagging crew, charging them with violating California’s unfair competition laws because they’re selling art works on the strength of their outlaw names and reputations.

“They’ve obtained an unfair advantage because they gained fame and notoriety through criminal acts,” said Anne Tremblay, assistant city attorney. “This is unlawful competition.”

The argument is a novel one in the legal annals of efforts to prevent criminals from profiting from their crimes, and represents a new weapon in the city’s long-suffering battle against graffiti vandals. It also comes at a time when the market for so-called street art is growing exponentially.

But Peter Bibring, Gheorghiu’s lawyer, says the city attorney’s lawsuit is a thinly-veiled end run around the First Amendment right to free expression.

“This is an extraordinary overreach,” said Bibring, staff attorney of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. “The government cannot say who can be an artist.”

For years, states have tried to block felons from making money mainly through book and movie deals. The U.S. Supreme Court and other courts have repeatedly struck down so-called “Son of Sam” laws, named after New York’s efforts to block 1970s serial killer David Berkowitz from selling his story.

Courts have upheld that



AP photo
Artist Cristian Gheorghiu holds one of his works at his East Hollywood garage studio in Los Angeles. Gheorghiu, known by his nickname of ‘Smear,’ faces an injunction that could bar him from profiting from art bearing his telltale graffiti ‘tag.’

criminals have a right to free expression, which includes everything from writing about their crimes to painting about them — and profiting. The fact that crime can pay, however, rankles victims.

“It’s a perversion of the criminal justice system that one can take damage to an innocent victim and profit from it. Their story becomes a commodity,” said David J. Cook, the San Francisco lawyer who has doggedly pursued a \$33.5 million wrongful death judgment against O.J. Simpson for the family of victim Ronald Goldman. Simpson was acquitted of murdering his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Goldman, but hit with damages in civil court.

Victims have been able to thwart criminal profiteering by filing civil lawsuits to collect proceeds from any book or movie deal and by plea bargains that stipulate any profits from such deals must be turned over to the victim.

Using an unfair competition law and targeting graffiti writers’ commercial works are both in uncharted legal territory. The maneuver underscores authorities’ exasperation with a subculture that prizes prolific defacement of public property, including buses, street signs and freeway overpasses, and costs taxpayers millions to remove.

Just one of the MTA’s tags — its initials painted 57 feet high and a quarter-mile-long on the Los Angeles

River concrete embankment — cost the city \$3.7 million to paint over.

Tremblay said her lawsuit is not aimed at preventing Gheorghiu from making a living as an artist or from using the name “Smear.”

However, it requests that a court declare him and nine other graffiti writers in violation of the unfair competition law because they’ve sold art signed with their tag names, and bar them from selling photos of graffiti that includes the writers’ tags or the name MTA.

“They’re creating a crime scene and taking photos of it to sell,” said Tremblay, who is also seeking to have the MTA be subject to legal restrictions as a criminal street gang and pay \$5 million in fines and damages.

But use of crime scene photos, commonly featured in crime books, and nicknames, such as mobsters’ colorful monikers, can’t be limited, said David L. Hudson, scholar at the First Amendment Center.

“I find the application of that law dubious,” said Hudson, who also teaches first amendment law at Vanderbilt University Law School. “This raises serious first amendment issues.”

Gheorghiu said he’s never sold photos, and denies the lawsuit’s assertions that he used graffiti to launch his art career. “I don’t have a five-year career plan. There was no intent of profiting from it,” he said. “All these things kind of happened.”

He started tagging when

he was about 13 and it soon became an adrenaline-driven compulsion that he couldn’t stop despite several arrests.

In 2007, his run ended when he got hit with three felony counts of vandalism. After pleading no contest, he was sentenced to probation, community service and paying \$28,000 in restitution, of which he’s paid \$5,000.

Gheorghiu said he went cold-turkey off graffiti, pouring his energy into legitimate art. His works incorporate bold brushstrokes, stark faces reminiscent of Austrian expressionist Oskar Kokoschka’s portraits, cartoon-like figures and everyday items such as postal labels, movie tickets, and consumer packaging.

Although he said it was tough to stop graffiti, he knew he had to. “I was living in fear and paranoia,” he said. “It’s just not for me anymore.”

He has exhibited and sold his work in galleries all over California, plus Philadelphia, Berlin and his native Romania — his family emigrated from Bucharest when he was five — and landed commissions such as a mural at a South Los Angeles high school. But he said his painting is not making him rich — he supplements his meager art income with movie extra work to make ends meet and pay his restitution.

Los Angeles graffiti expert Roger Gastman said Gheorghiu’s story is not unusual.

Graffiti writers are part of a wave of interest in urban art that has gained mainstream acceptance in recent years, he said, noting that Los Angeles’ Museum of Contemporary Art is opening a large exhibit “Art in the Streets” later this month.

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LDS church plans Meridian temple

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah-based Mormon church will build three new temples in North America — including one in Meridian — its president, Thomas S. Monson, said Saturday.

Besides Meridan, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will build temples in Fort Collins, Colo., and Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The new temples “will certainly be a blessing to our members in those areas,” said Monson, speaking to members on the first day of the faith’s semiannual general conference.

The church currently has 134 operating temples worldwide, most in the United States. Another 26 temples are either planned or under construction.

The Winnipeg temple will be the ninth church temple in Canada. It’s location in the Manitoba province’s capital city will be significant for members, who currently must drive nearly 400 miles to practice the faith’s most important religious rites.

The Meridian temple will be Idaho’s fifth, and Colorado will have two with the addition of the Fort Collins facility.

Temples are considered sacred to Latter-day Saints and are used for religious rituals including proxy baptisms, marriage ceremonies and other rites, often referred to as “ordinances,” which are designed to strengthen church teachings.

The towering white

buildings differ from the church meeting houses used for regular Sunday services. Temples are closed on Sundays and open only to church members considered worthy — a designation achieved through tithe paying and a faithful adherence to the standards of conduct expected by the church.

“Each year millions of ordinances are performed in the temples. May we continue to be faithful in performing such ordinances,” Monson urged.

New statistical data released by the church on Saturday shows the faith’s worldwide membership has grown to more than 14,131,000. The data also shows that almost 273,000 converted to Mormonism in 2010.

Mormons gather by the tens of thousands in April and October to hear words of inspiration and practical guidance for daily living from their faith leaders at the church’s 22,000-seat conference center.

The proceedings are also broadcast via television, radio, satellite and Internet. The five conference sessions are translated live into more than 80 languages.

In his remarks, Monson also noted that the church has provided more than 70 tons of humanitarian aid — food, water, blankets, hygiene kits and other goods — to Japan following a devastating earthquake, tsunami and resultant nuclear crisis. Much of the aid is being delivered via scooters provided by the church, Monson said.



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Idaho educators stress importance of music

By Michael Neary
The Post-Register

IDAHO FALLS — For band director Cara Sommers, a rich musical score harbors more than an assembly of instruments — it also taps the major academic disciplines.

“I think there’s been so much pressure put on the core subjects that people are failing to realize that all of (those subjects) are taught within music,” she said.

Sommers teaches sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders at Rocky Mountain Middle School.

The place of elective courses such as music takes on unusual importance in an environment of heavy budget cuts. As school districts receive less and less money from the state, electives such as music face increased scrutiny.

Music’s ability to help students build academic skills — such as abstract thinking — has been the subject of much research.

“There are some studies that show that students involved in music, particularly in playing instruments, do better academically,” assistant music professor Lorie Enloe said.

She teaches music education at the Lionel Hampton School of Music at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Enloe is conducting research of her own. She’s analyzing data at Coeur d’Alene School District 271 and Idaho Falls School District 91 to determine whether students who take music classes after sixth grade perform better on the standardized tests they take in 10th grade.

One of the most basic connections may lie between music and math.

“We’re constantly dealing with time, and that’s math,” Skyline High School music teacher Bob Dunnire said.

It’s a connection that’s



AP photo

Students in band director Cara Sommers’ intermediate band class rehearse at Rocky Mountain Middle School, in Idaho Falls, last month. For Sommers, a rich musical score harbors more than an assembly of instruments — it also taps the major academic disciplines.

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clear to younger musicians, as well.

“When you’re playing a piece, you have to subdivide into fractions,” said Jasmine Lorentz, a seventh-grader at Rocky Mountain Middle School.

Gary Pawelko, a Skyline High School senior, noted the connection of music to history — whether that means studying the cultural roots of jazz or the historical context of the piece “Folk Dances” by Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich. He’s done both.

Pawelko plays the tuba, trombone and other instruments.

Some musicians also see a keen business sense honed by a musical education.

Kevin Woelfel, who directs the Lionel Hampton School of Music, said the

musical staples of “theme and variations” lie at the heart of any idea in business.

Woelfel lectures at universities across the country about the connection between music and business skills.

As students talk about playing music, they often describe images that emerge in their minds. Sometimes those visions have academic applications. Brionna Olenichak, a Skyline High School senior, recalled the way her experience with music helped her understand the concept of sound waves in physics.

“Music travels through waves,” she said. “I could visualize (the concept) instead of just being told it.”

Among the multitude of instruments that Olenichak plays are the clarinet, saxo-

phone, violin and piano.

Pawelko and Olenichak study music with Dunnire.

The sort of mental leap Olenichak mentioned can bring home lessons from across the world.

Sommers recalled teaching the pieces “Asian Folk Rhapsody” and “Japanese Fantasy” in her classes. The compositions gave students a personal insight into a people so frequently in the news today because of tragedy.

“That piece (‘Japanese Fantasy’) is very elegant,” she said. “In Asian culture — especially in older Asian culture — elegance is something they (have). They’re a very soft-spoken people, and the music is played that way as well.”

For Sommers, such elegance is one way music etches its signature deep within students’ minds.

“If people realized that we’re teaching all these things in music ... perhaps it would be taken more seriously,” she said.

Idaho Power looking into solar energy

By Rocky Barker
Idaho Statesman

BOISE — In the heat of August — when Boise residents are cranking up their air conditioners and farmers are pumping water on- to thirsty crops — the solar resource in southern Idaho is estimated to be as good as in the desert Southwest.

That’s why Idaho Power Co. has been putting together a pilot project to see how it can best harness solar power.

“It looks like a good fit for our needs,” said Mark Stokes, Idaho Power manager of power supply planning.

Idahoans who have watched the debate over wind power in the Legislature and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission may remain skeptical. The company that at first said it was staying out of debates about whether to renew an alternative energy tax credit or stall new wind projects for two years has landed squarely at odds with the green energy companies.

But utility officials say solar power has the potential to fit Idaho Power’s needs far better than wind. Both are intermittent sources — they generate power only when the sun is shining or the wind is blowing. But the sun shines when it’s hot outside, and that’s when people use more power.

Idaho Power met last week with industrial customers, power developers, consumer groups and conservationists to discuss its “integrated resource plan,” which it uses to map its energy needs for 20 years into the future. With all of the wind projects coming on line and the Langley Gulch natural gas plant under construction, the utility doesn’t see a need for new power sources until at least 2015.

And even then it will need power only during its peak use periods, mostly afternoons on hot July and August days. It just happens that those are the same days when solar

power offers the most potential.

And even if a thunderstorm reduces the solar output, Idaho Power’s demand drops at the same time as farmers need less irrigation water and air conditioners don’t have to work so hard to cool homes.

“Idaho Power needs the power when the sun is shining,” said Ben Otto, an energy analyst for the Idaho Conservation League.

Solar power, like most renewable energy sources, takes a lot of capital expenditures up front. That’s why the utility wants to study a range of options to determine what makes the most sense for its customers and its stockholders.

“The cost has to come down,” Stokes said. “It’s still a bit higher than other alternatives.”

One alternative is to hire contractors to place solar panels on existing homes and businesses. But that raises questions for Idaho Power: Who would own and maintain the solar equipment? Who would be responsible for ensuring it is operating when the utility needs it? What about liability?

Idaho Power will get some data from the Idaho Office of Energy Resources’ program to install solar panels on schools using federal stimulus money. But the questions about the business model remain.

Placing panels on existing homes would mean dealing with the different slopes of roofs, Stokes said. That affects efficiency.

The utility also may simply place panels in an array in the desert — a solar electrical-generation plant — where it has more control.

Another, larger alternative is a so-called solar tower: This emerging technology uses the sun to heat air in a large greenhouse at the base of a chimney. When the heated air rises in the tower, it drives turbines.

Police investigate mummified hand

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Police in eastern Idaho are investigating a mummified hand turned over by Museum of Idaho officials.

Idaho Falls Police Sgt. Phil Grimes said the right hand brought in last week has all the fingers intact, but its race and sex are unknown.

“We’re still formulating a plan,” Grimes told the *Post Register*. “It is mummified but — there are so many variables to decomposition.”

He said police haven’t been able to link the hand to any missing person cases. It’s unclear how old the hand is, but Grimes said carbon dating and DNA testing might offer clues.

Museum Executive Director David Pennock said the museum likely received the hand within the last five years.

“It’s never been a part of

our collection,” he said. “Someone dropped it off.”

He said when the museum first received it workers called other museums for suggestions but got no help.

“It’s just one big question mark,” he said. “I think it was assumed that we could find the people who knew what to do with it. Obviously, nobody really wanted to deal with it.”

He said the hand was forgotten until several weeks ago when a worker found it in a small box.

“Just poking through some shelves, there it was,” Pennock said, noting it was then decided to turn it over to police.

“We are absolutely uninterested in having it,” Pennock said. “We just assumed they’d know what to do with it since we didn’t know what to do with it.”

Utah cuts unemployment benefits

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah leaders have refused to extend unemployment benefits for more than 20,000 people whose current assistance payments are about to end.

The offer from the federal government to provide nearly \$100 million for an additional 13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits expired Saturday. Qualifying required the approval of state lawmakers, something the Republican-dominated Legislature never supported.

The issue was discussed during the 2010 legislative session, but did not come up again this year despite the approaching deadline. The Legislature ended its 2011 session March 10.

“It’s tax money, and people need to be weaned off of the government paying for everything,” Senate President Michael Waddoups, R-Taylorsville, said. Refusing to continue to extend unem-

ployment benefits “is a motivation for people to get back to work.”

The state is also setting an example of self-sufficiency by not accepting the money, Waddoups said.



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Carol McClellan, left, and Jerilyn Maughan, both registered nurses with Cassia Regional Medical Center, help a patient Friday in Burley. The Gallup Organization has chosen Intermountain Healthcare, which owns Cassia Regional, as one of 29 companies worldwide, and the only organization in Idaho or Utah to earn the Gallup Great Workplace Award for 2011.

Intermountain Healthcare named Gallup Great Workplace

By Blair Koch
Times-News writer

BURLEY—Intermountain Healthcare, parent company of Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley is one of just 29 organizations worldwide to receive a 2011 Gallup Great Workplace Award.

The Gallup award recognizes the best-performing work force in the world for their ability to create an engaged workplace culture.

The 514 organizations considered for the award had their application results compared across a workplace research database, with experts assessing the results and selecting the winners.

“We’re being recognized by Gallup for having employees who are committed, engaged and focused on delivering high-quality care to our patients,” said Dan Zuhke, Intermountain’s vice president of human resources. “The Gallup Great



Physical therapist Mat Kemp, left, works with Richard Whittle at Cassia Regional Medical Center on Friday.

Workplace award confirms what we know about the people who work for Intermountain Healthcare. Intermountain has a strong commitment to employee engagement, and that benefits

the communities we serve.”

Cassia Regional is one of Intermountain’s 23 hospitals. The non-profit organization has more than 32,000 employees and serves communities throughout Utah

and southeastern Idaho.

Cassia Regional has more than 300 employees.

Keri Perrigot, assistant administrator and director

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What’s better: Owning a home or renting one?

By Janna Herron
Associated Press writer

THE SERIES

This is the final part of our four-part “Money Myths” series by the Associated Press. On Thursday we featured, “Five money myths that can derail the inexperienced,” followed on Friday by “Ten myths about college financial aid and the truths behind them,” followed on Saturday by “Five myths about shopping.”

After the steep drop in the housing market revealed cracks in the decades-held belief that there was minimal financial risk in owning a home, does it still make sense to buy a house?

Making that determination will always require a close evaluation of your personal circumstances. However, the economy and high unemployment rate have only made it more complex for many families. And that’s in spite of historically low mortgage rates.

Many are reconsidering homeownership as a lifetime goal and no longer consider renting a taboo, says Peggy Alford, president of Rent.com, an online rental listings service. But owning a home is a “mainstay of the American psyche” that offers numerous benefits to the homeowner, says Moe Vessi, president-elect for the National Association of Realtors.

Alford and Vessi, who clearly stand on opposite sides of the fence, walk through many of the common misconceptions surrounding homeownership and its economic benefits:

• **Homeownership is a good investment.**

Home prices over the long term often pay off. For example, the average value of a home in the Boston area is 50 percent greater than it was in January 2000. That’s even though prices have dropped in the last few years.

“Real estate has always been a long-term investment,” says Vessi. “You want short-term? Go to Vegas. If you ask your parents or grandparents what was the best deal they’ve made, eight to nine times out of ten they will say it was their house.”

Still, nearly 11 million homeowners got caught in

the housing slump and owe more than their house is worth. They can’t sell at a profit or refinance. Any down payment they contributed to their home is lost, unless its value rebounds.

“Appreciation is all about timing. If you buy low and sell high, then it is a good investment,” Alford says. “But you should not consider homeownership solely on whether or not you will be able to sell at a profit. That’s because it is likely you will not be able to predict where the housing market is when you want to or have to sell.”

• **A home is a good way to save money. Renting is just throwing away cash.**

Part of every mortgage payment goes to paying back the principal of the loan and building a little more home equity. So, a homeowner is using a house as a piggy bank. What’s more, not all of the mortgage interest paid is lost because it reduces a homeowner’s taxable income.

The mortgage interest deduction returns about an average \$3,500 a year at tax-time to the homeowner, says Vessi. “And with every mortgage payment, a homeowner builds wealth. The average equity for a homeowner today is \$155,000 to \$165,000.”

However, the cost of owning a home is more than just the mortgage

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Times-News file photo

Workers with Gutierrez Construction build the frame for a home in Twin Falls on Thursday.

A good time to buy

Industry officials say real estate market ripe with various deals

By Blair Koch
Times-News writer

In some markets, median home prices have tumbled more than 25 percent.

Add in affordable interest rates on home loans and motivated sellers and you’ve got a recipe for a strong

home buyer’s market, said Laura Fitzgerald, broker and owner of Idaho American Dream Realty.

“We’ve all heard the bad news about real estate markets but this actually a very good time to buy a home,”

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AP photo

Seth Herter, 22, poses for a photo outside his rented two-bedroom home Wednesday, in Richmond Heights, Mo. After the housing recession revealed cracks in the decades-held belief in homeownership, many people no longer consider renting a taboo.

As larger markets continue retail recoil, businesses find stability in the Magic Valley

With new businesses springing up like flower buds across southern Idaho it’s hard to remember that many communities across the country are seeing the opposite.

Indie rock band Arcade Fire sums this economic withering up well in their song, “Sprawl II,” with lyrics people can certainly relate to:

“Dead shopping malls rise like mountain beyond mountain.”

While the Magic Valley Mall has seen its fair share of vacancies over the past five years, spring is looking bright.

On Monday the mall welcomed the opening of the

MS. BIZ
Blair Koch



national chain, The Children’s Place. It’s just the first of several new businesses with planned 2011 openings.

With larger markets unstable (think Las Vegas or Miami) retailers such as The Children’s Place are eyeing smaller population centers, like Twin Falls, and seeing opportunity.

Shellien Gilliland, mall marketing director, said they’ve been courting the chain since 2001.

“Before, these chains

wanted in big, emerging markets but this economic downturn has shaken that thinking up a bit,” Gilliland said. “Now they are looking at smaller markets and seeing they are more stable.”

A stable market means more opportunity for longevity and profit.

Even local, independent retailers are experiencing growth.

Lori Ward owns The Villa Shops, on Filmore Street, and operates, Flutter, a boutique featuring dancewear and contemporary clothing. Flutter recently expanded its product line and Ward said all her storefronts are now full.

Ward opened the development, across the street

from Gold’s Gym, two years ago.

“We’re very fortunate that in the midst of a downturn there are still independent business owners with great ideas that see opportunity for success in our market,” Ward said.

At Flutter, Ward decided nearly a year ago to expand her clothing line from just dancewear to include contemporary, fashion-forward ladies lines and accessories.

The response has been overwhelmingly positive, Ward said.

“This is expensive, well-located retail space. I thought that its use could be better maximized,” Ward said. “We were able to condense all of the dancewear to

half of the store, without losing any product. There are so many women that come in here and say, ‘We have to go to Boise or Salt Lake City to find clothing like this.’”

Next door Robin and Bob Seastrom opened Cycle Therapy.

The store includes road, mountain, cyclocross, commuter/urban, comfort, cruiser, BMX and children’s bikes in brands like Giant, Phat and Pinerello, as well as an extensive inventory of helmets, apparel and accessories.

The store also has service technicians and provides custom bike fittings.

The couple has been involved in the industry for decades.

“We’ve been running the business out of our home for the past year and it came to a point that we either needed to open a store or close it up,” she said.

By tapping into tourist needs, with bike rentals and the tri-athlete scene, Cycle Therapy is already making a name for itself.

“We’ve seen what’s out there and instead of waiting for someone to offer all of this to the area we decided to do it ourselves,” said Robin Seastrom. “This area is growing and the need for a shop like ours was already there.”

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YOUR BUSINESS

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Twin Falls/Jerome KOA offering free night of camping

The Twin Falls/Jerome KOA Campground, located at 5431 US Highway 93 in Jerome, is offering a free night of camping on May 14 to all campers who stay at the campground as paying guests on May 13 at part of KOA's 8th Annual Come Kamp & Care With Us Weekend.

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CAREER MOVES

Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services adds two new services specialists

Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services recently added two new employment services specialists.

Brenda Kolbet has a bachelor's degree in organizational communication from Eastern Washington University.

She has extensive work experience in the human services field and a background in marketing and public relations. In this position, she provides vocational services such as job development, job training and long-term maintenance and support for persons with disabilities.

John Forster returns to Magic Valley Rehabilitation



John Forster



Brenda Kolbet

Services after recently retiring as pastor of the Filer Church of the Nazarene.

He also has served as pastor at other churches in North Dakota, California and Idaho. He has extensive experience working with persons who have disabilities, including 10 previous years as an employment services specialist at MVRs.

Kelley's Spraying Service welcomes new employee

Kelley's Spraying Service welcomes Patrick Hoadley as its newest member.

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MILESTONES

Twin Falls Area Chamber and Idaho Falls Chamber ambassadors have annual luncheon



The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors and the Idaho Falls Chamber's Ambassadors recently had their annual luncheon at Idaho Pizza, at 1859 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

They networked and shared ideas about their chamber activities.

St. Luke's Wood River wins Corporate Wellness Cup

KETCHUM — St. Luke's improved its health parameters the most during the Corporate Wellness Cup, losing a total of 120.4 pounds with an 80.6 percent retention rate.

The biggest weight loss by one person was 25 pounds.

In addition to being declared "the most health conscience company in the Wood River Valley," and awarded the Corporate Wellness Cup trophy, St. Luke's employees will receive an additional free 12 week membership to the Y.

Success was based on average percentage improvement in basic vital health measurements — weight, BMI and waist circumference combined with overall event retention.

The Y awarded the Corporate Wellness Cup to the winning team, St. Luke's on Friday in the St. Luke's lobby.

Eleven companies and 279 employees took part in the first annual Corporate Wellness Cup that kicked off in January and lasted for 8 weeks.

Rain for Rent Service Technician attends Reinke Advanced PLUS Seminar

PAUL — Reinke Manufacturing, Inc., a leading manufacturer of mechanized irrigation systems, is pleased to announce that Jim Bowers of Rain for Rent in Paul, recently attended the Reinke Advanced PLUS (Proven Leaders in Unmatched Service) Seminar.

A total of 26 service technicians based out of 18 Reinke



Jim Bowers

dealerships from throughout the United States and Canada attended the February seminar held in Deshler, Neb.

Reinke's Advanced PLUS Seminar is designed to bring together eligible Reinke service technicians to talk about the industry and learn from one another through an open forum environment.

Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce gives Jeremy Spells Extra Mile Award

The Extra Mile Award was presented to Jeremy Spells, of Carino's Italian Grill in Twin Falls.

The award is given by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors to individuals that make the community a better place to live.



Jeremy Spells

East Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District honors Mark Webb for five years service

Mark Webb began his service on the East Cassia Board 5 years ago.

Webb has always had interest in soil and water conservation. He enjoys learning new things. Serving on the board keeps him involved.

Webb's goal in serving on the board has been to stay involved and informed on the progress of Cassia County.



Mark Webb

Jerome Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Clinic presents clinic

Jerome Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Clinic gave a presentation on hiring safer truck drivers and other employees through more appropriate post-offer screenings in Twin Falls and the other communities. This was given on March 17 at their state meetings.

These screenings allow all employers to make better hiring decisions and the ability to place new employ-

ees in positions to minimize their workers compensation risks and costs.

This screening obtains a baseline of their strengths and weaknesses and tests their physical abilities based on their specific job descriptions.

For more information contact Lon Egbert, physical therapist and certified athletic trainer at 324-3090 or 128 5th Ave. W., Jerome.

East Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District honors Brent Stoker for 10 years service

Brent Stoker loves the life of a farmer. He has researched and experimented with waste management and control. He is intrigued with the concepts of microbiology and using science to find answers to farming waste problems. He has studied and is eager to learn more, to experiment, and to make improvements in his own farming operation by processing quality compost that will also help to improve the environment and the



Brent Stoker

soil quality.

His current activities include Cassia County Groundwater Quality Advisory Committee, United States Potato Board, just completed two 3-year terms on the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, Cassia District Commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America, and is the chairman of the Gateway West Task Force.

Stoker joined West Cassia's board of Supervisors in January of 2001.



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Myths

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payment. Homeowners must pay for maintenance and repairs, expenses that renters don't have. Also, there are other ways for consumers to save money.

"The problem with rent-versus-buy calculators is they usually don't take into account property taxes, costs associated with maintaining a home, or unexpected costs like education expenses, medical bills that a family needs to consider when putting money into an illiquid asset," says Alford. "Especially if it's large part of their total funds."

• **Homeowners are better for the community.**

Politicians and housing advocates have long said that homeowners take better care of their homes and, by extension, their neighborhoods. They are more invested in seeing their community flourish because they plan to stay for a long time.

"We find children of folks who own their homes have a greater propensity to make better grades and are healthier," says Vessi. "We also find that folks who own their homes are better connected to their families and community. We have a whole host of statistics showing that."

But with the recent downturn in housing, many homeowners with costly mortgages don't have the

money to invest in their homes. Foreclosures dot many neighborhoods, inviting vandals, thieves and homeless people.

"How do you prove that homeownership in isolation causes stability?," says Alford. "Homeownership is never the right answer if you can't afford it. If bunch of people buy houses they can't afford in one neighborhood and then get foreclosed on, you have a lot of vacant homes. Is that building a better community?"

• **Homeownership builds a stronger economy.**

In the past, construction activity has fueled economic recoveries. Each new home creates an average of three jobs for a year and \$90,000 in taxes.

"Every time you sell a home in America, you create 40 jobs, you touch almost 80 occupations and generate almost \$60,000 in peripheral activity like painting, roofing, plumbing, furniture, carpeting and landscaping," Vessi says.

However, currently many Americans are stuck in their homes, unable to sell. Workforce mobility is at its lowest level since World War II and that's a drag on the economic recovery if workers can't move for a new job.

"Many Americans are realizing that the flexibility to be able to move if necessary to get a better job in down economic times is important," says Alford. "Sure, you can rent out your house

if you can't live in it, but you can't guarantee the rent will cover your mortgage or that you will find a renter right away."



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TRAILERS

2011 Imco Self Unloading V Bottom Trailer; 84,000 GVW, 46', tandem axle, 4 bag spring susp, 42" chain w/belt flap, roll over tarp • 2006 Imco Self Unloading V Bottom Trailer; 74,000 GVW, 46', spread axle, air bag susp, 42" chain w/rubber flaps, single hyd drive, roll over tarp • 2005 Wilson PSDCL-402 Double Deck Livestock Trailer; 65000 GVW, 48'x102", tandem axle, 4 bag spring susp • 1995 Wilson PSDCL-302 Livestock Trailer; 65000 GVW, 48'x102", tandem axle, spring susp • 1999 Trinity Eagle Bridge Self Unloading Trailer; 42', tandem axle, 4 bag spring susp, 40" chain w/rubber flaps, single drive, roll over tarp • 2003 Transcraft DTL-2100 Drop Deck Trailer; 80,000 GVW, 48'x102", tandem axle, air bag susp, beaver tail w/ramps • 2000 Transcraft Eagle Trailer; 45'x102"; spread axle, 4 air bag susp, inside frame • 2003 Utility Trailer; GVW 37000, 28'x96"; single axle, spring susp, inside frame • 1999 Transcraft Eagle Trailer; 45'x102"; spread axle, 4 bag spring susp, inside frame • 1988 Comet Flat Bed Trailer; 68,000 GVW, 45'x96"; tandem axle, spring susp, outside frame • 1990 Utility 27'x96" Pup Trailer; 37,000 GVW, single axle, single susp • 1997 Pup Trailer; 28'x96"; single axle, spring susp, inside frame • 1979 Great Dane 49' Flat Bed Trailer; inside frame • Great Dane 27' Pup Trailer w/Dolly • 1987 Trail Max Pintle Hitch Trailer; 27'; air brakes, 24,000 GVW • 1993 Trailmax TD-20-T 5th Wheel Trailer; 24'; tilt, 20,000 GVW • 1997 Logan Wrangler 3 Slant Horse Trailer; walk in tack

TRACTORS

John Deere 7920 MFD Tractor; hrs 2964, Green Star Ready, IVT trans, left hand reverse, TLS susp, 3 remotes, 1000 PTO, 3 pt hitch, front 380/80R34, rear 480/80R46, SN:RW7920D034766, John Deere 746 High Lift Loader; joy stick, quick attach 9' bucket, hay forks, front mount 11' snow blade • John Deere 9320 Tractor; hrs 1849, 18 speed power shift, 4 remotes, Green Star Ready, KlimaTrak, IMS-Implement Management System, HSC-Hitch Slip Command, air ride seat, 710/70R38 duals, no rear 3 point or PTO • John Deere 4955 MFD Tractor; hrs 9300, 18 sp power shift trans, 3 remotes, 1000 PTO, 3 pt, 420.85R30 fronts, 18.4R46 rears w/steel duals • IH Hydro 186 Tractor; hrs 4796, hydro trans, 2 remotes, 540 & 1000 PTO, 3 pt, 18.4-38 rubber • IH Hydro 186 Tractor; hrs 2618, hydro trans, 2 remotes, 540 & 1000 PTO, 3 pt, 18.4-38 rubber • IH 2355 Hyd Front End Loader; 7' bucket • IH Hydro 1066 Tractor; cab, hrs unknown, 2 remotes, 540 & 1000 PTO, 3 pt hitch 18.4-38 rubber, IH Front End Loader; bale forks, 9' front bucket • Case 2290 Tractor; hrs 6404, power shift trans, 2 remotes, 540&1000 PTO, 3 pt, 16.9-38 rubber • Massey Ferguson 1105 Tractor; hrs unknown, 6 sp w/multi power, 2 remotes, 540 PTO, 3 pt, 14.9-38 rubber

LOADERS - FORKLIFT

Case W20C Wheel Loader; SN:9156090, hrs shown 5696, 3 yd bucket, bale forks • Case W14 Wheel Loader; SN:9163557, hrs shown 2418, bale forks, 2 ¼ yd bucket • Case W14 Wheel Loader; SN:9132949, hrs unknown, bale forks • Hyster 40 Forklift; hrs 2079, gas eng, 4000# cap, 130" lift • (2) Bucket Mounted Bale Forks

PICKUPS

1996 Ford 250 4 Dr 4x4 Pickup; 7.3 Powerstroke diesel eng, auto trans, 5th plate, 304,177 miles • 1996 Ford 350 4x4 Dually Truck; 7.3 Powerstroke eng, auto trans, 10'x8' flat bed, 137,500 miles • 1993 Ford F350 4 Door Pickup; V8 gas eng, auto trans, 160 gal fuel tank • 1976 Ford F250 Crew Cab Pickup; V8 gas eng, auto trans • 1978 Ford F150 4x4 Pickup; 351 V8 eng, manual 4 sp trans

GRAIN & HAY EQUIPMENT

New Holland CR960 Combine; SN:HAJ103370, 950 eng hrs, 750 rotary hrs, New Holland 940 Honey Bee Header • 2009 Hesston Agco 7444 4x4 Baler; SN:HU91448, 18160 bales • 2009 Hesston Agco 7444 4x4 Baler; SN:HU91233, 16522 bales • 2003 New Holland 320 Swather; 3535 hrs, 16' header, conditioner, dual knives • 1998 MacDon 9300 Swather; 21' draper header, dual knives, side shift • 1998 New Holland 1475 Hydro Swing Swather; 14' header, conditioner, dual knives • (3) Hesston 4655 Inline Balers; 2 string, 16"x18", hyd tension, been through shop and are field ready, SN:HL66140, SN:HM66191, SN:HL66139 • Hesston 4900 4x4 Baler; 30,000 bales • Hesston 4900 4x4 Baler; SN:BB4900408, 47000 bales • Case/IH 8590 4x4 Baler; SN:CFH0139034, 50,000 bales (been through Agri-Service, field ready) • Case/IH 8582 Accumulator • Darf 917 FD 19 Wheel Rake; hyd • Darf 917 FD 19 Wheel Rake; ele/hyd • Allen 8827 V Rake; ele/hyd • John Deere 700 V Twin Rake; hyd driven, manual foldout • Befco Windrow Turner • Sitrex 16 Wheel Model MK14 Rake; SN:129235, hyd

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

1979 Ford F700 6 Wheel Truck; new rebuilt Ford diesel eng, 5&2 sp trans, RMH500 Horizontal Mix & Feed Box, Digistar Scale, new head • Loewen 350-450 Feed Box; Tronex 715 Scales • Kirby 28' Big Bale Feeder; single axle, 540 PTO, hyd driven • New Holland Manure Spreader • Farmhand Manure Spreader; 540 PTO, pull type, new chains • (2) Big Bale Self Livestock Feeders

ATV- MOTORCYCLE - SNOWMOBILES

1997 Arctic Cat Bearcat 454 4x4 ATV; 1558 miles • 1983 Yamaha Venture XVZR Motorcycle; 23926 miles • Arctic 700 Snowmobile; 1261 miles • Arctic 600 Snowmobile; 4152 miles • 1995 Arctic XLT 580 Snowmobile; 4212 miles • 1996 Arctic Cat Cougar Snowmobile; 2104 miles • 1996 Arctic Cat Cougar Snowmobile; 2658 miles • 1996 Arctic Cat Jag Snowmobile; 2832 miles

IRRIGATION

3/4 Mile Ball & Socket Hand Line • (20) Joints Hook & Latch Hand Lines

MISCELLANEOUS TRAILERS

1000 Gal Poly Tank on 4 Wheel Trailer • 500 Gal Fuel Tank on Trailer; 12 volt fuel pump • 500 Gal Fuel Tank on Trailer; no pump • Fertilizer Cart; 6 ton, fan spreader

SHOP EQUIPMENT

Air Compressor 3YC-1; 10 hp, 3 ph motor, 80 gal tank • Craftsman 19 Volt Cordless Drill • Black & Decker Circular Saw • Impact Sockets • Ingersoll-Rand ¾ Impact Wrench • Sockets • End Wrenches • Shop King Parts Washer • Lincoln Cordless Grease Gun • Drill Bits • Bolt Bin • Bolts • Work Bench • Chop Saw • Drill Press

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MILESTONES

East Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District honors Mark Streeter for five years of service

East Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District honored Mark Streeter for five years service on its board of directors.

Streeter has served three of those years as chairman of the board.

He began working with his father-in-law on the Sublett farm where he has been for 34 years.



Mark Streeter

Streeter is interested in learning more about controlling erosion and noxious weeds and would like to encourage landowners to be more conservation minded.

He feels that educating landowners will help them to work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to help landowners make improvements.

Robers and Hall and staff attend International Congress of Implantology

In February, Dr. John Roberts and Dr. Kevin Hall and their staff attended the International Congress of Implantology (ICOI) in Las Vegas, Nev.

The doctors, as well as each member of the staff, received recognition for their efforts in advancing their knowledge in the placement and care of dental implants.

Roberts and Hall have continued their fellowship status with the ICOI.

In keeping with current technological advancements, its office is pleased to announce the acquisition of the state of the art i-CAT cone beam 3-D dental imaging system.

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East Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District honored Darin Harper and Gary Harper

East Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District honored Darin Harper and Gary Harper as their Co-operators of the Year 2010.

They were presented at the Soil District's Annual Awards Banquet on March 18. They run a successful father/son farming operation and are a good example to the community not only in their farming operation, but are good examples in helping others and their community as well.

They live and farm in the Idaho area, raising 3,600 acres of sugar beets and wheat that are pivot irrigated.

The Harpers work hard



Darin Harper



Gary Harper

to use water efficiently.

Using minimum and strip tilling practices, they have not only saved on water usage and costs, but have saved on fuel costs as well. Living in the Raft River area, which is famous for blowing wind and difficult soil types, they must be creative to run a successful farm.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy, light early precipitation. High 45.

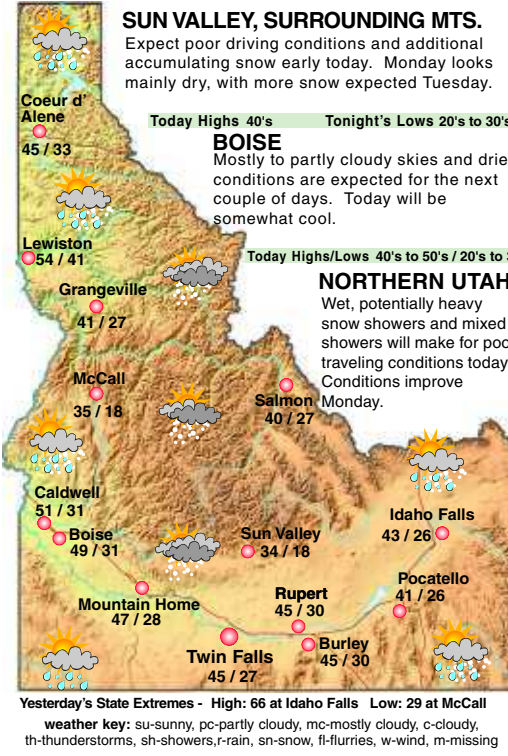
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 30.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. High 55.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature	Precipitation
Yesterday's High 66°	Yesterday's 0.00"
Yesterday's Low 41°	Month to Date 0.00"
Normal High / Low 55° / 30°	Avg. Month to Date 0.06"
Record High 80° in 1990	Water Year to Date 7.10"
Record Low 17° in 1953	Avg. Water Year to Date 5.82"

IDAHO'S FORECAST



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"I am determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may find myself. For I have learned that the greater part of our misery or unhappiness is determined not by our circumstance but by our disposition."

Martha Washington

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Light precipitation still possible High 45°	Mostly cloudy Low 27°	Partly to mostly cloudy 57° / 37°	Rain showers 54° / 33°	Clouding up, rain showers at night 53° / 33°	Rain and snow showers 42° / 30°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 65°	Yesterday's Trace	Yesterday's High 83%	5 pm Yesterday 29.82 in.	Today Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:06 PM
Yesterday's Low 39°	Month to Date 0"	Yesterday's Low 30%		Monday Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM
Normal High / Low 55° / 31°	Avg. Month to Date 0.07"	Today's Forecast Avg. 77%		Tuesday Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM
Record High 76° in 1966	Water Year to Date 8.1"			Wednesday Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM
Record Low 19° in 2008	Avg. Water Year to Date 6.57"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30		Thursday Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
April 3	April 11	April 18	April 25

Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 6:56 AM	Moonset: 8:38 PM
Monday	Moonrise: 7:21 AM	Moonset: 9:39 PM
Tuesday	Moonrise: 7:50 AM	Moonset: 10:40 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST


City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	49 31 sh 58 43 pc 57 43 sh	51 34 r 51 34 r	51 34 r
Bonnars Ferry	47 34 mx 44 34 r	51 34 r	51 34 r
Burley	45 30 mx 55 38 pc	60 38 sh	60 38 sh
Challis	44 23 is 53 33 pc	61 33 sh	61 33 sh
Coeur d'Alene	45 33 mx 44 34 r	51 34 r	51 34 r
Elko, NV	43 24 pc 60 30 pc	64 30 sh	64 30 sh
Eugene, OR	54 38 pc 57 43 r	55 43 r	55 43 r
Gooding	46 30 mx 56 38 pc	55 38 sh	55 38 sh
Grace	38 22 is 43 28 pc	51 28 sh	51 28 sh
Hagerman	49 28 pc 60 39 pc	60 39 sh	60 39 sh
Hailey	40 23 is 48 33 pc	48 33 sh	48 33 sh
Idaho Falls	43 26 mx 51 36 pc	55 36 sh	55 36 sh
Kalispell, MT	41 29 is 44 35 sh	47 35 mc	47 35 mc
Jerome	44 27 mx 56 36 pc	56 36 mc	56 36 mc
Lewiston	54 41 sh 57 45 r	60 45 r	60 45 r
Malad City	42 25 is 49 34 pc	54 34 sh	54 34 sh
Malta	41 28 is 51 36 pc	56 36 sh	56 36 sh
McCall	35 18 is 43 30 mx	43 30 sh	43 30 sh
Misspoula, MT	42 29 is 51 36 sh	53 36 sh	53 36 sh
Pocatello	41 26 mx 51 36 pc	55 36 sh	55 36 sh
Portland, OR	53 40 pc 54 44 r	52 44 r	52 44 r
Rupert	45 30 mx 55 37 pc	60 37 sh	60 37 sh
Rexburg	39 25 is 46 34 pc	50 34 sh	50 34 sh
Richland, WA	59 37 pc 61 46 mc	60 46 r	60 46 r
Rogerson	33 22 pc 49 31 pc	54 31 sh	54 31 sh
Salmon	40 27 is 52 33 pc	52 33 sh	52 33 sh
Salt Lake City, UT	44 32 is 56 42 pc	68 42 sh	68 42 sh
Spokane, WA	49 35 is 49 40 r	53 40 r	53 40 r
Stanley	36 16 is 45 28 pc	42 28 sh	42 28 sh
Sun Valley	34 18 is 43 28 pc	41 28 sh	41 28 sh
Yellowstone, MT	29 3 is 34 17 is	37 17 sn	37 17 sn

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	City	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	74 55 su	78 60 th	Orlando	85 63 pc
Atlantic City	54 43 pc	54 47 r	Philadelphia	56 44 pc
Baltimore	56 44 pc	70 54 sh	Phoenix	85 54 hz
Birmingham	81 59 su	78 51 th	Portland, Me	45 30 su
Boston	51 37 pc	43 42 sh	Raleigh	71 48 pc
Charleston, SC	71 58 pc	76 64 pc	Rapid City	45 23 sh
Chicago	40 23 mx	49 33 pc	Reno	48 32 pc
Cleveland	49 45 sh	63 42 th	Sacramento	69 46 su
Denver	59 27 sh	50 34 pc	St. Louis	81 55 th
Des Moines	72 43 th	47 30 sh	St. Paul	53 37 sh
Detroit	44 44 r	61 37 th	Salt Lake City	44 32 is
El Paso	85 54 pc	73 44 pc	San Diego	62 54 pc
Fairbanks	32 6 pc	32 8 sh	San Francisco	65 50 su
Fargo	41 29 mx	35 19 is	Seattle	53 40 pc
Honolulu	80 70 sh	80 70 sh	Tucson	88 55 hz
Houston	83 71 pc	84 54 th	Washington, DC	58 47 pc
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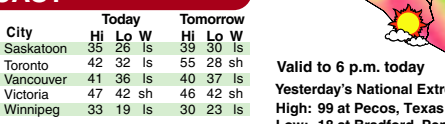
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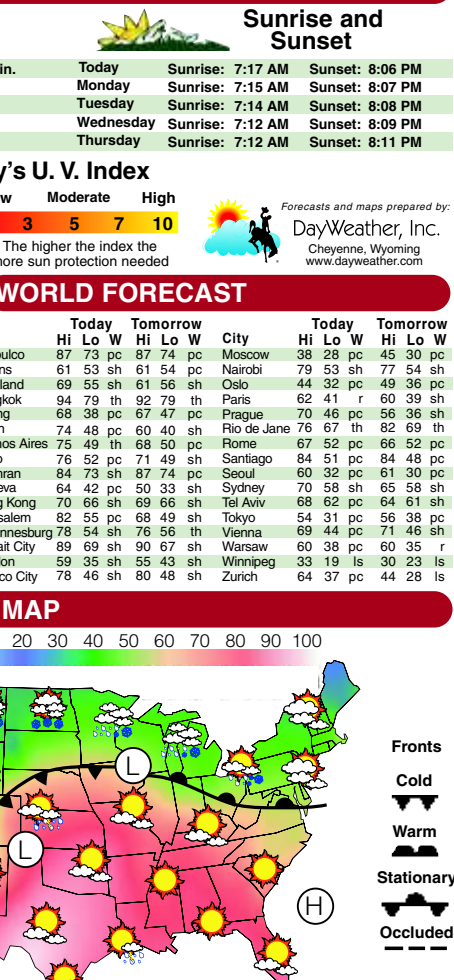
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Today's National Map



Toyota wins N.Y. case over unintended acceleration

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) — A federal jury found Friday that Toyota Motor Corp. isn't responsible for a 2005 crash that the driver blamed on the floor mat or the electronic throttle, in the first case to go to trial since automaker recalled millions of its vehicles.

After 45 minutes of deliberation, the jury found Toyota was not liable for product liability for the Scion's floor mat or for the absence of a system that allows the brake to override the accelerator when both are pressed.

The car's driver, 59-year-old Long Island physician Amir Sitafalwala, contended that defects in the electronic throttle system or the floor mats caused him to suddenly accelerate and crash into a tree. U.S. Magistrate Judge E. Thomas Boyle ruled out evidence about the car's electronics earlier this week.

Sitafalwala's 2008 lawsuit was the first to go to trial since Toyota recalled millions of vehicles beginning in 2009.

In a written statement, Toyota called the verdict an "early indicator of the strength of the legal theories behind unintended acceleration claims" against it.

"We believe that this case sets an important benchmark for unintended acceleration litigation against Toyota across this country," the statement said.

Toyota has recalled more than 14 million vehicles globally to fix gas pedals and other safety problems, including more than 2 million that were recalled in February to address accelerator pedals that could become entrapped in floor mats or jammed in driver's side carpeting.

The company paid the U.S. government a record \$48.8 million in fines for its handling of three recalls.

U.S. regulators said earlier this month that electronic flaws were not to blame for reports of sudden, unintended acceleration.

Hundreds of claims from around the U.S. related to the recalls have been consolidated under one judge in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana, Calif.

Real estate

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said Fitzgerald. "We're seeing discounted prices compared to several years ago and sellers are more motivated to negotiate the price."

Although the number of homes on the market is down from three years ago Fitzgerald said there is still a variety of homes and features on the market.

Kevin Dane, Bank of Idaho loan originator, said many people believe that banks aren't lending but that isn't true.

"There is a lot of misinformation floating around," Dane said. "One is that banks aren't lending unless you've got a near-perfect credit score. Even if your credit isn't perfect there are products available."

Dane also helps people get on the right track so they can qualify for a loan.

"The problem for some people is that they want to buy the home today but sometimes they have to take some time, get their bills paid down and paid on time," Dane said. "If they'll stick with a 90-day plan, we can help a lot of people. Sometimes it takes two to six months but they can raise their credit score and qualify for a loan."

Of course, interest rates will be higher for people with lower credit scores, he said.

"If your credit is shaky you're more of a risk to lenders and they are going to charge you more for the loan," he said.

A score of 850 means you're likely to get the lowest rates available. A score of 630 or lower and the options get slim, Dane said.

"I would encourage people to work with local lenders and Realtors. There isn't any reason to use someone you don't know, over the Internet," Dane said. "This is one of the most important purchases a family makes. You want to make sure you do it right."

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A view of Intermountain Cassia Regional Medical Center on Friday in Burley.

Awards

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of human resources and clinical services, said the hospital's staff is key to the facility's success.

"Cassia Regional Medical Center supports an engaged employee culture by viewing engagement as a continuous process. Employees are surveyed on a yearly basis to gather open and honest feedback, individual departmental results are reviewed by each team, action plans are created, and progress is communicated and tracked," Perrigot said.

Perrigot said that when employees were first sur-

veyed in 2008 the participation rate was 77 percent.

Participation in the hospital's most recent survey increased to 91 percent.

"Employees are invested in the learning and improving; they want to make this a better workplace too," she said.

Hospital employees are proud to be a part of the award-winning organization.

"It's nice to come to work and feel that I'm making a difference with my job. The nurses and staff I work with know that it takes the whole team to get things done and

provide the high level of care we expect for our patients," said Shirley Gee, a housekeeper.

Registered nurse Maria Rivera said she enjoys the atmosphere and culture aimed at continual improvement.

"I feel fortunate to have such a nice facility with the support and resources of a great organization behind me, yet have the personal touch of a community hospital. I never feel alone, I can always reach out to someone here or at another Intermountain hospital and find an answer or solution," she said. "There's strength

in numbers."

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ABOUT CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

- Opened in 1960 as Cassia Memorial Hospital. Constructed and owned by Cassia County but managed by the Latter-day Saints Hospitals of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- When the church decided to give its hospitals to the communities they served Cassia Regional was one of 15 transferred to Intermountain Healthcare in 1975, which managed the hospital under contract with the county.
- The hospital was remodeled and expanded from 1975 to 1979 and in 1982, 1985 and 1988.
- In June 1995, Cassia Regional Medical Center, built solely with Intermountain Healthcare funds, opens. The hospital replaced Cassia Memorial Hospital.

Source- intermountainhealthcare.org

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EDITORIAL

S.C. Idaho has a public health crisis

Elsewhere on this page, you'll find details of the County Health Rankings survey, an annual project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Health Institute. It's a 50-state survey designed to show how healthy — or unhealthy — counties in America are, relative to the rest of their states.

The results for Idaho are disquieting. Four of the eight counties in south-central Idaho (Camas was excluded because it has so few resi-

Our view: There are serious health care issues in south-central Idaho that we're not recognizing — much less dealing with them.

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

Rural residents in any state are at a disadvantage when it comes to health care — there's simply less of it available away from the cities and their high-dollar medical facilities. But the issues described in the County Health Rankings report jeopardize our kids, our lifestyle, our economy and our well-being.

own publicly-owned hospital, ranks ninth from the bottom, and Jerome County, home of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, is 13th-worst. Lincoln County, which doesn't have a hospital, ranks 12th.

Granted, these are subjective assessments, but it's worth asking why so many people are steering clear of the medical help that's available locally. Affordability is a strong possibility.

• **Teenage pregnancy.** This issue is the 800-pound gorilla in the living room of Magic Valley health care because teen pregnancy is out of control in south-central Idaho. Jerome and Minidoka counties share the highest teen pregnancy rate in the state: 72 births for every 1,000 women aged 15-19. In Gooding County it's 64 per 1,000 and in Lincoln County it's 58 per thousand.

This is the most serious public health emergency in south-central Idaho since the Great Depression, and it merits an urgent collective response — not just by the public agencies that deal with pregnant kids but by policymakers at the city, county and state level.

And most especially, by parents.

If there were an epidemic sweeping south-central Idaho, we'd mobilize every resource we have to deal with it. It's time we did so on this issue.

Rural residents in any state are at a disadvantage when it comes to health care — there's simply less of it available away from the cities and their high-dollar medical facilities. But the issues described in the County Health Rankings report jeopardize our kids, our lifestyle, our economy and our well-being.

It's time we dealt with them.

TIMES-NEWS

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Idaho's top 10 unhealthy counties



Four Magic Valley counties make list

WE'RE NO. 1

- **Blaine County**, first in excessive drinking
- **Cassia County**, tied for first in percentage of obese adults
- **Jerome County**, tied for first in teen birth rate
- **Jerome County**, first in the percentage of adults who don't get social and emotional support they need
- **Lincoln County**, tied for first in percentage of obese adults
- **Minidoka County**, tied for first in percentage of obese adults
- **Minidoka County**, tied for first in teen birth rate



Steve Crump

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

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



1. Lewis County

Population: 3,735. *Cost of living index:* 83.5 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 6.8 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 23.2 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:*



2. Shoshone County

Population: 12,660. *Cost of living index:* 83.7

21.6 percent. *Percentage American Indian:* 5 percent. *Median household income:* \$37,561. *Mean house price:* \$142,527. *Residents with income below poverty level:* 12 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degree or higher:* 14.8 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 18 percent.

Why it's on the list: Mortality, as defined by premature death, is the worst in Idaho. (Premature death is represented by the years of potential life lost before age 75. For example, a person dying at age 25 contributes 50 years of life lost, whereas a person who dies at age 65 contributes 10 years of life lost.)

The county also does badly in health behaviors — seventh-worst in the Idaho. Twenty-three percent of adults in the county drink excessively (the Idaho average is 18 percent) and the sexually-transmitted disease rate of per 100,000 population is half-again higher than the statewide rate.

(100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 14.4 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 19.2 percent. *Percentage of population under 18:* 20.6 percent. *Median household income:* \$34,120. *Mean house price:* \$138,602. *Residents with income below poverty level:* 16.4 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degree or higher:* 10.2 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 16 percent.

Why it's on the list: Shoshone County has the worst health behaviors in the state: Twenty-seven percent of adults smoke, nearly one-third of adults are obese and 19 percent drink excessively. The county also has the second-worst economic and social conditions in Idaho: One-third of households are headed by a single parent, more than a quarter of children live in poverty and only three-fourths of adults graduated from high school (the state average is 80 percent). And Shoshone County is the third-sickliest in the state, with 21 percent in poor or fair health (the Idaho average is 14 percent), the number of poor physical and mental health days above the state average. Seven percent of babies have low birth-weight.



3. Butte County

Population: 2,764. *Cost of living index:* 82.6 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 6.6 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 17.7 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 27.3 percent. *Median household income:* \$36,346. *Mean house price:* \$157,027. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 18.2 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degree or higher:* 13 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 23 percent.

Why it's on the list: The county that contains the sprawling Idaho National Laboratory is the sickliest in Idaho, ranking dead last in the state in morbidity. One-fifth of the population is in poor of fair health and the number of poor physical and mental health days above the state average. It's also the eighth-worst physical environment in Idaho, and its percentage of uninsured adults is among the highest in Idaho.



4. Gooding County

Population: 14,430. *Cost of living index:* 86.2 (U.S.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
Josh Awtry

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Last week, reporter Nick Coltrain used Facebook to ask what you'd like to see addressed during his interviews with city officials.

Melissa Davlin is using Facebook to give readers an as-it-happens look at her trip to Nepal. The stories she writes will be com-

elling journalism, but by the time you read them in the paper, you'll have read what she went through to get them.

People half a world away are using the same social media as you and I, but they're fomenting entire regime changes via Facebook.

Your homework assignment this week is much simpler than that: Send a "friend" request to a reporter — we've put their names and pictures up on Facebook.com/thetimesnews on the left side of the page. For extra credit, strike up a conversation with one of them online.

Put us to work for you... while you're looking at family pictures.

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Unhealthy

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average is 100). *Unemployment:* 6.9 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 15 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 30 percent. *Percentage Latino:* 17.1 percent. *Median household income:* \$38,129. *Mean house price:* \$233,172. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 13.8 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degrees or higher:* 12 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 27 percent.

Why it's on the list: Gooding County continues to have too many premature deaths — it's ranked second-worst in the state — and its clinical care ranks 41st out of 42 counties, although that's an improvement over last year possibly reflecting the opening of North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding. Twenty-seven percent of adults in the county are uninsured — an increase from last year. Preventable hospital stays are nearly double the state average, diabetic screening is 10 percentage points below the rest of Idaho, and the ratio of population to the number of primary care doctors is half again higher than the state as a whole.

The county ranks ninth from the bottom in health behaviors, chiefly because a quarter of adults smoke, the motor vehicle crash death rate is 60 percent higher than the state's, and the teenage birth rate is 64 out of every 1,000 women aged 15 to 19. Statewide, it's 40 out of 1,000.



5. Payette County

Population: 22,623. *Cost of living index:* 86.3 (U.S. average is 100.) *Unemployment:* 10.2 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 14.3 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 28.1 percent. *Percentage Latino:* 11.9 percent. *Median household income:* \$39,514. *Mean house price:* \$189,324. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 13.2 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degrees or higher:* 10.7 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 20 percent.

Why it's on the list: Payette County is the second-sickliest in Idaho, with one-fifth of its residents in poor or fair health, higher numbers for poor physical and mental health days than the state average, and a high rate of low-birthweight babies.



6. Lincoln County

Population: 4,645. *Cost of living index:* 85.2 (100 is the U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 12 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 11.3 percent. *Percentage under 18:* 33 percent. *Percentage Latino:* 13.4 percent. *Median household income:* \$38,842. *Median house price:* \$167,764. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 13.1 percent. *Percentage of adults with a bachelor's degree or higher:* 13 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 30 percent.

Why it's on the list: Lin-

HOW OTHER COUNTIES FARED

Blaine County

Overall ranking (among 42 counties): 4th
Premature death: 4th-best
Poor or fair health: 42nd
Poor physical health days: 42nd
Poor mental health days: 37th
Low birthweight babies: 18th
Adult smokers: Tied for 34th
Adult obesity: 42nd
Excessive drinking: 1st
Motor vehicle crash death rate: 10th
Sexually transmitted infections: 24th
Teen birth rate: Tied for 23rd
Uninsured adults: Tied for 11th
Ratio of residents to doctors: 3rd-best
Preventable hospital stays: 38th
Diabetic screenings: Tied for 3rd
Mammography rate: 7th
High school graduation rate: Tied for 33rd
Some college: 11th
Unemployment: 19th
Children in poverty: 42nd
Inadequate social support: Tied for 28th
Single-parent households: Tied for 26th

Twin Falls County

Overall ranking (among 42 counties): 20th
Premature death: 21st-best
Poor or fair health: Tied for 21st-best
Poor physical health days: Tied for 34th
Poor mental health days: Tied for 25th
Low birthweight babies: 23rd
Adult smokers: Tied for 10th
Adult obesity: Tied for 27th
Excessive drinking: Tied for 30th
Motor vehicle crash death rate: 12th
Sexually transmitted infections: 10th
Teen birth rate: 10th
Uninsured adults: Tied for 18th
Ratio of residents to doctors: 20th-best
Preventable hospital stays: Tied for 21st
Diabetic screenings: Tied for 16th
Mammography rate: 2nd
High school graduation rate: Tied for 27th
Some college: 15th
Unemployment: 27th
Children in poverty: Tied for 20th
Inadequate social support: Tied for 27th
Single-parent households: Tied for 9th

Cassia County

Overall ranking (among 42 counties): 21st
Premature death: 16th-best
Poor or fair health: Tied for 32nd
Poor physical health days: Tied for 33rd
Poor mental health days: Tied for 21st
Low birthweight babies: 21st
Adult smokers: Tied for 1st
Adult obesity: Tied for 27th
Excessive drinking: Tied for 18th
Motor vehicle crash death rate: Tied for 21st
Sexually transmitted infections: 13th
Teen births rate: 8th
Uninsured adults: Tied for 13th
Ratio of residents to doctors: 16th-best
Preventable hospital stays: Tied for 12th
Diabetic screenings: Tied for 35th
Mammography rate: Tied for 33rd
High school graduation rate: Tied for 27th
Some college: 32nd
Unemployment: 37th
Children in poverty: Tied for 13th
Inadequate social support: Tied for 19th
Single-parent households: Tied for 21st

coln County ranks third among the 42 Idaho counties surveyed in premature death, and fifth from the bottom in health behaviors — chiefly because of a teen birth rate that's half-again higher than the statewide rate and an excessive-drinking rate that's 6 percentage points above the state average.

Lincoln County does a little better in clinical care (ranking 31st from the top among 42 counties), and in social and economic factors (28th among 42). It does very well in physical environment (14th out of 42).



7. Bear Lake County

Population: 5,774. *Cost of living index:* 82.7 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 5.9 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 17.4 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 26.9 percent. *Median household income:* \$38,457. *Mean house price:* \$150,336. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 9.6 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degrees or higher:* 11.7 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 18 percent.

Why it's on the list: This southeastern Idaho county has the second-highest

morbidity rate in Idaho, falling behind the state average for poor or fair health and for poor physical health days and poor mental health days. But 82.2 percent of Bear Lake County residents are abstemious Mormons, so the county has the fourth-best health behaviors in Idaho — including smoking, drinking, obesity and teen birth rate.



8. Minidoka County

Population: 20,069. *Cost of living index:* 84 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 8.3 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 14.4 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 29 percent. *Percentage Latino:* 25.2 percent. *Median household income:* \$38,288. *Mean house price:* \$159,686. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 14.8 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degrees or higher:* 10.1 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 25 percent.

Why it's on the list: Minidoka County ranks near the bottom in five major health indicators: premature deaths (seventh-worst), sickness (13th from last), health behaviors (eighth from the bottom),

clinical care (ninth-worst) and physical environment (11th from last). Among the more startling numbers: The county has 2 1/2 times the state average motor vehicle crash death rate, double the teen birth rate, a ratio of population to primary care doctors that's triple the state average, and a high school graduation rate 15 percentage points lower than the Idaho average.



9. Clearwater County

Population: 8,043. *Cost of living index:* 83 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 18.3 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 21 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 18.3 percent. *Median household income:* \$38,348. *Mean house price:* \$196,089. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 13.5 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degree or higher:* 13.4 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 18 percent.

Why it's on the list: A declining timber industry has left this Panhandle county with high unemployment and the second-worst set of social and economic indicators among Idaho counties. Twenty-three percent of its children live in poverty; the state average is 16 percent. One-third of the county's kids live in single-parent households. Clearwater has the fourth-highest mortality rate in the state, as defined by the number of premature deaths, and its physical environment ranks 39th among the 42 counties rated.



10. Jerome County

Population: 22,364. *Cost of living index:* 86.4 (100 is U.S. average). *Unemployment:* 8.9 percent. *Percentage of population over 65:* 11.4 percent. *Percentage younger than 18:* 31 percent. *Percentage Latino:* 17.2 percent. *Median household income:* \$41,487. *Mean house price:* \$219,241. *Residents with incomes below poverty level:* 13.9 percent. *Percentage of adults with bachelor's degrees or higher:* 14 percent. *Percentage of adults without health insurance:* 26 percent.

Why it's on the list: Jerome County does poorly in four areas:

- Its health behaviors are the sixth-worst in Idaho. Jerome County's motor vehicle crash death rate and teen birth rate are double the state average.
- The county's mortality rate — defined as premature death — is seventh-worst in the state.
- Its morbidity rate — the incidence of illness — is seventh-worst in Idaho, with higher-than-average numbers of residents reporting poor or fair health and poor physical and mental health days. It also leads the state in low-birthweight babies.
- Jerome County's social and economic factors are ninth-worst in Idaho, with higher-than-average numbers of children living in poverty, inadequate social support and single-parent households.

The many, varied perils of unintended consequences

At a time when the shell of the Earth has cracked and the ocean heaved a mortal wave upon a shore of vulnerable nuclear plants, a small miracle is playing out in the biggest river of the American West. Spring Chinook salmon, the alpinists of the maritime world, are following biological imperative and climbing their way up the Columbia to spawn and die.

They are returning from a life in the distant Pacific, swimming home to a grave in gravel, some going almost 1,000 river miles inland. Chinook are the largest salmon, easily the most tasty, and perhaps the most imperiled.

Given the demand for salmon, it is no surprise that a Frankenfish has emerged — a lab-created hybrid that could soon become the first genetically engineered animal approved by the Food and Drug Administration for human consumption. The company behind these manufactured fish promises that they will not affect ones from an ancient and wild gene pool.

Here we go again. It is human to think we can trick nature, or do it one better. It is human to think a tsunami would never knock out a nuclear plant, a hurricane would never bury a city and a deepwater oil drill would never poison a huge body of water. In the gods of technology we trust.

Until they fail. And then, we feel helpless and small and wonder what they — or we — were thinking.

The fate of wild salmon and a panic over power plants that no longer answer to human commands would not seem to be interlinked. But they are, in the belief that the parts of the world that have been fouled, or found lacking, can be engineered to our standards — without consequence. You see this attitude in the denial caucus of Congress, perhaps now a majority of Republicans in power, who say, in the face of all evidence to the contrary, that climate change is a hoax.

Consumer groups, and a bipartisan cluster of Congress that has not forsaken reason, are fighting fast-track Food and Drug Administration approval. They are also insisting that if the Frankenfish comes to market, the new salmon would have to be labeled transgenic — over the company's objections.

Wild salmon require so much work: they need clean water, a bountiful ocean and restraint to ensure that they



Timothy Egan

aren't fished out of existence. Vigilance, and a small amount of sacrifice — what a drag.

The alternative, some feel, is to create something under human control. What AquaBounty would do is to take the Chinook gene and splice it into a farm-raised Atlantic. A third fish, an ocean pout, which looks like an eel on a bad fin day, would provide the genetic code that allows AquaAdvantage Salmon to grow so fast. Voila: fast fish from the factory, without the hassle of habitat preservation.

I'm not reflexively afraid of living better through chemistry. Genetically modified corn and soybeans have been around for some time. If we can grow food and fiber with less demand on water and nutrients, that's often worth pursuing.

But the Frankenfish is a much bigger step, and not just because it opens the door to federal approval of all kinds of freaks from the farm. Splice a breast-heavy chicken with a pellet-loving pig and you're into some seriously modified "other white meat."

Why do I not feel reassured? The last quarter century has bred skepticism in to me, beginning with a personal experience in 1986. We were in Italy, my wife pregnant with our first child, when the Chernobyl nuclear plant blew. The Soviets lied, and covered up the accident.

But what soon became clear — that a runaway reactor had spewed more than 400 times the amount of radioactivity into the environment than that released by the atomic bomb over Hiroshima — made us tremble. For days, along with the rest of Europe, we watched the pattern of a huge radioactive plume, as officials warned that pregnant women were at particularly high risk.

Luckily, the radioactive cloud never came our way. But given the choice between the hard work of trying to respect the laws of nature, and the engineered solution, I'll take the seasonal miracle of wild salmon — and try to learn something about humility.

Timothy Egan is a columnist for *The New York Times*.



JOSH AWTRY/Times-News

Roger Nelson, who moved to Twin Falls to jump off bridges, stands near the Perrine Bridge.

Editor

Continued from Opinion 1

We don't all move here for the same purpose, but the reasons are the same

Last Sunday, I spent part of a drizzly afternoon at the Perrine Bridge talking with Roger Nelson, a young man who moved here about the same time I did. Like me, Nelson gave up his life in a big city to move to Twin Falls.

Unlike me, Nelson moved here to jump off bridges. The Minneapolis native's goal is to spend as much time as he can BASE jumping off of the world-famous Perrine bridge. He moved to town and took a job at Outback Steakhouse — about as close a place as a person can be to working on the bridge.

On Sunday, his gear was splayed out over the grass, and he was packing up his parachute, not wanting to do another jump for fear of having to hike back in the rain.

"This is the Mecca for BASE jumpers," he said. "I've done 70 jumps in a month."

Talking to Nelson on Sunday, I was reminded again about how lucky we are to live here.

While Roger and I may not spend our weekends doing the same thing, we both moved here for the same reason: there's nowhere else quite like it.

Josh Awtry is the editor of the Times-News.

Resolution review

Reporter Melissa Davlin checks in with Curves members who are trying to get fit. Monday in Healthy & Fit

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lack of affordable health care will be downfall

My wife underwent surgery for cancer in Twin Falls. This occurred after we had lost our health care from being unemployed. We lost all savings, all retirement, all life insurance coverage, as well as most of our personal possessions. All we have left is a small home. We have been notified that a lien will be placed against our home. With the fees that are being added, the cost will exceed the equity of our property if we are unable to pay the balance, and we are not.

Our cold-hearted politicians who enjoy their health care benefits being paid by taxpayers, being “public servants,” have no idea of the fear and devastation and humiliation of the world crashing down upon you because of a lack of affordable health care.

My wife of 37 years and I have lost the American dream. It has dissolved before our very eyes.

The politicians who vote against affordable health care remind me of the slickly dressed TV preachers who live by the motto, “Do as I say, not as I do.”

DENNIS CLARK
Twin Falls

Maybe it's time to ask the GOP to step down

After reading the Gaddafi-like actions that are being taken by the Republican-dominated Legislature, I'm wondering if we shouldn't have the air base in Mountain Home establish a no-fly zone over the state capitol building?

From some of the ads seen lately concerning the outrage felt by many of our citizens about the wholesale disposal of our precious school system to greedy out-of-state entrepreneurs, I wonder if someone is being paid under the table to put computer classes in the school system in lieu of real hands-on teachers. I am not a long-term resident, but I do believe I heard that, previously, a forward-thinking Legislature passed an amendment to Idaho's Constitution to fund education. Since I believe that is true, then fund the education system!

A little investigative digging by the news media might be in order to find any compensation doled out by grateful corporate beneficiaries might also be a smart thing to pursue. Last, but not least, there seems to be a nationwide agenda of the Republican Party to limit public education, thereby having the long-term effect of “dumbing down the public.”

I am sure that Gaddafi and other Third World dictators have used education control to subdue their people. Like Gaddafi, maybe it's time to ask the Republicans to step down. Or ask Mountain Home Air Force Base to buzz the capitol with a squadron of jets.

RICHARD VAUGHAN
Twin Falls

Lower pay rates will overwhelm teachers with school debt

This is in response to Steve Huettig's and Patty Lyman's letters concerning teachers tightening their belts.

As a teacher, I am not complaining about having to tighten my belt. I teach because I care about kids and love working with them. The thing that most people don't seem to get about the teachers and pay is that Idaho already is one of the lowest paid states for teachers and it is wanting to cut us more.

Teachers have to have a degree in their subject(s). That means we go to universities for at least four years and, during that time, we often accumulate large debt. We can take that degree and go into a different field and receive more money, but we choose to teach.

Idaho is going to lose a lot of good, highly qualified teachers with this new reform. Wyoming for in-

stance, starts teachers out at \$40,000 to \$45,000 a year. With that being said, you need to ask yourself why would a recent graduate want to stay and teach in Idaho? Teachers in Idaho are complaining about pay, but we are looking out for the future of education. If teacher pay keeps getting cut, then there will be no one available to teach because no one wants to accumulate massive student loan debt to get a job that cannot cover the payments. Future students will take that degree and go into another field that pays more and oftentimes is out of state. Idaho needs to keep wages up for teachers in order to stay competitive.

I bet most people do not know that starting salaries for teachers start out below the poverty threshold. Why would anyone want to stay in Idaho to teach?

GERRY HILDRETH
King Hill

Teachers unions should tighten up like the rest of us

I have to agree with Patty; I loved some of my teachers, some not so much, as everyone I'm sure. But look at the facts. They have a job that averages \$30,000 a year. Now equate that out to an hourly wage working only nine months out of the year. Add in vacations and holidays and now they only work eight months out of the year; oh and spring break and Christmas break, any sick days – wow, a job that you only work seven months out of the year and make \$30,000. That is a good job. If they worked a whole year like most of us do, that would equate out to over \$50,000 a year at an hourly wage.

The schools have received a half a billion dollars from the lottery funds; where is it? Then every time they ask for more money, my property taxes go up. I am willing to pay my fair share, but let's do it somewhere besides property taxes where it only affects one group of people. Do a county sales tax or something that affects everyone, not just property owners. Then even tourists coming through would help support our schools.

I can empathize with everyone in this economy; it has struck us all. Why is it that everyone just tightens their belt and gets on with life, except the teachers? Our teachers are shaping the future of our nation's children. Do we want our children growing up thinking that they always deserve more, even at the cost of others, or do they need to teach that when we are in tough times we all work together, tighten up our belts and make it through together. They need to teach that there is not one class that is better than another, that deserves to bypass the effects that plague the rest of us.

Actions speak louder than words, and the actions of the teachers union are saying they are better than everyone else; they don't need to tighten up. I don't want my grandchildren learning that lesson. So straighten up, tighten up and get through this with the rest of us – not separate from us.

LEONARD DENTON
Twin Falls

Health costs not taken into account in regards to cigarette tax plan

Let's see if I have this right. The state of Idaho budget deficit is \$92 million, so the elected leaders decided to cut the education and Medicaid budget. House Majority Caucus Chairman Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly, indicates we don't need to raise tax on cigarettes that would bring in \$50 million because the budget is balanced. The cost of smoking-related illness last year was \$82 million.

I think these elected officials need to go back to grade school; maybe they can learn how to add and

subtract. I guess none of them went to business school. People will remember things like this next time the polls are open.

FRED RIPLEY
Buhl

Rep. Leon Smith explains situation about cigarette tax

First I would like to apologize to the hundreds of constituents in Twin Falls County for not responding to your letters, cards, emails and phone calls regarding the \$1.25 tax increase on cigarettes. I have been receiving more than 150 contacts per day on the various issues we have before us this year. I have received several hundred contacts on cigarettes alone.

The anti-tax contacts have been running about two to each pro contact. Regardless of my feelings on the matter, it is very unlikely to get a hearing in the House Revenue and Tax Committee, where it must originate. Rep. Lake and I have done periodic head counts to see if the bill can get printed by the committee. We have never counted more than seven of the 18 committee members that would vote to introduce the bill so it could get a hearing. This is the reason that legislators have not given satisfactory responses to your suggestions and inquiries on this subject. I do not see this situation changing before the end of the session, with the possible exception of a compromise to print the bill but not give it a full hearing or kill it in committee.

I hope this explanation helps voters understand that only a handful of legislators are even involved with the cigarette tax bill, and all your senators and about 60 of your representatives have nothing to do with it either way.

Thank you all for your patience with us.

REP. LEON SMITH
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Leon Smith, a Republican, has represented Twin Falls County in the Idaho House of Representatives since 1999)

Education in Idaho shouldn't have to deal with massive reforms

I am outraged. Are you? When sales tax began, there were 11 exemptions to collecting sales tax. There are currently about 88.

As the years have passed, our legislators have exempted such random items as driver's education, automobiles, commercial aircraft, ski lifts and snow grooming equipment. This year, a bill was introduced which would have lowered the sales tax from 6 percent to 5 percent, eliminated 10 exemptions, including those above, and extended sales tax to nine categories of services (excluding medical services). This bill was ignored even though it would have allowed the Legislature to protect the education budget from further cuts.

Instead, Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, tells us the impact of the budget bills which did pass will eventually cut \$10.8 million from the schools in the Magic Valley. The reforms address control and funding; they have nothing to do with preparing our children for the future. There is nothing to address how well our children will be educated, nothing to address dropout rates, nothing to address the fact that fewer and fewer of our students are going on to college and that fewer and fewer are able to graduate from college in five years.

In short, the reforms have nothing to do with education. Our state is short on funds, but does that mean our children must be shortchanged?

There were options that our legislators chose to ignore. Go to outrageinidaho.com for a list of those options.

DEBORAH SILVER
Twin Falls

Southwest grounds 80 planes after mishap

By Terry Tang and Walter Berry
Associated Press writers

PHOENIX — Flight attendants had just begun to take drink orders when the explosion rocked the cabin.

Aboard Southwest Flight 812, Shawna Malvini Redden covered her ears, then felt a brisk wind rush by. Oxygen masks fell, the cabin lost pressure and Redden, now suddenly lightheaded, fumbled to maneuver the mask in place.

Then she prayed. And, instinctively, reached out to the stranger seated next to her in Row 8 as the pilot of the damaged aircraft began a rapid descent from about 34,400 feet in the sky.

“I don't know this dude but I was like, ‘I'm going to just hold your hand,’” Redden, a 28-year-old doctoral student at Arizona State University, recalled Saturday, a day after her Phoenix-to-Sacramento flight was forced into an emergency landing at a military base in Yuma, Ariz., with a hole a few feet long in the roof of the passenger cabin.

No serious injuries were reported among the 118 people aboard, according to Southwest officials.

What caused part of the fuselage to rupture on the 15-year-old Boeing 737-300 was a mystery, and investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board arrived in Yuma on Saturday morning to begin an inquiry.

NTSB board member Robert Sumwalt said investigators were going to cut a piece out of the fuselage, which then would be studied for fracture patterns. Data from the plane's flight recorders and black boxes also would be examined, he said.

Southwest, meanwhile, grounded about 80 similar planes so that they could be inspected, and said that as a result some 300 flights were being canceled Saturday. Airline spokeswoman Linda Rutherford said it was too soon to estimate the cost of grounding a portion of its fleet.

Southwest operates about 170 of the 737-300s in its fleet of about 540 planes, but it replaced the aluminum skin on many of the 300s in recent years, Rutherford said. The planes that were grounded Saturday have not had their skin replaced, she said.

“Obviously we're dealing with a skin issue, and we believe that these 80 airplanes are covered by a set of (federal safety rules) that make them candidates to do this additional inspection that Boeing is devising for us,” Rutherford said.

Julie O'Donnell, an aviation safety spokeswoman for Seattle-based Boeing Commercial Airplanes, confirmed “a hole in the fuselage and a depressurization event” in the latest incident but declined to speculate on what caused it.

A total of 288 Boeing 737-300s currently operate in the U.S. fleet, and 931 operate worldwide, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. “The FAA is working closely with the NTSB, Southwest Airlines and Boeing to determine what actions may be necessary,” the FAA said in a statement released Saturday.

Southwest officials said the Arizona plane had undergone all inspections required by the FAA. They said the plane was given a routine inspection on Tuesday and underwent its last so-called heavy check, a more costly and extensive overhaul, in March 2010.



AP photo

An unidentified Southwest Airlines flight 812 passenger is hugged by a loved one after arriving at Sacramento International Airport on Friday. A fuselage rupture and a sudden drop in cabin pressure forced the flight from Phoenix to Sacramento to make an emergency landing at a Yuma military base.



Courtesy photo

The photo provided by a passenger shows a hole in the cabin of a Southwest Airlines aircraft Friday in Yuma, Ariz.

An Associated Press review of FAA records of maintenance problems for the plane show that in March 2010 at least eight instances were found of cracking in the aircraft frame, which is part of the fuselage. Those cracks were repaired, the records indicate. It's not uncommon for fuselage cracks to be found during inspections of planes that age, especially during scheduled heavy maintenance checks in which they are taken apart so that inspectors can see into areas not normally visible.

The 737-300 is the oldest plane in Southwest's fleet, and the company is retiring 300s as it takes deliveries of new models. But the process of replacing all the 300s could take years.

Seated one row from the mid-cabin rupture, Don Nelson said it took about four noisy minutes for the plane to dip to less than 10,000 feet. “You could tell there was an oxygen deficiency,” he said.

“People were dropping,” said Christine Ziegler, a 44-year-old project manager from Sacramento who watched as the crew member and a passenger nearby fainted. Nelson and Ziegler spoke after a substitute flight took them on to Sacramento.

Brenda Reese described the hole as “at the top of the plane, right up above where you store your luggage.”

“The panel's not completely off,” she told The Associated Press. “It's like ripped down, but you can see completely outside ... When you look up through the panel, you can see the sky.”

At an altitude above 34,000 feet, the Southwest pilots would have had only 10 to 20 seconds of “useful consciousness” to get their oxygen masks on or pass out, said John Gadzinski, an airline pilot and aviation safety consultant.

“The higher you are the less useful consciousness time you have,” said Gadzin-

ski, president of Four Winds Consulting in Virginia Beach, Va. “It's a credit to the pilots that they responded so quickly.”

A loss of cabin pressure just after takeoff knocked out the pilots of a Helios Airways Boeing 737 in August 2005. The plane flew into a hillside north of Athens in Greece, killing all 121 people aboard. In that case, an investigation found the pilots had failed to heed a warning that the pressurization system wasn't working correctly.

In this case, the hole and subsequent depressurization wouldn't have affected the pilots' ability to control the plane as long as they had their oxygen masks on, Gadzinski said.

“The fact that you have a breach hole doesn't affect the aerodynamics of the plane. The plane still flies exactly the same,” he said.

A similar incident happened in July 2009 when a football-sized hole opened up in flight in the fuselage of another Southwest 737, depressurizing the cabin. The plane made an emergency landing in Charleston, W.Va. It was later determined that the hole was caused by metal fatigue.

In response to that incident, Southwest changed its maintenance plan to include additional inspections, which FAA reviewed and accepted, said John Goglia, a former National Transportation Safety Board member and an expert on airline maintenance. The details of the plan are considered proprietary and aren't made public, he said.

The latest incident “certainly makes me think there is something wrong with the maintenance system at Southwest and it makes me think there is something wrong with the (FAA) principal maintenance inspector down there that after that big event they weren't watching this more closely,” Goglia said in an interview.

April Fool's prank costs Ill. teen \$150 in tickets

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — A 16-year-old central Illinois girl has been given \$150 in tickets after the worried victims of her April Fool's Day prank called police.

Bloomington police say the girl texted her friend and cousin Friday morning and said she'd been robbed and

shot in the foot.

The pair called police, who rushed to a home where they found the 16-year-old safe. She hadn't been robbed or shot.

The (Bloomington) *Panagraph* reports the girl received a \$100 ticket for disorderly conduct and a \$50 ticket for truancy because

she wasn't in school Friday.

Police say she could have been criminally charged with filing a false police report.

Bloomington police spokesman Dave White says the friend and cousin did the right thing by calling police. They haven't been cited or charged.



AP photo
Mitt Romney, left, speaks with members of the media after touring a neighborhood hit hard by foreclosures with Kathy Tyler, second from left, and Dave Tyler and their daughter Allie, Friday. The Tyler's home value decreased by more than \$200,000 since 2008.

For Romney, 2012 strategy runs through N.H., Nevada

LAS VEGAS (AP) — In his first presidential run in 2008, Mitt Romney sought back-to-back victories in Iowa and New Hampshire to propel him to the GOP nomination. He won neither, the two-state sprint failed and so did his candidacy.

This time his strategy is more of a multi-state marathon, with economically suffering Nevada an important round in what advisers predict could be a protracted fight to be the party's 2012 nominee.

On his first trip this year to Nevada, the former Massachusetts governor toured a neighborhood north of Las Vegas Friday that has been very hard hit by foreclosures and talked throughout his trip of economic worries that top voters' lists of concerns.

"Seeing somebody learn on the job in the presidency has not been a pretty sight," Romney said Saturday to the Republican Jewish Coalition in a speech casting himself as a seasoned business executive.

He also challenged President Barack Obama's foreign policy record and received a standing ovation.

"I think the president's inexperience in negotiations contributed to less than positive developments on the Israeli-Palestinian negotiating front," Romney said.

Nevada is third in line to vote on the 2012 Republican primary calendar.

It has the highest U.S. unemployment rate, at 13.6 percent in February, and that gives Romney a chance to hone his central campaign theme: Obama's policies are hampering the economic recovery and he's the best Republican on that issue.

"His domestic policies have cost us jobs and I've met the men and women who could be working but are not working," Romney said to applause. "It's causing the breakup of families, it causes people to lose their faith, it causes kids to not go to college. I will take him on, head on, and aggressively."

"The difference between us is as clear as day and night," he added.

Romney is the closest to a front-runner in a field that lacks one. He's expected to enter the race later in April and has readied for a second act since falling short to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., in 2008.

Allies and aides who outlined the path Romney is charting spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publically discuss private strategy sessions.

The strategy calls for big showings in New Hampshire and Nevada to boost momentum. After that comes strong fights in enough other states so Romney enters the party convention in Tampa, Fla., next fall with more delegates pledged to him than any other Republican.

Romney seeks to seize on a change in how the GOP chooses its nominee.

Candidates who won a state used to get all delegates

OBAMA SET TO LAUNCH RE-ELECTION BID

President Barack Obama is about to make one of Washington's worst kept secrets official: He wants a second term. Democratic officials familiar with the president's plans said Saturday that Obama intends to file papers as early as this coming week with the Federal Election Commission to launch his 2012 re-election campaign. He also will announce his candidacy to supporters by email and text messages. The officials asked not to be identified in order to speak before the papers are filed. That widely anticipated but formal step of registering with the FEC will free Obama to start raising money for the re-election effort, which, like his 2008 campaign, will be run from Chicago. That fundraising already has begun. Obama netted \$1.5 million at a Democratic fundraiser in New York's Harlem this past week. He's also scheduled to travel in the week ahead to headline events in Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Obama raised an eye-catching \$750 million in 2008. The president isn't expected to face a primary challenge. Though a cast of Republican governors, former governors and others are laying the groundwork for a presidential bid, none has entered the race.

— The Associated Press

in a winner-take-all system. Republicans now will award delegates proportionally, meaning finishing second or third in a state is worth it. That could benefit a wealthy candidate such as Romney. In 2008, he spent \$110 million, \$45 million of his own money.

His hopes aren't without hurdles. There's the health care law enacted in Massachusetts on his watch. It's similar to Obama's national health overhaul, which conservatives despise.

When Romney opened the floor for questions, the first was about his health care plan, which he did not address during his remarks.

"That experiment hasn't worked perfectly," Romney conceded and returned to a well-worn answer.

"If I were lucky enough to be president, the thing I would do on Day One is grant a waiver to all 50 states for Obamacare and then get to work repealing it."

Romney also must overcome a record of changing positions on social issues such as gay rights and abortion. His shifts have left conservatives questioning his sincerity and his Mormon faith.

In 2008, Romney spent \$7 million on Iowa airwaves and built an enormous statewide organization. Yet he never won over conservatives who dominate the early decision-making.

This time, signs point to a

token Iowa effort.

"Right now, Iowa is sort of the Christian Coalition primary and he's not really playing," said Doug Gross, a Des Moines lawyer who managed Romney's caucus campaign in 2008 but hasn't signed on to a campaign this time. "He doesn't have to win Iowa. If he finishes third in Iowa, that would be seen as a positive thing."

Romney plans to make his first big stand in New Hampshire. He finished second there in 2008 and has maintained strong ties to the state, where he owns a vacation home. He's helped the state party raise money and kept a political team in place in preparation for a second run.

Nevada's next on the nominating calendar and would appear ripe for Romney to do well.

He won the state in 2008, though his competitors largely overlooked the caucuses because they assumed the state's heavily Mormon population would vote overwhelmingly for one of their own.

"I honestly do believe a Mormon in office would help our country," said Jennifer Fung, a Mormon who met Romney as he walked through her neighborhood in North Las Vegas on Friday. "All the people that I associate with, everybody says they voted for Mitt Romney in the election."

U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, came in second place, underscoring a libertarian streak in the state.

"Romney, should he run, walks into this as a front-runner in that he's got an organization left over from last time," said Ryan Erwin, a senior adviser in Nevada during Romney's last campaign. "He has a lot of friends here but crazy things happen."

The GOP primary electorate is shaping up to be more conservative than it was four years ago, because of the emergence of the tea party. Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, a Mormon who served as Obama's ambassador to China, is expected to compete strongly in Nevada if he runs, and that could cut into Romney's support.

Unlike four years ago, South Carolina isn't likely to get lots of attention from Romney. He worked the state for over a year in 2008, only to place a distant fourth. Religious conservatives who hold great sway in the state never warmed to Romney.

States targeting double-dippers collecting pensions plus paychecks

By David Mildenberg
Bloomberg News

AUSTIN, Texas — Bill Treacy retired as executive director of the Texas Public Accountancy Board in 2003. Rehired to the same job a month later, he's been pulling down both a government paycheck and a pension ever since.

"The job has to go to somebody and if you get someone with experience, you don't have to train a newcomer," Treacy, 68, a 40-year state employee who makes an annual salary of \$120,000, said in a telephone interview. "It's an injustice to say that this is taking advantage of the system."

With unemployment averaging 8.9 percent, so-called double-dipping by tens of thousands of government workers nationwide is drawing increasing scrutiny. Lawmakers from coast to coast are taking steps to curb the practice as states face combined deficits projected at \$112 billion and unfunded pension liabilities of as much as \$3 trillion.

Arkansas banned double-dipping by state workers last month, while bills to curb it are pending before lawmakers in Olympia, Wash., and

Trenton, N.J.

"It just drives people absolutely crazy that some public employees can draw a six-figure salary and still collect a very generous pension," said Adam Braun, a spokesman for New Jersey Republican State Sen. Jennifer Beck. Beck has backed a bill to limit double dipping in the state, which has almost \$54 billion in projected unfunded pension liabilities.

"If we had sensible rules that government employees couldn't collect a pension until age 65 or receive pension payments of more than \$100,000 per year, we'd go a long way toward solving our state fiscal crises," said economist Dianna Furcht-gott-Roth, a Hudson Institute senior fellow in Washington. The nonprofit research group focuses on promoting "global security, prosperity and freedom," according to its website.

In Olympia, where lawmakers face a \$5.1 billion budget gap for the fiscal biennium that begins in July, the Senate passed a measure to restrict double-dipping this month. The state's unfunded pension liability is about \$7 billion, Gov. Christine Gregoire said in a statement Dec. 13.

"We simply cannot afford to be paying employees twice while we're struggling to fund our schools and critical services for our most vulnerable citizens," Republican State Sen. Mike Hewitt, who leads his party in the chamber, said March 7. The bill is pending in the state House of Representatives.

More than 5,600 California state retirees were double-dipping in 2009, up 57 percent from a decade earlier, according to the Los Angeles Times. The Golden State's rules permit the practice as long as the retiree works 960 hours or less a year, said Adam Summers of the Los Angeles-based Reason Foundation.

About 32,000 state- and local-government employees in Ohio received more than \$1 billion in pension payments in 2009 on top of their paychecks, according to an analysis of public records by eight of the state's largest newspapers, published in June.

About a quarter of Ohio's 613 school superintendents were double-dipping in 2009, the newspapers said. Districts can save money through the practice, as some benefits they normally pay would be covered by the State Teachers Retirement System.



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Princess boot camp



Maude Fisher, 7, sips a cup of tea during the 'A Princess Tea Party' event, at a hotel in London, Saturday.



Josephine Shaw, 7, walks with a book on her head to learn proper posture during the 'A Princess Tea Party' event, at a hotel in London, Saturday. A cardboard cutout of Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton stands in the background.

Youngsters get crash course in manners

By Paisley Dodds
Associated Press writer

LONDON — With Britain’s royal wedding around the corner, wannabe princesses gathered Saturday at a posh London hotel for a crash course on how to curtsy, what to say to the queen and how keep pesky crumbs off their lips when eating finger sandwiches.

At first glance, the scene smacked of the 1964 film “My Fair Lady,” except Audrey Hepburn’s working class character had been replaced by a crew of tafetta-wearing pre-teens with books on their heads who were gleefully learning to stir their tea without clanging the cutlery.

The April 29 wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton has fueled a bonanza of opportunities for niche entrepreneurs.

“It gives girls the ability to know that they can be in any situation — whether it’s with the queen, their parents, their teacher, a friend — and know that they’re behaving the right way. And I think that’s important, royalty or no royalty,” says Jerramy Fine, 33, the American founder of Princess Prep.

Saturday’s one-day course will be followed by a series of weeklong summer camps in London for 8- to 11-year-old girls. Costing more than \$4,000, the camps teach girls about modern and historic princesses, royal history, phone etiquette, how to take compliments and how to curtsy. The girls also volunteer at charities — all while being waited on by a butler called ‘Jeeves.’ Fines says she expects to draw more Americans for the longer summer camps, which are in their first year.

“Before, I felt shy and like just a normal person — and now I feel like I actually am a princess,” said Maude Fisher, 8, whose mother is from Milwaukee, Wis.

Wearing a Jackie O-style suit, pearls and perfectly coifed hair, Fine taught the 12 British and American girls Sat-



Vivienne Bartels, 7, reads a Princess handbook during the 'A Princess Tea Party' event.

urday how to behave in front of the queen — a mother wearing a cardboard mask of the monarch — who sat next to cardboard cutouts of William and Kate.

Girls were first instructed on how to curtsy: smooth out your dress or skirt, grab its corners and bend your knees. None of the girls wore trousers.

“Good afternoon your majesty,” each girl recited, before greeting the one-dimensional soon-to-be royal couple.

The next lesson included a mock tea party, complete with tea, real jam, clotted cream, scones, finger sandwiches and a waiter whose name was not Jeeves.

“Take your spoon and stir from 12 o’clock to 6 o’clock,” Fine said. “I don’t want to hear any spoons clanking.”

Europe has long been known as the place to go to meet royalty and aristocrats. Some American girls and young women spend small fortunes each year to do “the season,” which begins in the spring and features key events such as Wimbledon, the Henley Regatta and the Royal Ascot — tennis, rowing and horse racing events that have drawn Britain’s aristocracy since the 17th and 18th centuries.

Debutantes also vie for coveted invites each year to the Crillon ball in Paris, a matchmaking-cum-fashion extravaganza.

None of the girls will likely get within spitting distance of Westminster Abbey for the wedding. If they do, they most certainly will refrain from spitting.

Fine, author of the book “Someday my prince will come: true adventures of a wannabe princess,” says the camps are less about how to marry a prince and more to do with learning self-control and confidence.

Still, a tiara on one of the tea party tables read, “Bride to Be.” The plastic prop vanished before the cameras stopped filming.

“I wanted to create a different sort of summer camp — unlike the ones that I grew up with in America, where you slept in wooden cabins and had to play sports,” said Fine, a 33-year-old who now lives in London with her non-titled, non-blueblood British husband.

“My hippie parents are horrified, as they thought I would grow out of it.”

Fine’s royal obsession began in Colorado with a school girl crush on Peter Phillips — Queen Elizabeth II’s eldest grandchild. She said when other girls were writing love letters to actor Rob Lowe — a 1980s American heartthrob — she was checking out royalty books at her local library.

The announcement of Prince William’s engagement has prompted a fresh wave of girls and women dreaming about winning the affections of William’s younger brother, Harry, who is still single. Some have even admitted to stalking the party-loving Harry’s favorite London haunts in the hopes of seducing the redheaded prince.

“I can definitely relate,” says Fine, who eventually did meet Peter Phillips after moving to Britain. “I try to explain now it’s not really about meeting royal men. It’s about the journey.”

While the Princess Prep camps are just beginning, the princess business itself is a commercially charmed venture. Disney’s Princess line of products debuted in 2001. Today, Disney Princess is one of the fastest-growing franchises with global retail sales of \$4 billion, according to Disney spokesman Andrea Tartaglia.

Part of the draw, he says, is that some of Disney’s fictional princesses have been given modern makeovers.

“It’s a rite of passage,” he says. “Many girls have emotional connections with the characters.”

Crowd boos Sheen during his 1st leg of stage tour

DETROIT (AP) — Charlie Sheen and his “goddesses” took the stage to thunderous applause Saturday night for the first leg of his “Torpedo of Truth” tour. The 70-minute show hadn’t even ended when the first reviews were in, and they were brutal.

The former “Two and a Half Men” star showed that comedic success on the screen doesn’t necessarily translate to the stage, and the capacity crowd at the 5,100-seat Fox Theatre rebelled before he left the stage, chanting “refund!” and walking out in droves.

Linda Fugate, 47, of the Detroit suburb of Lincoln Park, walked outside and up the block yelling, “I want my money back!”



Sheen

She said she paid \$150 for two seats.

“I was hoping for something. I didn’t think it would be this bad.”

Fans who gathered outside the theater before the doors opened Saturday — some who had to fly in for the show — said they were hoping to see the increasingly eccentric actor deliver some of the colorful rants that have made him an Internet star since his ugly falling out with CBS and the producers of “Two and a Half Men.”

They got the ranting. It just wasn’t funny.

“I expected him to at least entertainment a little bit. It was just a bunch of ranting,” said Rodney Gagnon, 34, of

Windsor, Ontario.

Promising to give fans “the real story,” the 45-year-old Sheen kicked off a month-long, 20-city tour Saturday night, with the second show scheduled for Sunday in Chicago.

The show started well for Sheen, as the crowd stood and cheered as he and the women he calls his “goddesses” took the stage. The

women, one a former porn star and the other an actress, carried signs with the words “War” and “Lock,” references to one of the catchphrases Sheen recently coined.

“I don’t see a single empty seat,” he said.

After one audience member booed, Sheen sanguinely replied, “I’ve already got your money, dude.”

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Obama: Shift from imported oil, new jobs will come

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama says shifting the U.S. away from imported oil and toward cleaner forms of energy will add momentum to a trend that has led to 1.8 million new jobs in the past 13 months.

Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday to promote his ideas for bringing down gasoline prices by decreasing U.S. dependence on foreign oil. A blueprint he outlined in a recent speech calls for increasing domestic oil exploration and production, making cars and trucks more energy efficient and building vehicles that run on alternative fuels or electricity.

Noting that the U.S. doesn’t have enough oil reserves to meet its needs, he set a goal of reducing imports by one-third by 2025.

“By doing so, we’re going to make our economy

less vulnerable to wild swings in oil prices,” Obama said. “We’re going to use cleaner sources of energy that don’t imperil our climate. And we’re going to spark new products and businesses all over the country by tapping America’s greatest renewable resource: our ingenuity.”

The address was Obama’s third in recent days on the issue. On Wednesday, he travels to the Philadelphia area to visit an arm of the Spanish company Gamesa, maker of giant turbines that generate electricity from wind.

Oil prices have climbed because of increasing demand in China and instability in some oil-producing countries in the Middle East. That, in turn, has pushed U.S. gasoline prices to new highs. The national average for a gallon of gas hit \$3.619 on Friday.

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Arthur John Hieb

March 24, 1926–March 24, 2011

RUPERT — Arthur John Hieb passed away at his home in Rupert on his 85th birthday (March 24, 2011) with his family at his side.

Art was born in Hague, N.D., on March 24, 1926, to August and Anna Maria Hieb. He was one of 11 sisters and brothers. He moved to Idaho with his family in 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served until World War II ended. After the service, Art farmed with his brothers. He met his wife, Dorothy, and married in 1951. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Art had many interests and talents: inventing (he had two patents), building homes, farming (he homesteaded a farm east of Rupert and developed another by the river), playing music and running a machine shop in Kimberly and in Paul. His inventions started in his teen years with a motorized bicycle and continued until his death. Other inventions included a potato harvester (produced by Dahlman), a beet harvester, haystacker and a water driven pivot.

Art loved music, polka festivals and playing at the parks in Arizona. He built a one-man band that included a bass drum, a keyboard, an accordion, and a harmonica that he played all at one time. After retirement, Art built a home in Yuma, Ariz. Art and Dorothy spent 20 years enjoying the winters in Yuma.

Art is survived by his wife, Dorothy; sons, Virgil (Paula), Ron (Debbie) and Kelby, all of Rupert; nine grandchildren; and six great-grand-



children. He is also survived by six sisters, Esther Knopp of Las Vegas, Nev., Martha Reichert (Emil) of Lodi, Calif., Etta Baykara (Joe) of Las Vegas, Nev., Hildegard Holy (Gene) of Rupert, Ella Wall (Bill) of Boise and Betty Guthrie of Las Vegas, Nev. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Dorothea Fetzer; and his brothers, Ted, Leonard and Clifford Hieb.

A memorial service celebrating Art's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 8, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert, with the Rev. Joel Pike officiating. Military rites will be provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans Organization.

The family would like to thank Dr. Robert Ward and Minidoka Home Health and Hospice for their loving care and support.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church or Minidoka Home Health and Hospice in care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home, P.O. Box 878, Burley, ID 83318-0878.

J. Keith Miller

April 22, 1922–March 24, 2011

J. Keith Miller, 88, went to meet his Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 24, 2011, with his family gathered around him.



Keith was born April 22, 1922, in Trenton, Neb., to Frank E. Miller and Anna Mabel Dent Miller. He joined two brothers, Lawrence and Harold; and one sister, Alverta. Later, he was joined by three more brothers, Emerson, Bob and Lewis, and one more sister, Beverly. When Keith was 6 months old, his family moved to Wray, Colo. At the age of 16, Keith and his older brother, Harold, went to Parshall, Colo., to work with an uncle on a ranch. While working on this ranch, Keith met and later married Priscilla Mae McQueary. They were married Sept. 10, 1941.

On May 7, 1943, Keith and Priscilla were blessed with a daughter, Priscilla Joan Miller. Later that year, Keith was called into the Navy CBs. He spent three years in the service. On Sept. 8, 1946, Keith and Priscilla were blessed with a son, David Keith Miller, and on Nov. 5, 1947, they were blessed with a second son, Johnny Lee Miller. In 1962, Keith became a licensed minister and pastored his first church in Steamboat Springs, Colo. In 1977, Keith

became an ordained minister and moved with Priscilla to Twin Falls, Idaho, to pastor the Faith Assembly of God. Keith's later years were spent filling in for other ministers and doing some work as an evangelist. He became a chaplain at the hospital and visited many in nursing homes.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank; mother, Anna; two brothers, Emerson and Harold; and one sister, Alverta. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla; daughter, Joan; two sons, David and John; five grandchildren, Jennifer (Devon) Cruise, Jade (Tahnee) Puckett, Robert Miller, Anna Miller and Priscilla Marie Miller; four great-grandchildren, Bryon Cruise, Taylor Cruise, Regan Puckett and Jaelyn Puckett; and numerous family and friends.

There will be a memorial service Sept. 10. Details will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho. Those wishing to share condolences may do so at www.magicvalleyfuneral-home.com.

Chord Pierce Starry

July 7, 1937–March 30, 2011

WENDELL — Chord Starry, 73, died suddenly Wednesday, March 30, 2011.

He was born in Santa Ana, Calif., to Elsworth and Alpha Starry, who ran a small dairy. Moving to Hagerman as a young boy was the greatest thing in life for Chord, where he could shoot ducks and fish right behind his home. Chord continued with hunting, fishing and dirt bike riding until his last days with us. Outdoors was his passion, as well as the love of his life, Shirley Starry, who he always called his "bridey."

Chord worked for the gas company for 20 years in Gooding, Jerome and Burley before building a successful business in Snake River Fence, where he worked un-

til his retirement. Chord had a special bond with everyone he met, especially his kids and grandkids. He loved spending time with all of them, whether it was dirt bike riding, fishing the Salmon River or working on a project in the garage. He will be loved and missed by all those who were fortunate enough to have him in their lives.

He will be lived on by his family: his wife, Shirley; children, Ron and Carla, Mike and Mindy; grandsons, Dylon (Jenny), Bryon (Melissa) and Jake; and his precious granddaughter, Ashley; and a great-granddaughter, Taylor.

We will miss you and think of you every time we all ride, fish and work.

Rick Lee Drummond

July 5, 1954–March 29, 2011

RUPERT — Rick Drummond, 56-year-old Rupert resident, died Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born to Alfred Drummond and Joyce Hizman in Bever Falls, Pa. Rick enjoyed cowboying on several ranches in Idaho, hunting, fishing and camping with family and friends.

He married the love of his life, Peggy Sue Sutliff, on Nov. 26, 2008. He then drove cattle truck for Double C Farms in Burley until his passing.

He is preceded in death by his father; mother-in-law, Helen Sutliff; and brother-in-law, Doug Sutliff. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Sue Drummond; two brothers, Mark Drummond and Jay Drummond; his mother, Joyce Drummond; three daughters, Caralee Prince, Ricilyn (Randy) Broadhead and Shawna Pool; one son, Ted (Michelle) Drummond; three stepsons, David Prince, Delbert Prince and



Levi Prince; 12 grandchildren; five nieces and nephews; one sister-in-law, Chris (Rebeca) Sutliff; two brothers-in-law, Herb (Dorothy) Sutliff and Mike Sutliff; and one awesome father-in-law, Delbert Sutliff.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 4, at Morrison Funeral Home, 188 S. Highway 24 in Rupert. Cremation services under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory in Rupert.

Suzanne Marie Guelker

Nov. 5, 1947–March 27, 2011

Suzanne Marie Guelker, 63, of Twin Falls, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Sunday, March 27, 2011. Sue fought a brave battle with cancer, keeping a positive attitude and staying strong until it was her time to go.

She was born to Edward and Sybil Heroux on Nov. 5, 1947, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Sue dedicated her life to children, not only her own but others, by opening her home to day care for more than 30 years.

All of those children became her grandkids. Al Anon was also a large part of her life, again helping others. When



she wasn't watching and raising kids, she was knitting or gardening or reading.

Sue is survived by her sister, Pat Ansel, and brothers, Tom and Jim Heroux; daughters, Debbie (Michael) Gardner, Kathy Rodgers and Tami (Rick) Sharp; and her grandchildren, Megan, David, Casandre, Paige, Sarah, Evan, Grace, Chelsea and Elijah. She was preceded in death by her parents and two great-grandchildren, Ian and Claire.

As per Sue's request, the family will hold a private memorial service. Condolences may be left for the family by visiting www.whitemortuary.com.

Emily Dilworth Bell

Dec. 15, 1914–March 18, 2011

BOISE — Emily Dilworth Bell, age 96, passed away Friday, March 18, 2011, in Boise, Idaho.

She was born Dec. 15, 1914, to Joseph Gibbons Dilworth and Mariam Pendleton Howard in Carey, Idaho, the fourth of eight children. Three currently live in Idaho, Orvis (Florence) Dilworth of Burley, Marold Dilworth of Gooding and Leora Adams of Meridian.

Emily attended Carey schools, then University of Idaho southern branch in Pocatello, Idaho, as an art major.

On Aug. 9, 1935, Emily Dilworth married John "Jock" Bell in Twin Falls, Idaho, and they were later sealed in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on Dec. 21, 1963. Her primary residence was in Rupert, Idaho, where they raised their five children,



Carolyn (Bob) Meline of Pocatello, Idaho, Jim (Kathy) Bell of Boise, Jock Bell of Hailey, Idaho, Marilyn (Phil) Layton of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Ina Mary (Sam) Beukema of Oceanside, Calif.

Emily had an amazing life. Her greatest treasures are her five children, 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren and the memories they made. Emily was preceded in death by her husband, parents, siblings and daughter-in-law.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Carey LDS Church, with Bishop Kjel Neilson officiating. Viewing will be at noon prior to the service. Burial will be at Carey Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.woodriverchapel.com.

Vivian Jean Pennington

May 8, 1935–March 31, 2011

SHOSHONE — Vivian Jean Pennington, 75, a resident of Shoshone, Idaho, died Thursday, March 31, 2011, at River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation in Twin Falls.

Vivian was born May 8, 1935, in Shoshone, Idaho, to Dorrell and Mrytle Hansen. She attended school and lived most of her life in Shoshone.

She married Alvis Pennington, the love of her life, on June 22, 1952, and out of this marriage they had four children and lost an infant son. Vivian and Alvis worked hard all their life and were able to build the house of their dreams, and lived there until their deaths. She worked several places including Wells Fargo Bank which she retired from. She enjoyed all the people there

and remembers those years fondly. Mom and Dad loved fishing and, after she retired, they spent many hours fishing and enjoyed their time together.

She is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren, one brother and one sister. Vivian is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons, one sister and one brother.

She was our rock and will be truly missed.

There will be a private family graveside inurnment at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 5. Demaray Funeral Service Shoshone Chapel is in charge of cremation arrangements.

Condolences and photos may be left for the family by visiting www.demarayfuneralservice.com.

DEATH NOTICES

John Phillips

SHOSHONE — John Phillips, 70, of Shoshone, died Friday, April 1, 2011, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, at Demaray Funeral Service Shoshone Chapel.

Floy Draney

FILER — Floy Draney, 97 of Filer, died Friday, April 1, 2011, at River Rock Assisted Living in Buhl.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, at Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls; visitation from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

John Novis

GOODING — John Novis, 78, of Gooding, died Friday, April 1, 2011, in Yuma, Ariz.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel.

Ela Vajgrt

PAUL — Ela Vajgrt, 91, of Paul, died Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Valley Vista Assisted Living in Rupert.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, at

the Paul Pine Chapel at the Paul Cemetery; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 4, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service at Pine Chapel.

Abraham Reyes

FILER — Abraham Reyes, 2, of Filer, died Thursday, March 31, 2011, at St Luke's Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Kelly Scott

Kelly Dean Scott, 54, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 2, 2011, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Donnie Brubaker

MOUNTAIN HOME — Donnie E. Brubaker, 88, of Indian Cove, died Saturday, April 2, 2011, at a Mountain Home care center.

Arrangements will be announced by Rost Funeral Home McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

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Charles Raymond Hall of Hailey, celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 101 S. Second Ave. in Hailey.

Richard "Dick" Maestas of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding; rosary at 7 p.m. today at the church (Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel).

Daniel Stewart Rose of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church; rosary and vigil service at 5 p.m. today, also at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Merlin Dee Whitaker of Heyburn, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Heyburn LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 530 Villa

Drive; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and noon to 12:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Elizabeth Jane "Liz" Larson of Jackpot, Nev., memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Margaret Kennison of Jerome, celebration of life at 4 p.m. Monday at the Thousand Springs Resort banquet room (formerly Sligar's) (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Ruth Ann Anderson of Filer, wake at 2 p.m. Saturday at the home of her son, Patrick, 500 Stevens St. in Filer (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

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One town's fate

Japanese community wonders whether to rebuild

By Todd Pitman
Associated Press writer

MINAMISANRIKU, Japan — The only thing left of Minamisanriku City Hall is its two front steps.

Nearby, a pink octopus lies dead in a pool of sea water, its tentacles wrapped around a crumpled sheet of corrugated aluminum that may have been a roof, a gate, a wall. Beside it, a broken tarmac road runs as far as the eye can see through fields of demolished houses and debris.

As post-tsunami Japan turns to the enormous task of putting towns like this back together again, the sheer extent of the devastation wrought March 11 raises existential questions: Should the dozens of shattered communities along these shores be rebuilt at all? Can they be, when up to half their inhabitants are gone and survivors know it could happen again?

“The future is not bright,” Jin Sato, the 56-year-old mayor of Minamisanriku, says matter-of-factly.

The statistics for this town alone are grim. Of the 17,666 people who once lived here, at least 322 have been confirmed dead and thousands more have disappeared — still buried in the ruins or sucked out to sea. Another 9,325 lost their homes and live in 45 shelters, mostly schools, spread on hills along the bay.

The tsunami swept away nearly every business, every job. There is no electricity or running water, and very little fuel. Some 70 percent of Minamisanriku's 5,574 houses were destroyed.

Inside a hilltop sports arena that serves as shelter, morgue and makeshift office, Sato sits red-eyed behind a small desk. “Whatever happens,” he says, “we're going to need a lot of help!”

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Minamisanriku has long been a small blue-collar fishing town, a place where hardy residents in rubber boots fished the chilly sea, farmed seaweed and sold octopus and oysters.

A collection of villages lining coves along a C-shaped bay, it was scenic and peaceful. The website for the Hotel Kanyo — damaged but still standing — shows visitors dipping in hot springs and snapping pictures of seagulls from balconies overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Two days after an earthquake shook buildings from here to Tokyo but caused no major damage, Sato was talking to staff at City Hall about the need to boost disaster preparedness. As he spoke, one of the strongest quakes ever recorded rocked the Japanese archipelago at 2:46 p.m., triggering tsunami sirens that began howling across town.

People hurried to designated hilltop refuges, and Sato scrambled atop a government disaster readiness center next door. Half an hour later, he watched in awe as the thunderous wave surged over a sea wall in the harbor, kicking up plumes of mist and dust.

Horrified onlookers screamed in terror as the churning water swallowed Minamisanriku's main district, Shizugawa. Entire houses made of wood swirled atop the dark, debris-filled wave — a vast, deadly froth filled with shorn power pylons, boats and even trains.

Sato clung precariously to a steel railing on the disaster center's rooftop as ice cold waves washed repeatedly over it. About 30 people had fled to the roof with him; some 20 were swept away.

Sato and the other survivors spent a shivering night atop the three-story building, which had been reduced to a skeleton of itself, its walls torn completely off. The next day, he climbed down to the ground on a chaotic tangle of fishing nets that the tsunami had deposited over the building.

Most of the town was sim-



Refugees gather at an aid station set up outside a shelter in the earthquake- and tsunami-destroyed town of Minamisanriku, Japan, Thursday.

Radioactive water leaking into ocean

RIKUZENTAKATA, Japan (AP) — Highly radioactive water was leaking into the sea Saturday from a crack discovered at a nuclear power plant destabilized by last month's earthquake and tsunami, a new setback as frustrated survivors of the disasters complained that Japan's government was paying too much attention to the nuclear crisis.

The contaminated water will quickly dissipate into the sea and is not expected to cause any health hazard. Nevertheless, the disturbing discovery points at the unexpected problems that can crop up and continue to hamper technicians trying to control the crisis.

Word of the leak came as Prime Minister Naoto Kan toured the town of Rikuzentakata, his first trip to survey damage in one of the dozens of villages, towns and cities slammed by the March 11 tsunami that followed a magnitude 9.0 earthquake.

ply gone.

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Two weeks later, Reiko Inaba was walking through ruins when she stumbled on two yellow crates filled with muddy photo albums, placed at the edge of a mountain of rubble by Japanese soldiers separating valuables from debris.

There were pictures of newborn babies, of school classes and laughing children. There were wedding photos covered in dirt and grime. Were they alive? Dead?

She didn't know.

Halfway through the crate, one photo caught Inaba's eyes.

The 35-year-old retirement home worker brushed away the dirt covering it with a white mitten and was astounded by what she saw: a picture of her now 13-year-old son, Rukya, staring back at her.

Here, a mile from the spot on which her home once stood, by pure chance or persistence, she had come across four snapshots taken 10 years earlier. Two showed Rukya standing over a white birthday cake when he was three. The boy survived with the rest of the family.

“I had given up finding any of this,” Inaba said, clutching the water-ruined photos close to her breast. “We have nothing else left.”

Nothing, she said, equals this: one white kitten piggy bank with \$6 inside it, a few bank statements, and the clothes on her back.

Other lives will never be put back together again.

At the entrance of the sports arena where the mayor is struggling to run the town, 60-year-old Sachiko Sato studied a list of names posted on a glass wall inside the door.

No. 104 was unknown, identified by his height, his weight and a black mole on his right shoulder.

No. 49 was identified but unclaimed: Kazuo Izawa.

Of her husband, Sakae,

“The government has been too focused on the Fukushima power plant rather than the tsunami victims. Both deserve attention,” said 35-year-old Megumi Shimanuki, who was visiting her family at a community center converted into a shelter in hard-hit Natori, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) from Rikuzentakata.

The double disaster is believed to have left nearly 25,000 dead — 11,800 confirmed. More than 165,000 are still living in shelters, and tens of thousands more still do not have electricity or running water.

Although the government had rushed to provide relief, its attention has been divided by the efforts to stabilize the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, which suffered heavy damage and has dragged the country to its worst nuclear crisis since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II.

there was no sign.

Sato last saw him the day the tsunami struck. He had left home in a brown suit headed for the town council, where he worked. It was the final meeting of a session, and “he told me, ‘After it's over, let's meet for a drink,’” Sato recalled. “I told him, OK. I'll see you later.”

Her husband was the pillar of the family and made all the decisions, she said. “Without him,” she added quietly, staring at the list, “I have no idea what we'll do.”

On a hilltop across town, Reiko Sato stood in her doorway, looking down over Minamisanriku. She is one of the lucky ones: She lost no family, and her home was untouched. But just a few feet (meters) from her doorstep, the tsunami's legacy begins.

Every day, she wakes up to the sound of military bulldozers reorganizing debris into separate mounds: Piles of wood to be burned, piles of scrap metal to be hauled away. The four-story hospital where she worked as a nurse is one of the few buildings left standing, but she wonders if it will ever reopen.

With no stores stocked, she must line up at a nearby school-turned-shelter to get rations of miso soup and rice balls. She gathers water for her family in plastic jugs.

“You cannot look at this and feel lucky,” she said. Her daughter pointed a tiny index finger repeatedly toward something rarely seen here before: a military helicopter circling the sky.

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For decades, Japan's youth have abandoned towns like this in favor of the urban bustle of glittering cities like Tokyo. In Minamisanriku, the population has remained more or less the same for the last half century.

Many younger people moved away long ago, said Toshiko Suda, 63, who ran a business selling seaweed. “Now their parents may follow.”

Suda's children live in the

nearest big city, Sendai, parts of which were also heavily damaged. She put her life into the business she started with her husband, 64-year-old Michio.

Now, the fishermen who brought them seaweed are missing, and the boats that once lined the harbor are gone. So is their house, their business and the fish shops across the street.

“We don't want to leave,” Suda said. “But if nobody else comes back, we can't stay. You cannot build a life by yourself.”

Elsewhere in the ruins, construction worker Kazuhiro Watanabe stood over the foundation of his home, trying to figure out where the things in it may have been swept to. Nobody will live in any part of Minamisanriku touched by the tsunami, he said.

“Maybe everyone will just move to the hills — if they stay here at all,” he added. But the town is still in shock, still mourning: “This is not the time to think about rebuilding.”

And first, some crucial questions must be answered: Should the entire town shift inland, high on the hills, safe from the waves? Is it humanly possible to protect against such a mighty force of nature?

Many here still remember the last tsunami that wrecked the town in 1960. Propelled across the ocean by a massive quake off Chile, that wave arrived at a height of nearly 8 feet and killed more than 40 people. The disaster prompted the town to stage annual tsunami drills and build a thick, one-story-high concrete sea wall, which Sato says contributed to a false sense of security.

This month's tsunami was four or five times higher, Sato said. It easily toppled the breaker across the harbor, destroying about half of it.

“We understand now that our disaster plan was meaningless,” he said. “We must rethink everything.”

The town, Sato added, “will have to undergo a drastic change.”

For now, he has more immediate problems.

The homeless live just a few yards from his feet, sleeping in cardboard cubicles in the corridors. With no money and few belongings, they will need to be fed for months. Outside the shelter, they line up eagerly to sift through boxes of used clothes donated from private companies in Tokyo.

In Sato's makeshift office, electricity company officials are studying maps, trying to figure out how and where to install mobile transformers. Firefighters are coordinating operations to recover bodies. Outside, American helicopters are landing on the lawn with boxes of food.

The prefectural government plans to erect thousands of prefabricated homes, the mayor says, but that is only a temporary solution.

“My concern is not whether we can rebuild,” Sato says. “We can rebuild everything in time. The question is whether people will do it here. I cannot decide whether they stay or go.”

Japanese disaster dims future of nuke power in U.S.

By Jeffrey Tomich
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — The future of 30 proposed nuclear reactors in the United States has been thrown into limbo while the world anxiously watches efforts to control the spread of radiation half a world away.

Even before the crisis in Japan, dubious economics jeopardized nuclear energy's second act in the United States. Now, the potential for tougher safety requirements and regulatory scrutiny threatens to pile on more uncertainty and reignite a public backlash against a technology that lately has been viewed as a prime defense against global warming.

The shifting landscape of politics and public opinion over the past three weeks recalls the hysteria surrounding nuclear power in decades past, after incidents at Three Mile Island in 1979 and Chernobyl in 1986.

Dozens of permitted reactors were canceled after Three Mile Island — including the original plans for a yet-unbuilt second reactor at Ameren Missouri's Callaway plant, first drawn up more than three decades ago. Regulators have yet to sign off on a new plant since. Even the first Callaway project had to be re-engineered on the fly to meet new safety rules, furthering construction delays and driving up already inflated costs.

Now, the nuclear industry is struggling to prevent a new but familiar crisis of confidence.

Even nuclear energy's harshest critics concede that events in Japan won't interrupt operation of current nuclear power plants.

But financial and energy policy analysts believe the fallout from Japan could dim the industry's prospects for years to come.

“This is a substantially worse accident than Three Mile Island, so it seems inconceivable that there won't be a reassessment in some areas,” said Peter W. Bradford, a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission during the 1979 crisis who now teaches environmental law at the Uni-

versity of Vermont. “I don't see how there cannot be a major reappraisal.”

Public and political pressure could make it tougher to permit and site new reactors. Heightened regulatory scrutiny could mean delays or extended licensing reviews for plant developers and additional costs for a technology challenged by steep capital and financing costs.

“A renewed public focus on the inherent risks of nuclear power will demand as much,” credit ratings firm Standard & Poor's said in a March 15 report. “This could result in delays in license-extension approvals and deteriorating economics for new plant construction.”

Even before Fukushima, the oft-referenced U.S. nuclear renaissance was stuck in neutral.

New reactors have been proposed in 14 states, but development efforts have slowed or stalled in many cases because additional electric generation isn't needed or because developers can't get them financed.

Even John W. Rowe, chief executive of the nation's largest nuclear operator, Chicago-based Exelon Corp., recently questioned the wisdom of building new reactors, while singing the praises of natural gas as an alternative to coal.

In a speech to the conservative American Enterprise Institute three days before the Japan earthquake, Rowe said that “natural gas is queen” — and that doubling or tripling the size of the current nuclear fleet would require \$300 billion to \$600 billion in government subsidies, because the plants aren't economic at today's natural gas prices.

Even in the aftermath of Fukushima, an expansion of nuclear power remains a key part of President Barack Obama's energy policy — an ambitious plan to generate 80 percent of the nation's electricity from “clean energy sources” by 2035.

The president has proposed adding \$36 billion to the nuclear loan program in next year's budget. Given the lingering budget crisis and events in Japan, experts say that seems less likely now.

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Protestors walk with sticks, as they carry a wounded colleague during a demonstration to condemn the burning of a copy of a Quran by a Florida pastor, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on Saturday.

Quran burning brings more riots in Afghanistan

20 people die in 2 days

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghans rioted for a second day Saturday to protest the burning of a Quran in Florida, killing nine people in Kandahar and injuring more than 80 in a wave of violence that under-

scored rising anti-foreign sentiment after nearly a decade of war. The desecration at a small U.S. church has outraged Muslims worldwide, and in Afghanistan it further strained ties with the West. On Friday, 11 people were killed, including seven foreign U.N. employees, in a protest in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif.

The protests come at a critical juncture as the U.S.-led coalition gears up for an insurgent spring offensive and a summer withdrawal of some troops, and with Afghanistan's mercurial president increasingly questioning international motives and NATO's military strategy.

Two suicide attackers dis-

guised as women blew themselves up and a third was gunned down Saturday when they used force to try to enter a NATO base on the outskirts of Kabul, NATO and Afghan police said. Earlier in the week, six U.S. soldiers died during an operation against insurgents in eastern Afghanistan near Pakistan, where the Taliban retain safe havens.

President Hamid Karzai expressed regret for the 20 protest deaths, but he also further stoked possible anti-foreign sentiment by again demanding that the United States and United Nations bring to justice the pastor of the Dove Outreach Center in Gainesville, Florida, where the Quran was burned March 20. Many Afghans did not know about the Quran-burning until Karzai condemned it four days after it happened.

The pastor, the Rev. Terry Jones, had threatened to destroy a copy of Islam's holy book last year but initially

backed down. On Friday he said Islam and its followers were responsible for the killings.

U.S. President Barack Obama extended his condolences to the families of those killed by the protesters and said desecration of the Quran "is an act of extreme intolerance and bigotry." But he said that does not justify attacking and killing innocent people, calling it "outrageous and an affront to human decency and dignity."

In the southern city of Kandahar, the cradle of the Taliban, hundreds of Afghans holding copies of the Quran over their heads marched in protest of the burning. Security forces shot in the air to disperse the crowd, but it was unclear how the protesters were slain, said Zalmai Ayubi, a spokesman for the provincial governor.

The Kandahar governor's office said nine protesters were killed and 81 others were injured in the demonstration that turned into a riot. Seventeen people, including seven armed men, have been arrested, the statement said.

Gunmen attack Mexican border bar, killing 5

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Gunmen shot up a bar and then threw in fire bombs, killing three men and two women in the northern border city of Ciudad Juarez, an official said Saturday. The deaths came a day after a shooting attack on another bar in the city caused 10 deaths.

A motive had not been determined and it was unclear if the victims died of bullet wounds, burns or smoke inhalation, Chihuahua state prosecutors' spokesman Arturo Sandoval said. He said the bodies were charred by the fire started by the gasoline bombs at the Barritas bar late Friday.

Sandoval said police found .223-caliber shell casings at the scene, a type frequently used by gunmen for drug gangs.

Thousands march for Basque party in Spain

BILBAO, Spain (AP) — Tens of thousands of people demonstrated in Spain's troubled Basque region Saturday, calling for the government to legalize a new pro-independence party that says it rejects violence by armed separatist group ETA.

The Supreme Court on March 24 denied Sortu legal status and barred it from running in local elections in May, finding that the party is a repackaged version of ETA's outlawed political wing Batasuna.

Sortu can appeal to the Constitutional Court but that ruling will likely come after the May 22 elections.

Protesters carried placards saying "For the normalization of the Basque region, legalization now," and marched to Bilbao's town hall in silence.

The gathering was un-

usual in that Basque national flags were not visible, unlike at almost all separatist rallies. Another uncommon feature was that no one carried banners with ETA prisoners on them. Basque separatists have for decades pressed the Spanish government to allow ETA members convicted of terrorist offenses to serve their prison sentences in the Basque region instead of at jails in distant corners of the country.

Ainoa Bilbao, 39, who was born in Bilbao but now lives in Britain, had traveled from London to be at the march. "I expect this to be a step on the way to the legalization of Sortu and toward the normalization of the Basque region," said Bilbao, adding she hoped the Constitutional court will legalize Sortu.

Rebels call airstrike an accident

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — A NATO airstrike intended to thwart Moammar Gadhafi's forces killed 13 rebel fighters in eastern Libya instead, the opposition said Saturday, but they described it as an "unfortunate accident" and stressed it did not diminish their support for the international air campaign.

The rebels' response to the attack — blaming it on a mistake within their ranks — highlighted their heavy dependence on the international air campaign as they face the superior military power of the longtime Libyan leader.

The misfire also showed the challenges the coalition faces in identifying targets without coordination with forces on the ground.

"As regrettable as it may be, we understand that we might have to give up lives for the greater good. We have to look at the bigger picture," opposition spokesman Mustafa Gheriani said. "This is a war and the lines are so fluid going back and



AP photo

A Libyan rebel shouts religious slogans before heading towards the front line, near Brega, Libya, Saturday.

forth, so it's natural that mistakes will happen."

The slain fighters were hit Friday night as they moved forward, attempting to take back the oil city of Brega, while airstrikes were in progress. Seven fighters were injured.

Another opposition spokesman, Abdel-Hafidh Ghoga, said it was an example of the lack of coordination in the ranks that has proven a key obstacle to

victory over the more organized Libyan military.

Rebels without training — sometimes even without weapons — have rushed in and out of fighting in a free-for-all for more than six weeks, repeatedly getting trounced by Gadhafi's more heavily armed forces. But ex-military officers who have joined the rebel side have stepped up training efforts and taken a greater role in the fight.

"This unfortunate accident was a mistake that was caused by the rebels' advance during the coalition's attack," Ghoga said. "Now the military leadership that has been organized more effectively recently is working on preventing the recurrence of these accidents."

Sorting rebels from Gadhafi's forces has become more difficult recently, as some loyalists have given up tanks and other armored vehicles for the kind of equipment the rebels rely on: pickup truck and other vehicles equipped with makeshift armaments.



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LIVING THE DREAM

Jardine has become a key asset to Utah State

By Stephen Meyers
Times-News writer

Three Western Athletic Conference championships and three trips to the NCAA Tournament the past three seasons.

Maybe the luster of playing college ball has worn off a bit for Brady Jardine.

Not a chance. "You grow up playing basketball and that's your dream, playing in the tournament," said Jardine, a junior forward at Utah State. "I've been three years now and there really is nothing like it. It's a blast. Playing in the spotlight and the big crowds and the TV commentators. It's something dreams are made of."

The dream ended quicker than the Aggies would have liked, losing in the second round to Kansas State to finish the season with a best-ever 30-4 record.

"Lots of people say if you don't win in the tournament it's a disappointing season, but you know what, we still had a great season. We were consistent night in and night out to get the best record in school history," Jardine said. "People don't know this, but we're harder on ourselves than the press and everybody else, so yes we're disappointed and it was a bit of a letdown, but it didn't take away from what we accomplished this season."

Playing in the shadow of forward Tai Wesley, an honorable mention Associated Press All-American, Jardine still made key contributions this season, averaging 7.5 points and seven rebounds per game.

And a plethora of rim-rattling dunks.

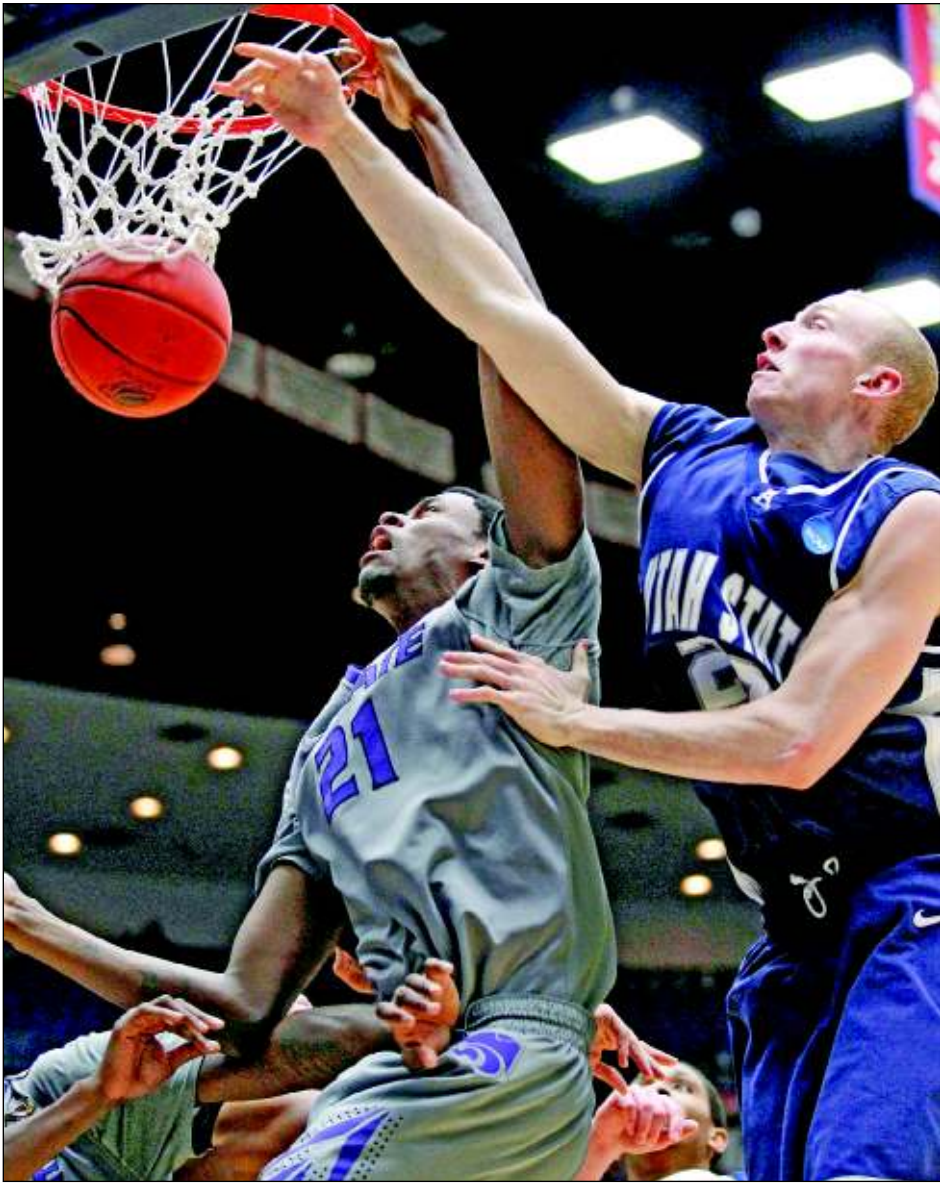
Search "Brady Jardine" on YouTube and you'll find dozens of clips of the high-flying 6-7 forward throwing down ferocious jams none better than his posterization of Mitchell Young from St. Mary's.

"That's fun stuff," Jardine said. "You remember growing up playing ball and dunking in the driveway with your friends?"

Jardine, who receives supportive text messages all the time from former coaches and friends in Twin Falls, said he'll never forget his time playing basketball for Twin Falls High School.

"Some of my best memories are from playing ball at Twin Falls," he said. "My senior year, we won the state championship and I'm grateful for my coaches and everyone who supported me along the way."

Jardine is just one of many former prep stars who are



AP photo

Former Twin Falls Bruin Brady Jardine defends against Kansas State in the Aggies' second round loss of the NCAA Tournament

Mat man: Slotten shines after change of plans

By Stephen Meyers
Times-News writer

Sometimes plans change. For Zak Slotten, that change was just fine.

Slotten, a 2010 graduate of Twin Falls High School, planned on attending Mesa State College in Colorado and walking on to the football team.

But a summer visit and a burning desire to return to the wrestling mat saw Slotten chat with the Mavericks' wrestling coaches.

"I just missed the sport. I really liked that one-on-one competition and after talking with the coaches and everything I decided to walk on," Slotten said.

Good decision.

The freshman, who thought he was going to redshirt, finished the season with a record of 23-16

and nearly qualified for the NCAA Division II national championships. The 174-pounder placed fifth at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference/Super Regional 4 tournament in San Francisco, one spot away from nationals.

"At the time, I didn't know what to feel. I couldn't believe my season was done," Slotten said. "But now, looking back, I realized that I had a really good season. I thought at first I was going to be redshirted, but then I had some success and got pulled up to varsity and almost made it to nationals, so it was a good year."

And for the football plans?

Slotten decided to forgo the football season last fall, but this week he strapped on the pads for the first time

since the fall of 2009 as spring ball began for the Mavericks. He's still going to try and make the team as a walk-on.

"It's been fun so far, I'm enjoying it. I haven't worn pads in a long time, so that's been different, but we'll see how it goes this spring and if I can walk on," Slotten said.

Slotten has overall enjoyed his student-athlete experience in Grand Junction.

"It's been a lot of fun. The wrestling team, we have a really good bond and do everything together," said Slotten, who's joined on the team by fellow former Twin Falls wrestler Joe Hamilton. "It's been a whole different level of competition that I never expected. It has really pushed me to get better."

The freshman became a full-time starter, leading the team in scoring at 12 per game, while sinking 60 3-pointers, good for ninth in the Penn State University Athletic Conference.

MICHAEL CRANE, GLENNS FERRY
WALLA WALLA CC

The 6-3 freshman averaged 7.6 points and a team-leading 7.3 rebounds per game for the Warriors. Scored a season-high 14 against Tacoma and pulled down 15 boards in a win over Treasure Valley.

See COLLEGE, Sports 4



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Twin Falls shortstop Brylee Bartlett tries to tag Burley base runner Aubrie Vale at second base during Game 2 of their doubleheader Saturday at Burley.

Twin Falls softball beats wind, Burley in doubleheader

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

BURLEY — At first glance, it might appear the Twin Falls softball team ran up the scores in its doubleheader with Burley on Saturday.

Truth be told, the Bruins just wanted to get out of the 40 mph wind gusts and go

home. And even the Bobcat players didn't seem to mind.

Twin Falls won 11-1 in five innings and 22-7 in four innings to improve to 4-3 overall, finishing off the three-game sweep of Burley in the teams' first Great Basin Conference series of the season.

See SOFTBALL, Sports 4

Butler, UConn make it to NCAA title game

HOUSTON — The lovable underdog label is long gone. Now Butler is determined to drop that "first loser" tag, too.

Shelvin Mack scored 24 points and Zach Hahn came up big off the bench, ending the warm-and-fuzzy story of this year's tournament with a 70-62 victory over VCU in the Final Four on Saturday night. The victory sends Butler (28-9) to the

national title game for a second straight year and marks the first time since Duke in 1991 that the runner-up has returned to play for the championship.

"Last year we didn't get it done, so that's in the back of my mind," Mack said. "My teammates did a great job of getting me the ball in position to have success."

See FINAL FOUR, Sports 2

Pitchers elevate CSI baseball past CNCC

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

When the College of Southern Idaho needed to generate a run in the bottom of the sixth inning, it turned to a couple of pitchers to get it done.

Michael Renner's alert read on a wild pitch preceded Chris Kerns' seeing-eye single, allowing Renner to score and sent CSI on its

way to a 4-2 win Saturday, completing the weekend four-game sweep at Skip Walker Field.

Renner, pinch running after Ben Douglas led off the inning with a double, broke for third base the second a pitch hit the dirt with Andre Ashton at bat. A batter later, with Ashton bolting for second on the hit-and-run, See CSI BASEBALL, Sports 4



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CASEY PETTY, CANYON RIDGE
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JEREMY JENKINS, DECLO
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Appeared in 11 games for the Division III Scots this freshman season, scoring eight points on the season.

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Transferred from Whatcom Junior College in Washington to play for the Yotes. The 6-1 junior averaged seven minutes per game in 15 appearances with game-highs of seven points and four assists.

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Burley, Twin Falls baseball teams split twinbill

Times-News

After being run-ruled Friday, Burley bounced back to nip Twin Falls 9-8 in extra innings Saturday in Game 1 of a doubleheader before Twin Falls returned the favor to win 11-1 in Game 2 in Great Basin Conference baseball play.

“They came out and competed really hard today. They wanted it a little more than us,” said Twin Falls coach Tim Stadelmeir. “We had a couple mistakes and didn’t get guys to step up when we needed them to and their guys stepped up at the end of the (first) game to win.”

Twin Falls dished out two consecutive walks to start the eighth inning and Burley ripped off three consecutive singles to score three and pad its one-run lead after trailing 5-1. The Bruins added two in the bottom of the inning but the rally fell short.

Jackson Kunz went 3-for-5 in Game 1 with a pair of triples, while Tyler Wolters went 3-for-3 with 4 RBIs.

Game 2 went Twin Falls’ way as Zayne Slotten didn’t allow a hit until the fifth inning and Cy Sneed belted a grand slam in the fourth inning to start the rout.

The Bruins (8-2, 2-1 GBC)

return to action against Great Basin Conference foe Minico on Friday.

Game 1	
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WP: Sneed, John Hohnhorst (6); Casey Merritt (7) and Jayson Welker, Tucker Donnelly; Joe Ferrin and Kody Moon. W: Ferrin. L: Hohnhorst.	
Extra base hits - 2B: Burley, Moon. Twin Falls, Donnelly. 3B: Burley, Jackson Kunz 2. Twin Falls, Donnelly, Ryan Fuchs. HR: Burley, Jack Barrington, Taylor Carson.	

Game 2	
Twin Falls 11, Burley 1, five innings	
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WP: Slotten and Jayson Welker; Rice, Carson (2) and Moon. W: Slotten. L: Rice.	
Extra base hits - 2B: Twin Falls, Slotten. HR: Twin Falls, Cy Sneed.	

TIMBERLINE 11, MINICO 1, FIVE INNINGS

The Minico baseball team lost to Timberline 11-1 in five innings on Saturday to finish the Bucks Bags Spring Classic with two wins and two losses.

The Spartans committed five errors and pitcher Casey Christiansen gave up six earned runs in the loss.

“Timberline is a good team, one of the best in Boise in the 5As, and we didn’t play well,” said Minico assistant coach Mike Hoey. “It wasn’t Casey’s best day, but the linescore wasn’t indicative of how he threw. Give Timberline credit, they did a good job putting the bat on the ball with two strikes and we didn’t make plays.”

Minico opens Great Basin Conference play at Twin Falls on Friday.

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Hamlin and Salas: Casey Christiansen and Dakota Rupard. W: Hamlin. L: Christiansen.	
Extra-base hits - 2B: Timberline, Johnson 2. Salas, Rambur, Hamlin; Minico, Christiansen.	

Softball

CANYON RIDGE CAPS SERIES SWEEP OF MINICO

Canyon Ridge swept Saturday’s doubleheader with Minico, 19-1 and 18-3.

Canyon Ridge (6-1, 3-0 Great Basin) exploded for 15 runs in the fourth inning to end Game 1. Winning pitcher Emma Stephens allowed just one hit, while CR teammates Kylee Kuest and Lauren Shotwell each hit a home run.

The Riverhawks’ hot bats continued in Game 2, where they also took advantage of 14 walks issued by Minico. Shotwell earned the win from the circle for Canyon Ridge.

Minico (0-4, 0-3) travels to Century on Tuesday.

Game 1	
Canyon Ridge 19, Minico 1, four innings	
Minico 100 0 - 11 0	100 0 - 11 0
Canyon Ridge 103 (15) - 19 14 0	103 (15) - 19 14 0
WP: Emma Stephens. LP: Kaylee Kostka.	
Extra-base hits - 2B: Canyon Ridge, Karly Hudelson, Stephens. HR: Canyon Ridge, Kylee Kuest, Lauren Shotwell.	

Game 2	
Canyon Ridge 18, Minico 3, five innings	
Minico 000 30 - 3 3 0	000 30 - 3 3 0
Canyon Ridge 176 31 - 18 9 0	176 31 - 18 9 0
WP: Lauren Shotwell. LP: Hanna Munns.	
Extra-base hits - 2B: Canyon Ridge, Shotwell, Kimberly Bollinger, Kylee Barker; Minico, Kaylee Kostka. 3B: Samantha McGhie.	

Tennis

JEROME GIRLS BEAT GOODING, BOYS TIE

Led by a strong showing from its singles players, the Jerome girls tennis team beat Gooding 6-0 Saturday on a cold, windy day.

The Gooding boys tied Jerome 3-3. The inclement weather shortened the competition after four matches, as officials changed the competition to pro sets, with the winner being the first to eight in one set.

Jerome’s Maddison Blevins defeated Meghan Hurd 6-0, 6-2 and Gooding’s Kevin Ramirez beat Patrick Griner 8-1.

Boys: Gooding 3, Jerome 3 Girls: Jerome 6, Gooding 0

Boys singles: Bruno Garay, Jerome, def. Alex Bow 8-6. Alberto Aguilar, Jerome, def. Arkoosh 8-0. Kevin Ramirez, Gooding, def. Patrick Griner 8-1.

Boys doubles: Angel Garcia and Rico Mendez, Gooding, def. Laynie Lasike and Oscar Ochoa 8-4. Jesse Cardenas and Roberto Zamora, Gooding, won by forfeit.

Girls singles: Maddison Blevins, Jerome, def. Meghan Hurd 6-0, 6-2. Crystal Valdez, Jerome, def. Co-Co Liu 6-2, 6-1. Liza Nunes, Jerome, def. Daniella Mendez 8-4.

Girls doubles: Celene Mino and Rachel Giese, Gooding, def. Brenda Villa and Karla Gonzalez 2-6, 6-4, 11-9. Ivonne Reyes and Coyleen Pilkington, Jerome, def. Lindsey Nelson and Mariella Bavina 6-4, 6-0.

Mixed doubles: Emanuel Sandoval and Alexandria Vogt, Jerome, def. Trey Simms and Brittney Perry 9-8. Austin Gilbert and Kelsey Noble, Jerome, def. Ivan Garcia and Emily Floyd 9-7.

Golden Eagles pound CNCC to complete sweep

Times-News

On a blustery Saturday afternoon, the College of Southern Idaho softball team had one mission: get in, get out, minimal fuss.

The Golden Eagles got that and more, finishing a four-game sweep of Colorado Northwestern with a 15-0 run-rule blowout.

Catcher Lyndi Miller drove in five runs, while pitchers Jessi Duncan and Jyl Eckstein combined on a two-hit shutout.

“Lyndi had a great game for us and a great weekend swinging the bat. That’s the good thing about this lineup, anyone can bring the runs in and it was Lyndi today,” said CSI coach Nick Baumert.

CSI (31-13, 25-6 Scenic West) won the four games by a combined score of 65-2, those two runs coming on an error in the first inning of Friday’s opener. After that it was all Eagles, all the time.

“After last weekend, we got after the kids a little bit

and put them in pressure situations and they responded well,” Baumert said. “They came out and played a lot better this weekend and really took

care of the little things and played with some heart!”

Second baseman Mikkel Griffin remained rooted at 23 homers and 82 RBIs for the season, still one round-tripper and three RBIs off the 2009 single-season program records of Megan Zimmermann.

Next up for Griffin and Co. is conference front-runner Salt Lake. The two teams will open their conference series Friday in Salt Lake City.

“Any time you get together with Salt Lake whether it’s in basketball, baseball or softball it’s a big weekend, so we’re excited,” Baumert said.

No. 13 CSI 15, Colorado Northwestern 0, five innings	
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CSI 453 3x - 15 13 0	453 3x - 15 13 0
Jessica Olsen and Meagan Lish: Jessi Duncan, Jyl Eckstein (4) and Lyndi Miller. W: Eckstein (16-7). L: Olsen (0-14).	
Extra-base hits - 2B: CNCC, Ryan Cook (5). CSI: Kelsey Bryant (8).	

Suzuki becomes Seattle’s career hits leader in Mariners win

OAKLAND, Calif. — Ichiro Suzuki had two infield hits to become Seattle’s career leader, including a bouncer in the ninth that drove in the go-ahead run in the Mariners’ 5-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Saturday night.

Suzuki reached on an infield single in the third, then did it again with his record-breaking hit off Brian Fuentes that drove in Jack Wilson and made it 3-2 Mariners.

Suzuki has 2,248 hits, one better than Edgar Martinez’s previous club record. The milestone came on the 10th anniversary of Suzuki’s major league debut.

Chris Ray (1-0) earned the win despite giving up the tying run, and Brandon League pitched a scoreless ninth for his first save.

RANGERS 12, RED SOX 5

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ian Kinsler had another leadoff homer and Adrian Beltre hit a grand slam to help power the Texas Rangers to a 12-5 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday night.

Beltre’s first homer for the Rangers came against his former team and capped a six-run outburst that made it 9-3 in the fourth against John Lackey, the Texas native who often struggles back home.

YANKEES 10, TIGERS 6

NEW YORK — A.J. Burnett took a steady first step as he aims to bounce back from a wobbly season and Mark Teixeira hit his second three-run homer in two games, sending the New York Yankees to a 10-6 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Saturday.

Russell Martin also smacked a three-run shot, Alex Rodriguez hit No. 614 and Derek Jeter began his march toward 3,000 hits with his first two of the season.

BLUE JAYS 6, TWINS 1

TORONTO — Kyle Drabek pitched seven innings of one-hit ball to earn first major league win, and Jose Molina and Jayson Nix hit solo home runs for Toronto.

Drabek (1-0) didn’t allow a hit until Denard Span’s one-out single to left in the sixth. He allowed one run, walked three and struck out a career-high seven.

WHITE SOX 8, INDIANS 3

CLEVELAND — Edwin Jackson extended his mastery of Cleveland, and Gordon Beckham and Carlos Quentin had two RBIs apiece for Chicago.

ROYALS 5, ANGELS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chris Getz had three hits, including an RBI single for the go-ahead run in the eighth inning to help Kansas City rally.

Rookie Aaron Crow (1-0) pitched 12-3 innings for the victory, his first as a major leaguer. Kevin Jepsen (0-1) took the loss as the Angels’ bullpen faltered for the third straight day.

ORIOLES 3, RAYS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Chris Tillman held Tampa Bay hitless for six innings and Nick Markakis made a leaping catch at the wall in the ninth to preserve the Baltimore Orioles’ 3-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday night.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GIANTS 10, DODGERS 0

LOS ANGELES — Matt Cain scattered five hits over six innings, Aubrey Huff and Freddy Sanchez drove in three runs each and the San Francisco Giants defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 10-0 Saturday for their first win of the season.

ROCKIES 3, DIAMONDBACKS 1

DENVER — Lefty Jorge De La Rosa scattered three harmless singles and drove



Seattle Mariners' Jason Vargas works against the Oakland Athletics during the first inning of a baseball game on Saturday in Oakland, Calif.

AP photo

in a run before leaving in the sixth inning with a blister on his left middle finger, and the Colorado Rockies beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-1 Saturday night.

With De La Rosa listed as day-to-day, Colorado’s top two pitchers are now dealing with injuries. Ace Ubaldo Jimenez has a cracked cuticle on this right thumb that was the culprit in his shaky debut Friday and could force him to miss his next start.

PHILLIES 9, ASTROS 4

PHILADELPHIA — Cliff Lee struck out 11 over seven impressive innings in his first game back with Philadelphia, five players had multiple hits and the Phillies beat the Houston Astros 9-4 Saturday night.

METS 6, MARLINS 4, 10 INNINGS

MIAMI — David Wright’s third hit of the game brought Jose Reyes home with the go-ahead run in the 10th, Willie Harris added a two-run single later in the inning, and the New York Mets beat the Florida Marlins 6-4 on Saturday night.

Wright also homered for the Mets, who got a three-hit night from Josh Thole and two hits from Ike Davis.

PADRES 11, CARDINALS 3

ST. LOUIS — Clayton Richard (1-0) had two RBIs to match his career high without getting the ball out of the infield and pitched six solid innings for

San Diego.

Albert Pujols homered on the 10th anniversary of his major league debut and Allen Craig, subbing for ailing Matt Holliday, had a two-run single for the Cardinals.

NATIONALS 6, BRAVES 3

WASHINGTON — Rick Ankiel drove in three runs with a homer and squeeze bunt, Jayson Werth and Wilson Ramos each had three hits and the Nationals beat Atlanta.

In a game that included two rain delays totaling 87 minutes, Ankiel’s two-run homer run highlighted a three-run third inning off Tommy Hanson (0-1).

CUBS 5, PIRATES 3

CHICAGO — Pinch-hitter Blake DeWitt delivered a two-out, two-run double that capped a five-run eighth inning Saturday as the Cubs rallied for a win.

Chicago’s comeback against relievers Evan Meek (0-1) and Chris Resop was aided by a costly error on Pirates first baseman Lyle Overbay.

REDS 4, BREWERS 2

CINCINNATI — Scott Rolen hit a two-run homer in the first inning, eliminating the need for another dramatic Cincinnati comeback, and the Reds beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-2 on Saturday night behind seven strong innings from left-hander Travis Wood.

— The Associated Press

Bulls win again to close in on NBA’s best record

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose had 36 points and 10 assists, and the Chicago Bulls took another step toward the top seed in the Eastern Conference with their 15th victory in 17 games, hanging on to beat the short-handed Toronto Raptors 113-106 on Saturday night.

The Bulls lead Miami by three games and Boston by 3½. They also are within one of San Antonio for the NBA’s best record after squeezing by one of the league’s weakest teams.

Rose came up big after scoring 27 points the previous night in a win at Detroit, and Tom Thibodeau broke Phil Jackson’s club record for wins by a first-year coach as the Bulls improved to 56-20.

Carlos Boozer added 18 points and 10 rebounds despite early foul trouble. Luol Deng scored 17 points, Taj Gibson had 15 points and nine rebounds, and Kyle Korver came up big down the stretch to finish with 10 points.

Jerryd Bayless and DeMar DeRozan each scored 26 points for Toronto.

GRIZZLIES 106, TIMBERWOLVES 89

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Zach Randolph scored 22 points and Memphis won its fourth straight and seventh in eight games to move a half-game ahead of New Orleans for seventh place in the Western Conference.

O.J. Mayo added 20 added points, Tony Allen had 12, Leon Powe finished with 11, and Marc Gasol had 10 points and nine rebounds. Michael Beasley led Minnesota with 20 points. The Timberwolves have lost 10 straight.



AP photo

Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose, top, lays one up over Toronto Raptors' Amir Johnson (15) during the first half of an NBA basketball game on Saturday in Chicago.

BUCKS 93, 76ERS 87, OT

MILWAUKEE — Brandon Jennings scored nine of his 13 points in overtime and the Milwaukee Bucks rallied to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 93-87 on Saturday night.

Jennings redeemed himself after missing a 3-pointer at the regulation buzzer that would’ve won it, helping keep the Bucks very faint playoff hopes alive and snapping Philadelphia’s three-game winning streak.

Milwaukee is 3½ games behind Indiana for eighth place in the Eastern Conference with six games left.

The Sixers hoped to start building some momentum after clinching their spot in the playoffs Friday, but took an early double-digit lead and then came out flat in the second half despite 20 points and 12 rebounds from Elton Brand.

— The Associated Press



AP photos

Butler’s Shawn Vanzant, front, and Chase Stigall (33) react after beating Virginia Commonwealth 70-62 in a NCAA Tournament semifinal game Saturday in Houston.

Final Four

Continued from Sports 1

Hahn scored all eight points of his points during a 90-second span in the second half that gave Butler control of the game for good.

VCU (28-12) sure didn’t look like a team critics dismissed as “unworthy” — and a whole lot worse — after it skidded into the NCAA tournament with five losses in its last eight games. But Butler’s unforgiving defense was too much for the Rams, only the third No. 11 seed to reach the Final Four.

Jamie Skeen scored 27 and Brandon Burgess had 15, but the Rams made only eight 3-pointers and shot less than 40 percent from the field.

CONNECTICUT 56, KENTUCKY 55

HOUSTON — When it’s win or go home, nobody’s better than Kemba and the kids.

Kemba Walker scored 18 points Saturday night to lift Connecticut to its 10th straight victory since finishing off a .500 regular season, a 56-55 win over cold-shooting Kentucky that moved the Huskies a victory away from their third, and most improbable, NCAA title.

Walker, a quick-handed junior from the Bronx, added seven assists to help UConn (31-9) extend a winning streak that started with a five-wins-in-five-nights leg-drainer at the Big

East tournament and now includes five more at the tournament that really counts.

The third-seeded Huskies — lowest seed left in a tournament that has been as unpredictable as any in history — will face No. 8 Butler, a 70-62 winner over 11th-seeded VCU in the first semifinal, on Monday.

“We’ve got a heck of a challenge on Monday night, but the fact that we’re playing Monday night, that’s beautiful,” Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said.

This one was not pretty on either end.

Fourth-seeded Kentucky (29-9) shot 33.9 percent for



Connecticut’s Charles Okwandu, left, and Kemba Walker react after their team beat Kentucky 56-55 in a NCAA Tournament semifinal game Saturday in Houston.

the game and went 5:39 without a point late in the second half. UConn wasn’t much better, but Walker, Alex Oriakhi and Shabazz

Napier all made baskets to turn a 48-48 tie into a 54-48 lead with 2:29 left.

— The Associated Press

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup Goody's Fast

Pain Relief 500 Lineup

After Saturday Qualifying Race Sunday
At Martinsville Speedway
Ridgeway, Va.
Lap Length: .526 Miles
(Car Number in Parentheses)

- (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 96.509.
- (2) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 96.342.
- (3) Casey Kaine, Toyota, 96.293.
- (4) Joey Logano, Toyota, 96.22.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 95.903.
- (6) J.J. Allmendinger, Ford, 95.951.
- (7) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 95.903.
- (8) David Reutimann, Toyota, 95.854.
- (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 95.825.
- (17) Megan Smith, Chevrolet, 95.791.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 95.786.
- (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 95.714.
- (13) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 95.694.
- (4) David Ragan, Ford, 95.675.
- (53) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 95.651.
- (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 95.625.
- (14) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 95.54.
- (9) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 95.477.
- (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 95.468.
- (22) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 95.463.
- (21) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 95.429.
- (2) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 95.386.
- (38) Carl Edwards, Ford, 95.275.
- (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 95.266.
- (25) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 95.256.
- (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 95.184.
- (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 95.118.
- (14) Justin Stewart, Chevrolet, 95.089.
- (36) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 95.079.
- (12) Casey Mears, Toyota, 95.003.
- (33) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 94.995.
- (32) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 94.971.
- (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 94.661.
- (37) Robby Gordon, Dodge, 94.548.
- (60) Michael McDowell, Toyota, 94.472.
- (34) David Gilliland, Ford, 94.369.
- (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 94.209.
- (109) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 94.045.
- (60) Mike Skinner, Toyota, 93.877.
- (40) Ken Schrader, Ford, 93.613.
- (41) V. Veyel, Chevrolet, 93.253.
- (42) Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet, 91.744.

BASEBALL

American League All Times MDT

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	2	0	1.000	—
New York	2	0	1.000	—
Toronto	2	0	1.000	—
Boston	0	2	.000	2
Tampa Bay	0	2	.000	2
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	2	0	1.000	—
Kansas City	2	1	.667	½
Cleveland	0	2	.000	2
Detroit	0	2	.000	2
Minnesota	0	2	.000	2
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	2	0	1.000	—
Texas	2	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	2	.333	1½
Oakland	0	2	.000	2

Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 3
Toronto 6, Minnesota 1
Kansas City 5, L.A. Angels 4
N.Y. Yankees 10, Detroit 0
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 1
Texas 12, Boston 5
Seattle 5, Oakland 2

Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Danis 0-0) at Cleveland (Masterson 0-0), 11:05 a.m.
Detroit (Schwartz 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Hughes 0-0), 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota (Bladum 0-0) at Toronto (Cecil 0-0), 11:07 a.m.
Baltimore (Britton 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Wdavas 0-0), 11:40 a.m.
Boston (Buchholz 0-0) at Texas (Harrison 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Kazmir 0-0) at Kansas City (Chen 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Seattle (Fester 0-0) at Oakland (Gonzalez 0-0), 2:05 p.m.

National League All Times MDT

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	1	1	.500	1
Florida	1	1	.500	1
New York	1	1	.500	1
Washington	1	1	.500	1
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	2	0	1.000	—
Chicago	1	1	.500	1
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500	1
Houston	0	2	.000	2
Milwaukee	0	2	.000	2
St. Louis	0	2	.000	2
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	2	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	2	1	.667	½
Arizona	1	1	.500	1
Colorado	1	1	.500	1
San Francisco	1	2	.333	1½

Saturday's Games

Washington 6, Atlanta 3
Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh 3
San Diego 11, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 10, L.A. Dodgers 0
Philadelphia 9, Houston 4
Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 2
N.Y. Mets 6, Florida 4, 10 innings
Colorado 3, Arizona 1

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee (Wolf 0-0) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 0-0), 11:10 a.m.
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 0-0) at Florida (Vazquez 0-0), 11:10 a.m.
Atlanta (Hudson 0-0) at Washington (Zimmerman 0-0), 11:35 a.m.
Houston (Morris 0-0) at Philadelphia (Oswalt 0-0), 11:35 a.m.
San Diego (Moseley 0-0) at St. Louis (Garcia 0-0), 12:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Olinoff 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-0), 12:20 p.m.
Arizona (Saunders 0-0) at Colorado (Chacin 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Zito 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 0-0), 6:05 p.m.

AL Boxes

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Boston	4	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
Ellisburg	4	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
Pedroia	3	0	1	0	Andrus	5	2	3
Lorrie	2	1	0	0	Hamilton	4	1	2
Cwiford	3	0	0	0	Belton	3	1	4
DMcOn	1	0	0	0	MyVong	4	5	0
AdGnz1	5	2	3	0	N.Cruz	4	1	1
Youkils	3	0	1	0	Morland	4	1	0
Ortiz	4	1	1	3	Torreal	4	2	2
J.Drew	3	0	0	0	Borbon	4	1	2
Slumch	3	1	0	0				
Scutaro	3	0	0	0				
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Texas	102	621	00x	—	28			

O-Day (1), DP—Texas 2, LOB—Boston 8, Texas 5, 12.
Ad.Gonzalez (1), Youkils (2), Kissel (1), Andrus (2), Torrealba (1), SB—Andrus (1), Borbon (1), HR—Ellisburg (1), Ortiz (2), Kissel (2), A—Bettre (1), N.Cruz (2), Torrealba (1), SB—Hamilton (1).

IP H R ER BB SO

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Baltimore	6	0	0	0	3	5		
Tillman	6	0	0	0	3	5		
Accardo	W1-0	1	2	0	0	1		
M.Gonzalez	H.1	2	3	0	1	2	0	
Uehara	H.1	1	3	0	0	0	1	
Gregg	S.1	1	1	0	0	0	1	
Tampa Bay	7	1	0	0	2	7		
Shields	L-1	7	1	3	4	2	2	1
McGee	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	1
Farnsworth	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jo.Peralta	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Umpires—Home, Wally Bell; First, Laz Diaz; Second, Scott Barry; Third, Tim Throckmold.								
T—3:10. A—48,356 (49,170).								

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McMurray wins pole at Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Jamie McMurray took a step toward jump-starting his season Saturday by winning the pole at Martinsville Speedway.

McMurray turned a lap of 96.509 mph in his Chevrolet to earn the top starting spot for Sunday's race. He came to Martinsville ranked 28th in the Sprint Cup Series standings and with a season-best finish of 18th in the opener at Daytona.

"This is really big for our team," said McMurray. "We've had some really good cars, and for the most part, the short tracks is where we've

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run the best. But we got caught up in that wreck at Phoenix and at Bristol ... got caught up in a wreck. It just seems like we've had really bad luck. But I hope this turns around for us."

McMurray said he was pacing through his team hauler during the qualifying session, and his Earnhardt Ganassi Racing crew was making fun of him for being so nervous about potentially winning the pole.

"I told them, 'Martinsville, the pole, if you get the No. 1 pit stall here, it's huge. I think that can win the race for you,' " McMurray said of the stall he'll use Sunday at the exit of pit road.

Ryan Newman qualified second with a lap of 96.342 in a Chevrolet. Kasey Kahne qualified third in a Toyota and was followed by Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Joey Logano and three-time defending race winner Denny Hamlin.

A.J. Allmendinger was sixth in a Ford, and was followed by Bobby Labonte, David Reutimann and Kevin

Harvick. Regan Smith rounded out the top 10.

Five-time Martinsville winner Jimmie Johnson qualified 17th.

But qualifying results were overshadowed by tire troubles for the second time in three races.

The tires Goodyear brought to Martinsville are leaving marbles made of rubber all over the track. It's a different tire than the one used last year because Goodyear wanted to prevent grating on the left-side tires that often occurs when cars slide from the asphalt racing surface into the concrete corners.

Idaho football sloppy in first scrimmage of the season

For the Times-News

MOSCOW — It was sloppy and wasn't quite what Robb Akey wanted to see, but the Idaho Vandals have their first spring scrimmage under their belts and some positives to look forward to, especially on defense.

"It was a little sloppier than I would like to see," Akey said after the 90-minute session in very blustery conditions. "I did see some things on both sides of the ball that were good. ... I just felt like it wasn't quite what I wanted to see."

The defense ruled on Saturday as Gary Walker had seven total tackles, while Michael Cosgrove and Ryan Edwards each added five. Andre Ferguson had two sacks.

"Our defense had a chance to do pretty well and it did," Akey said. "We made some good stops. That was very positive."

Quarterbacks Brian Reader and Taylor Davis had mixed days as Reader finished six for 14 for 76 yards and Davis hit six of 12 for 36 yards. Preston Davis led the receivers, who had a tough day catching the ball, with three catches for 43 yards, with Landon Weaver tallying 31 yards on five catches.

"We didn't catch some balls that were catchable," Akey said. "In regards to consistency, it wasn't good enough offensively today. I wasn't really happy in that respect."

One bright spot in the offense was the running game, which tallied 148 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown run by speedster Ryan Bass.

In one week, however, Akey expects to see more when the Vandals have their second scrimmage of the spring.

"This is the beginning," he said. "What matters is we get better next week. It has to be better than it was today."

Mickelson takes lead in Houston

HUMBLE, Texas — Phil Mickelson is tied for the lead in the Houston Open as he prepares for next week's Masters.

He doesn't see why he can't win 'em both.

Mickelson shot his lowest round in two years on Saturday, tying the course record with a 9-under 63 to join Scott Verplank atop the leaderboard through three rounds on the Tournament Course at Redstone.

Verplank, coping with soreness in his left wrist, shot his second straight 65 to catch Mickelson at 13-under par. Aaron Baddeley (66) and second-round leader Chris Kirk (69) were one stroke back, and defending champion Anthony Kim and David Hearn (66) were two behind.

Mickelson, the defending Masters champion, has won the last four events during which he had a round of 64 or better, dating to the 2006 BellSouth Classic. That year, he earned his second green jacket the following week and is the last player to win the event before Augusta and the Masters in the same year.

TSENG ROARS PAST LEWIS IN KRAFT NABISCO 3RD ROUND
RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Defending champion Yani Tseng roared into the lead at the Kraft Nabisco Championship with a third-round 66 Saturday, moving two shots ahead of



AP photo

Phil Mickelson tees off the third hole during the third round of the Houston Open PGA Tour golf tournament on Saturday in Humble, Texas.

Stacy Lewis in the LPGA Tour's first major of the year.

The top-ranked Tseng showed a champion's confidence with her aggressive, powerful play at Mission Hills, shooting the round's low score to move to 12-under 204. She erased playing partner Lewis' three-shot lead in the first seven holes before going ahead on the 11th.

After Lewis evened it in the quest for her first tour victory, Tseng went back ahead with her sixth birdie on the 15th.

Lewis finished with a 71. Morgan Pressel (69) is four shots off the lead in third place. Michelle Wie (69) is six shots back, staying in the hunt for her first major title.

LEHMAN SHOOTS COURSE-RECORD 64 ON CHAMPIONS TOUR

SAUCIER, Miss. — Tom Lehman broke the course

record by shooting an 8-under 64 on Saturday, taking a one stroke lead over Jeff Sluman after the second round of the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic at Fallen Oak.

Lehman birdied five straight holes on the back nine, starting with a 35-foot putt on No. 12, to charge up the leaderboard after a slow start. Then on No. 18, he chipped in from the bunker for his sixth birdie in seven holes. He's 13 under for the tournament.

Sluman shot a bogey-free 66 for the second straight day, getting off to a good start with an eagle on the first hole.

David Frost is in third after shooting 67, and is four shots behind Lehman for the tournament. Six other players are tied for fourth at 7 under.

—The Associated Press

Moore wins AP player of the year again

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Maya Moore is in a class by herself. Her coach will have to share his award.

Moore is The Associated Press player of the year once again, becoming the third two-time winner when she was honored on Saturday.

"She's a once-in-a-lifetime player," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "We're fortunate to have had her."

Auriemma shared coach of the year honors with Stanford's Tara VanDerveer and Miami's Katie Meier, marking the first time ever

that an AP college award has had a tie.

Moore, who joined Seimone Augustus of LSU and Chamique Holdsclaw of Tennessee as the only two-time winners, also received the award as a sophomore. She finished second in the voting her freshman and junior years.

The four-time All-American got 37 of the votes from the 39-member national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. Baylor's Brittney Griner received the other two votes.

Moore powered UConn

back to the Final Four for the fourth straight season, putting the Huskies in position for a third straight title. That would match their run from 2002-04 and Tennessee's dominance from 1996-98.

"To see what she's done this year as the lone All-American on the team which starts two freshmen and a sophomore is really remarkable," Auriemma said.

It's the seventh time since the award was first given in 1995 that a Connecticut player won.

College

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SHAYLON FENSTERMAKER, DECLO HIBBING COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MINN.)

The 6-7 forward played in 27 games, averaging six points, six rebounds and two blocks per game for the Cardinals, who finished the season 11-17, losing in the quarterfinals of the Minnesota College Athletic Conference Tournament.

JORDAN HOSTEEN, BURLEY TREASURE VALLEY CC

The forward played 23 games for the Chukars, averaging 8.4 points and 6.1 rebounds per game, while shooting 51 percent from the field. Scored his season-high of 17 against Big Bend.

DAVAUGHN FLECK, JEROME TREASURE VALLEY CC

Appeared in 10 games for the Chukars, averaging 4.1 points and 1.8 rebounds per game.

JON PULSIFER, TWIN FALLS COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO

Played a key role on the scout team, redshirting his freshman season at CSI.

KAMERON PEARCE, JEROME NORTHEASTERN JC

The 6-4 guard averaged 10.2 points per game as a freshman starter for the Plainsmen. Shot 38 percent from 3-point range.

MARK LEON, MINICO OLYMPIC COLLEGE

Leon appeared in 19 games his freshman season, scoring a season-high four points on two occasions.

COLTIN JOHNSON, MINICO OLYMPIC COLLEGE

The freshman appeared in 22 games, the majority as a starter, and averaged 9.2 points and 3.2 rebounds per game, with a season-high of 18 points.

WOMEN

AUBREE CALLEN, JEROME SEATTLE PACIFIC

The former Idaho Class 4A All-State Player of the Year appeared in 29 games for the Wolves, averaging 3.3 points in 13.7 minutes per game. Shot 84 percent from the free-throw line, missing only five attempts all season.

KASSI KERBS, BURLEY MONTANA-WESTERN

The 5-5 sophomore guard averaged 5.1 points, 2.2 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game. Started 21 of her 27 games and made a team-high 31 3-pointers. Scored a season-high 16 points against Cal Baptist.

JORI FLEMING, GOODING NORTH PLATTE (KAN.)

Fleming appeared in 31 games, including four starts for the Knights, who lost in the consolation round of the NJCAA Division II national tournament. Averaged 4.9 points and 3.74 rebounds per game.

SHAWNIE HIGGINS, HANSEN HESTON (KAN.) COLLEGE

In 26 games played, the freshman averaged 3.6 points and 3.8 rebounds per game. She also recorded 1.2 steals per game, swiping a season-high four on two occasions.

KAYLA HUTCHESON, KIMBERLY OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE

The 5-11 junior forward averaged 2.2 points and 2.3 rebounds in 10 games, including three starts, for the Aggies.

MICHELLE KENT, RICHFIELD OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE

Started a team-high 25 games, averaging nearly 22 minutes per game and scoring 4.8 points and 3.3 rebounds. She shot

nearly 41 percent from 3-point range.

TEENIE KENT, RICHFIELD OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE

Only a freshman, Kent played in all 26 games, starting three for the Division II Aggies, and averaged 3.5 points per game.

CHARMAINE WEATHERLY, FILER TREASURE VALLEY CC

Appeared in 10 games, averaging 3.3 points, while scoring a season-high six on four occasions.

NICOLE TOLMAN, BURLEY SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Tolman was named to the USCAA All-Academic team and received an honorable mention to the USCAA All-American team, while averaging 12.1 points and a team-leading 8.4 rebounds per game for the Knights in 29 games. Started 28 games and shot a team-high 49 percent from the field and 78 percent at the free-throw line.

DEVAN MATKIN, TWIN FALLS TALLAHASSEE CC

The former Golden Eagle averaged 7.4 points per game, scoring a season-high 15 against Gulf Coast Community College Feb. 8.

KRISTEN BRANDSMA, WENDELL CARROLL COLLEGE

The 6-2 forward did not accumulate any stats in her freshman season.

ALEX PFEFFERLE, KIMBERLY WALLA WALLA CC

The freshman led the team in scoring at 11.6 per game on 49-percent shooting from the field. She was also a sharpshooter behind the arc, shooting 39 percent from 3-point range. Also grabbed 5.1 boards and one steal per game before tearing her ACL in the second round of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Tournament in March.

BAYLIE SMITH, JEROME WALLA WALLA CC

Smith scored 3.5 points and grabbed 1.7 boards per game for the Warriors, who finished runners-up in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Tournament in March.

WRESTLING

JOE HAMILTON, TWIN FALLS MESA STATE

Hamilton was on the team but didn't wrestle for the Mavericks, who placed seventh in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, sending three to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

WILL KEETER, TWIN FALLS AUGSBURG (MINN.)

Finished the season with a 26-19 record with one pin.

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

HAYLI WORTHINGTON, MINICO IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

Worthington helped lead two relay teams to impressive finishes at the Big Sky Conference Indoor Championships. Her 4x400 relay team finished third with the school's fourth-best time and the distance medley relay team earned all-conference honors.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

MICHAEL SHEA O'DONNELL, MINICO UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

The freshman posted personal best times in the 100-yard butterfly (1 minute 1.19 seconds), 100-yard breaststroke (1:08.67) and 200-yard breaststroke (2:28.89).

Softball

Continued from Sports 1

"The girls are really hitting well and we're minimizing our errors," said Twin Falls Coach Leslie Phillips. "It seems like my girls are starting to get more comfortable with their teammates and defensively."

The games took longer than usual, as play was delayed numerous times by dust-filled wind gusts. The afternoon was bogged down by wind-caused errors, mostly by Burley, which committed 15 in the two

games combined.

"The difference is they made contact on the ball hitting, and then they fielded better than we did," said Burley coach Tim Campbell. "We made too many errors. A lot of the errors have to do with the conditions of the wind, but we had a lot of bad errors."

Despite the weather, Twin Falls freshman Rainey Dyreson had a huge day. She struck out seven in Game 1, turning in a performance in the circle that her coach called her best of the season

thus far. Dyreson also homered in each game.

Lexi Clark was 3-for-4, Henley Blick hit a triple, and Brylee Bartlett hit a home run in Game 2. Pitcher Jaquelyn Corr earned the win for Twin Falls, which travels to Kimberly for a nonconference game on Tuesday.

Burley (2-3, 0-3 GBC) goes to Buhl for a nonconference game on Wednesday.

"The key thing for us is to look at our weaknesses, go back to work and get better," Campbell said. "It's not so

much who's winning throughout the season, it's who is going to play the best at the end of the season."

Game 1
Twin Falls 11, Burley 1, five innings
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Burley
Rainey Dyreson and Brylee Bartlett; Braelyn Blauer and Andrea Ramirez; W. Dyreson; L. Blauer; Extra-base hits - 2B: Twin Falls, Bartlett, HR: Twin Falls, Dyreson

Game 2
Twin Falls 22, Burley 7, four innings
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Burley
Jaquelyn Corr; Rainey Dyreson (2), Corr (3) and Allie Johnson; Taylor Garcia; Jacoby Saras (3) and Nicole Williams; W. Corr; L. Garcia; Extra-base hits - 2B: Twin Falls, Lexi Clark; Burley, Saras; 3B: Twin Falls, Henley Blick; HR: Twin Falls, Brylee Bartlett, Dyreson.

CSI baseball

Continued from Sports 1

Kerns hit through the left side of the drawn-in infield to plate Renner and give CSI a 3-2 lead.

"I was just trying to make contact, put pressure on them and make something happen," Kerns said of his first collegiate at-bat. "I definitely didn't want to go down swinging. I like hitting, and I've missed it. I wouldn't say I was the greatest hitter in the world in high school but I liked

it and thought I was pretty good at it. I'm glad to get the opportunity, and I want to make the most of them if I get more."

Kerns came on in the sixth inning as part of a double switch, with designated hitter Parker Morin moving behind the plate as Kerns relieved Brandon Petite on the mound.

The Boise sophomore entered the game with a 3-0 count and a runner at third with no outs, a situation

which escalated to second and third, no outs, before Kerns slammed the door shut.

With CSI (20-12, 12-8 Scenic West) due to send Kerns up to the plate fourth in the following inning due to losing the DH with the double switch, head coach Boomer Walker opted to keep his closer in the game.

"(Kerns) was just throwing so well, we wanted to make sure we stuck with him," said Walker, who earlier in the

week had said Kerns could potentially be the fourth bat off a depleted bench. "Even if we didn't score any runs in the sixth, we were comfortable that he wouldn't give any up in the seventh."

"He had a great weekend for us. The last two weekends have been huge for his confidence."

Colorado Northwestern (3-27, 2-18) plated runs in the first and second innings to stake itself to a 2-0 lead, but that

was rubbed out.

After Kerns gave the Golden Eagles the lead, they added an insurance run when Blake Lively singled home Ashton to provide the final margin. They won the four games by a combined 12 runs.

"I'm glad the games were competitive and tight," Walker said. "They've got a club that always plays hard and never quits, and you've got to respect them for that. We've been in a lot of tight

games, and when we get to the (region) tournament we're going to have had a lot of those games under our belts."

CSI's 20-game home stand continues Friday when it hosts Eastern Utah.

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Travis Moody; Robert Padgett (6) and J.J. Graham; Ryan Cannella (6); Paul Schaak; Brandon Petrie (3); Chris Kerns (9) and Luke Miller; Parker Morn (6); W. Kerns (2-1); L. Moody (0-7); Extra-base hits - 2B: CNCC, Cannella (1), Jimmy Gonzales (2); CSI: Ben Douglas (3), Morin (11).



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Wanted: RANCH HAND. Care for & maintain cattle herd in a commonly accepted herdsmanhip manner using basic bovine practices. Perform range & fence maintenance, weed control & predator control. Maintain & use tractors, hay harvesting equipment & trucks. Use & maintain saddle horses used for livestock care. Work schedule requires being on call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week as needed for emergencies or to protect the safety & well being of the herd. Work equipment/ tools provided. Requires 12 mo. experience as Ranch Hand. Ranch near Gillette, WY. Full time, \$1600 per mo. plus free room & board. Housing: 5th wheel trailer, 1 bdrm, do own cooking. Transportation & subsistence expense to worksite will be provided upon completion of 50% of contract. Position is temporary, March 25, 2011 to December 20, 2011. Three-fourths guarantee per 20 CFR 655.122(i).
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207
General

AUTOMOTIVE
Looking for self motivators.
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SALES

SPUDNIK Spudnik Equipment Company LLC
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Fill customer orders and sell replacement parts to customers by identifying item numbers, descriptions, prices, quantities, etc. Perform daily cash transactions based on defined procedures. Manage and maintain accurate inventory in warehouse by following prescribed policies and procedures.

Qualifications

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- Good communication and problem solving skills
- Experience with computers and software
- Must possess a current valid driving license and be insurable
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- Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs

Apply at jobs@spudnik.com, fax resume to 208-785-1497, or mail to PO Box 1045, Blackfoot, ID, 83221.

207
General

GENERAL
Dot Foods, the nation's leading food redistributors, is now hiring **Full-Time Trailer Spotters**

Dot Offers:

- Weekend/Nights
- 4 night/10 hour shift
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Requirements

- High school diploma or general equivalency degree req.
- Able to safely and efficiently spot trailers on the lot or at the dock door.
- Must be able to lift 60 lbs

We are hiring in Burley ID
Apply now at:
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DOT

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M/F/D/V

GENERAL
Hiring Summer Lifeguards, Swim Instructors and Summer Day Camp Counselors. If hired, training will be discounted. Previous experience is a plus.
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GENERAL
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS!
Burley Office-678-4040

- CDL A/ HAZ
- Mechanic/CDL A
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207
General

GENERAL
Bish's RV is seeking experienced **RV Parts Person.** Competitive salary, benefits & 401k avail.
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GENERAL
Mulholland Positioning, a manufacturer of rehab products for a global market, has an opening for a **Mechanical Assembler.** This position is FT and long term. Must be steady and responsible.
Apply at 839 Albion, Burley.

GENERAL
Part-time Developmental Therapy Tech needed. Pay begins at \$7.30 to \$8.47, dependent upon education/experience. Mileage reimbursed.
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GENERAL
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GENERAL
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208
Hospitality

COOK
Cook or Cook/Waitress for the Buffalo Cafe. Experience is a plus but will train the right person.
Drop off or send resume to 218 4th Ave. W., Twin Falls or pick up form at the Buffalo, fill out & return.

208
Hospitality

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210
Management

CREDIT MANAGER
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Send resumes to mv.ag.resumes@gmail.com

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Contract Assistant/ Project Estimator
Wanted: experienced project manager to assist General Manager with project management, and estimating duties. Previous Utility Construction background required. Applicant must have experience/ expertise in the following areas:
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JO# 1385064, 3 Farmworker/Irrigator, Shawver Farms Inc, Eden ID \$9.90-\$10/hr, 48/wk, 4/15/2011 to 11/15/2011 Twin Falls, ID SWA, 208-735-2500
JO# 1385064, 1 Farmwork/Irrigation/Livestock Care, Irish Farms, Buhl ID \$9.90-\$10/hr, 48/wk, 4/15/2011 to 11/15/2011 Twin Falls, ID SWA, 208-735-2500
JO# 1385064, 3 Farmworker/Irrigator, Van Dyk Dairy, Wendell ID \$9.90-\$10/hr, 48/wk, 4/15/2011 to 11/15/2011 Twin Falls, ID SWA, 208-735-2500
JO# 1385064, 1 Farm/Livestock Worker/Irrigator, K G Land & Livestock, Inc., Hazelton ID, 48/wk, 5/1/2011 to 11/1/2011 Burley, ID SWA, 208-678-5518
JO# 1385064, 2 Farmworker/Irrigator, Visser Holsteins DBA Eagle View Farms, Buhl ID \$9.90-\$10/hr, 48/wk, 4/15/2011 to 11/15/2011 Twin Falls, ID SWA, 208-735-2500
JO# 1386619, 2 General Farmwork, Mike Funkhouser, Fairfield ID \$9.90-\$10.00, 48/wk, 5/5/2011 to 10/5/2011 Twin Falls, ID SWA, 208-735-2500
JO# 1385064, 2 General Farmworker, Hillside Ranch, Bellevue ID \$9.90-10/hr, 48/wk, 4/15/2011 to 11/1/2011 Twin Falls, ID SWA, 208-735-2500
JO# 1385064, 1 Farmworker/Irrigators/Livestock, Lava Lake Land & Livestock, LLC, Hailey ID \$9.90-\$10.00, 48/wk, 5/1/2011 to 11/30/2011 Twin Falls, ID SWA, 208-735-2500
JO# 1385064, 1 Farmwork/Irrigation and Livestock care, G+ Ranches, Inc., Buhl, ID \$9.90-\$10.00, 48/wk, 5/1/2011 to 10/15/2011 Twin Falls, ID SWA, 208-735-2500

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CLASSIFIED SALES REPRESENTATIVE

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This person will consult with classified customers- present advertising solutions both in print and online; and help write ads that get better results. They will be responsible for prospecting new customers by phone, accurate placement of all advertising orders, upsells to current customers, data tracking, & responding to general customer inquiries.

The right candidate will be professional, goal-oriented, highly organized, able to handle multiple tasks, possess strong customer service and communication skills as well as having proven sales ability. This person will be proficient in Microsoft Office and Power Point with excellent keyboarding and spelling skills and attention to detail. Prior outbound telephone sales or businesses-to-business sales and customer service experience preferred.

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The Times is seeking a full-time advertising sales consultant who is ready to achieve success, is highly motivated and goal orientated. This position will manage an existing well established account list and be responsible for the development of new business from new and existing clients. This individual will provide excellent service to our clients, selling the newspaper advertising, specialty publications, online advertising, ad inserts and other online products.

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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

Answers are on page Classifieds 8

211 Medical

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MEDICAL

Ashley Manor looking for **CNA's/Caregivers.** Hiring universal caregivers for Graveyard shift. Must have experience and know how to cook. **Please apply in person at 1210 Buttercup Trail, Kimberly Idaho. 208-423-5971.**

MEDICAL

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MEDICAL

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center is hiring for: **CNA (PT) COOK (FT/PT) Dietary Aide (PT) Environ Svcs Tech (FT) Scrub Tech (FT) RN OR Lead (FT)** For a complete listing of our jobs and application procedures please visit **www.stbenshospital.com** **709 Lincoln Ave. Jerome, ID 83338 EOE**

215 Professional

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216 Sales

SALES

HEAVY DUTY TRUCK SALESPERSON Twin Falls, ID. Exp truck salesperson for new and used heavy duty and medium duty trucks. Seeking person with exp in truck sales, truck part sales, or equip sales. Generous commission schedule. Must have a clean driving record & possess a CDL. **Cover letter and resumes to Gen Manager, PO BOX 1746, Twin Falls, ID 83303**

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 0999522055 T.S. No. 201000564 - 33828 On 07/05/2011 at 11:00 a.m. (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: In the Lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street, Suite 600, Twin Falls, ID 83301, Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services, LLC, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: PARCEL NO. 1: Lot 4, Block 1, Twin Falls Lee Carney Subdivision, Twin Falls, State of Idaho. EXCEPT a parcel of land for road right of way purposes being generally described as an irregular strip of land adjacent to and along Washington Street North in Lot 4 of Block 1 in Lee Carney Subdivision in the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, according to the Official Plat thereof recorded in Book 7 of Plats at page 26, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, and being more specifically described as follows: Commencing at the West Quarter corner of Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 17 East Boise Meridian; said corner being at Project Station 26+99.04 and located South 0°04'25" East, 2696.08 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 9 at Project Station 53+95.12; Thence on a bearing of North 0°04'25" West a distance of 955.51 feet along the West boundary of Section 9 and the centerline of Washington Street North to centerline Station 36+54.52; Thence North 89°52'17" East a distance of 30.00 feet to the existing right of way boundary of Washington Street North and the Southwest corner of said Lot 4 Block 1 at Centerline Station 36+54.55; 30.00 feet right and being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence from this REAL POINT OF BEGINNING and along the West boundary of said Lot 4, Block 1 and the existing right of way boundary of Washington Street North on bearing of North 0°04'25" West a distance of 99.78 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 4, Block 1 at Centerline Station 37+54.33; 30.00 feet right; Thence along the Northerly boundary of said Lot 4, Block 1 on a bearing of North 89°52'17" East a distance of 13.72 feet to Centerline Station 37+54.34; 43.72 feet right and the new Easterly right of way boundary of Washington Street North; Thence along the new Easterly right of way boundary of Washington Street North on a bearing of South 2°37'59" West a distance of 36.36 feet to Centerline Station 37+18.04; 42.00 feet right; Thence along the new Easterly right of way boundary of Washington Street North on a bearing of South 0°04'25" East a distance of 49.78 feet to Centerline Station 36+68.24; 42.00 feet right; Thence along the new Easterly right of way boundary of Washington Street North on a bearing of South 45°06'04" East a distance of 19.34 feet to the South boundary of said Lot 4, Block 1 and the Northerly right of way boundary of Moreland Avenue at Centerline Station 36+54.57; 55.68 feet right; Thence along the Southerly boundary of said Lot 4, Block 1 on a bearing of South 89°52'17" West a distance of 25.68 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING. (BASIS OF BEARINGS: Section line from the West Quarter corner of Section 9 to the Northwest corner of Section 9 all in Township 10 South, "Range 17 East Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. Said Section line being on a bearing of North 0°04'25" West) PARCEL NO. 2: A parcel of land for road right of way purposes being generally described as an irregular strip of land adjacent to and along Washington Street North in Lot 4 of Block 1 in Lee Carney Subdivision in the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, according to the Official Plat thereof recorded in Book 7 of Plats at page 26, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, and being more specifically described as follows: Commencing at the West Quarter corner of Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 17 East Boise Meridian; said corner being at Project Station 26+99.04 and located South 0°04'25" East, 2696.08 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 9 at Project Station 53+95.12; Thence on a bearing of North 0°04'25" West a distance of 955.51 feet along the West boundary of Section 9 and the centerline of Washington Street North to centerline Station 36+54.52; Thence North 89°52'17" East a distance of 30.00 feet to the existing right of way boundary of Washington Street North and the Southwest corner of said Lot 4 Block 1 at Centerline Station 36+54.55; 30.00 feet right and being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence from this REAL POINT OF BEGINNING and along the West boundary of said Lot 4, Block 1 and the existing right of way boundary of Washington Street North on bearing of North 0°04'25" West a distance of 99.78 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 4, Block 1 at Centerline Station 37+54.33; 30.00 feet right; Thence along the Northerly boundary of said Lot 4, Block 1 on a bearing of North 89°52'17" East a distance of 13.72 feet to Centerline Station 37+54.34; 43.72 feet right and the new Easterly right of way boundary of Washington Street North; Thence along the new Easterly right of way boundary of Washington Street North on a bearing of South 2°37'59" West a distance of 36.36 feet to Centerline Station 37+18.04; 42.00 feet right; Thence along the new Easterly right of way boundary of Washington Street North on a bearing of South 0°04'25" East a distance of 49.78 feet to Centerline Station 36+68.24; 42.00 feet right; Thence along the new Easterly right of way boundary of Washington Street North on a bearing of South 45°06'04" East a distance of 19.34 feet to the South boundary of said Lot 4, Block 1 and the Northerly right of way boundary of Moreland Avenue at Centerline Station 36+54.57; 55.68 feet right; Thence along the Southerly boundary of said Lot 4, Block 1 on a bearing of South 89°52'17" West a distance of 25.68 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING. (BASIS OF BEARINGS: Section line from the West Quarter corner of Section 9 to the Northwest corner of Section 9 all in Township 10 South, Range 17 East Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Said Section line being on a bearing of North 0°04'25" West) The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **652 Washington Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301** is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **Janet L. Herman FKA Janet Louise Ottersetter**, as grantors, to Wells Fargo Financial National Bank, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 04/02/2003 and recorded on 04/25/2003, as Instrument No. 2003-010440, of Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 04/02/2003. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of 146.33, due per month for the months of 10/15/2009 through 2/16/2011, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$12,167.23, plus accrued interest at the rate of 8.29% per annum from 09/15/2009. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. T.D. Service Company 1820 E. First Street, Suite 210, Santa Ana, CA 92705-4063 Sale Information Line: 714-259-7850 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: (714) 480-5472 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 2/18/11 Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services By: Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer ASAP# 3928320

PUBLISH: March 27, April 3, 10 and 17, 2011

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR 2011 BY THE NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That in accordance with the action of the Board of Directors of the North Side Pumping Company, at a Special Meeting held at North Side Canal/North Side Pumping Company Office Jerome, Idaho, October 22, 2010, an assessment of Fifty-six Dollars (\$56.00) per share on 11,385.26 shares being delivered by NSPC and Twenty-two (\$22.00) per share for 760.60 shares being delivered by NSCC, said assessment was levied against all stock issued and outstanding in the North Side Pumping Company for the period beginning November 1, 2010 and ending October 31, 2011. All amounts so levied are payable on or before April 1, 2011.

No water will be delivered until maintenance is paid in full. On unpaid accounts, interest will be charged and a lien filed in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Idaho. All remittances should be made to the North Side Canal/Pumping Company, at 921 North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho 83338. North Side Pumping Company /s/Terry Walters, Secretary

PUBLISH: March 27 and April 3, 2011

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR 2011 BY THE NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That in accordance with the action of the Board of Directors of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., at a meeting held at Jerome, Idaho, October 15, 2010, an assessment of Twenty-two (\$22.00) per share to cover 2011 Operation & Maintenance charges, was levied against all stock issued and outstanding in the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., for the period beginning November 1, 2010 and ending October 31, 2011. All said amounts so levied are payable on or before April 1, 2011.

No water will be delivered until maintenance is paid in full. On unpaid accounts, interest will be charged and liens filed, in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Idaho. All remittances should be made to the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., 921 North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho 83338. NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD. /s/Terry Walters. Assistant Secretary

PUBLISH: March 27 and April 3, 2011

PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Cat, young female, black & white. Found on 3/25 on West Midway in Filer. **208-539-9707**

FOUND Chocolate Lab, 6-8 months old, by the Interstate in Jerome. Wearing collar, no tags. **324-9301**

FOUND German Shepherd mix? Male, in Kimberly. **Call 731-5776 or 421-0696** to get him home.

FOUND Malamute/Husky cross, adult male, very friendly. Has an old red woven collar. Found at 200 S. 200 E. Rupert. **208-431-0040**

FOUND Pump Parts by railroad tracks. Call with description to claim 208-380-8083.

FOUND Terrier on Meridian Road in Rupert. Small tan female wearing Pocatello tags. Her name is Jersey. Please call **303-406-8041**.

LOST 2 cats, Exit 205 on Fri 3/25 in a car accident, one Siamese & one Tabby. **Ark Animal Hospital 208-678-1177**

104 Personals

DUI? Consider trial rather than plea agreement. Ask your legal counsel about all CIVIL penalties and total DMV fees for Driver's License reinstatement. I am NOT an attorney, nor is this advertisement a solicitation. Paid for by Scott Andrus, Twin Falls.

106 Special Notices

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS

Have you forgotten to pickup your **birthday photos**? We have some **photos** we are sure you don't want us to toss. These can be **picked up** at The Times-News Classified Dept.

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Pregnancy Alternatives

Pregnant? Worried? Free Pregnancy Tests Confidential **208-734-7472**

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Professional Services

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Child Care Services

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707 Irrigation

PUMP MOTOR US Electric, unused since rebuild. 150hp Hollowshaft and 40hp Hollowshaft. \$2500 & \$1200. **Call 208-320-4058.**

MISCELLANEOUS

816 Miscellaneous

POOL TABLE Brunswick Brighton, official size, excellent shape, 3 lab, easy to move, \$600. **208-948-5149 or 208-720-4650**

820 Tools and Machinery

AIR COMPRESSOR 185 CFM, Leroi with 800 actual hours. John Deere diesel, well maintained & very clean. \$5500. **320-4058**

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Garage Sales

KETTERLING ESTATE SALE April 7 & 8 (9-6) April 9 (9-2) **141 North 400 West, Paul, ID** B4-14 International Tractor - 8 x 16' Flatbed Trailer - Sofa & Loveseat - Refrigerator - Stove - Antique Kitchen Table & Chairs - Desk - Living Room Chairs - Glass Top Coffee Table - Lamps- End Tables - Statues - Large Antique Coca Cola Machine - Kitchen Items - Records - Filing Cabinet - Treadmill - Luggage - Kirby Vacuum - Multiple Framed Paintings - Pair Leather Recliners - Butcher Boy Band Meat Saw - Antique Grocery Store Vegetable/ Fruit Refrigerator Unit - 4 Wheeler - Riding Lawn Mower - Bedroom Set - Rocking Chair - Lots of Tools - Band Saw - Floor Jack - Saturday Half Price! **Managed by Blue Cow 312-4900**

TRANSPORTATION

1005

Semis And Heavy Equipment



FORD '95 F-250 with utility bed. New factory 351 V8 & auto trans, new radials, immaculate previous Calif. State owned vehicle, \$4900. **208-320-4058**

1008

SUVs

FORD '01 Expedition XLT, good condition, towing package, auto, 4WD & more. 112,000 miles. Below Kelley Blue Book. **326-4443**

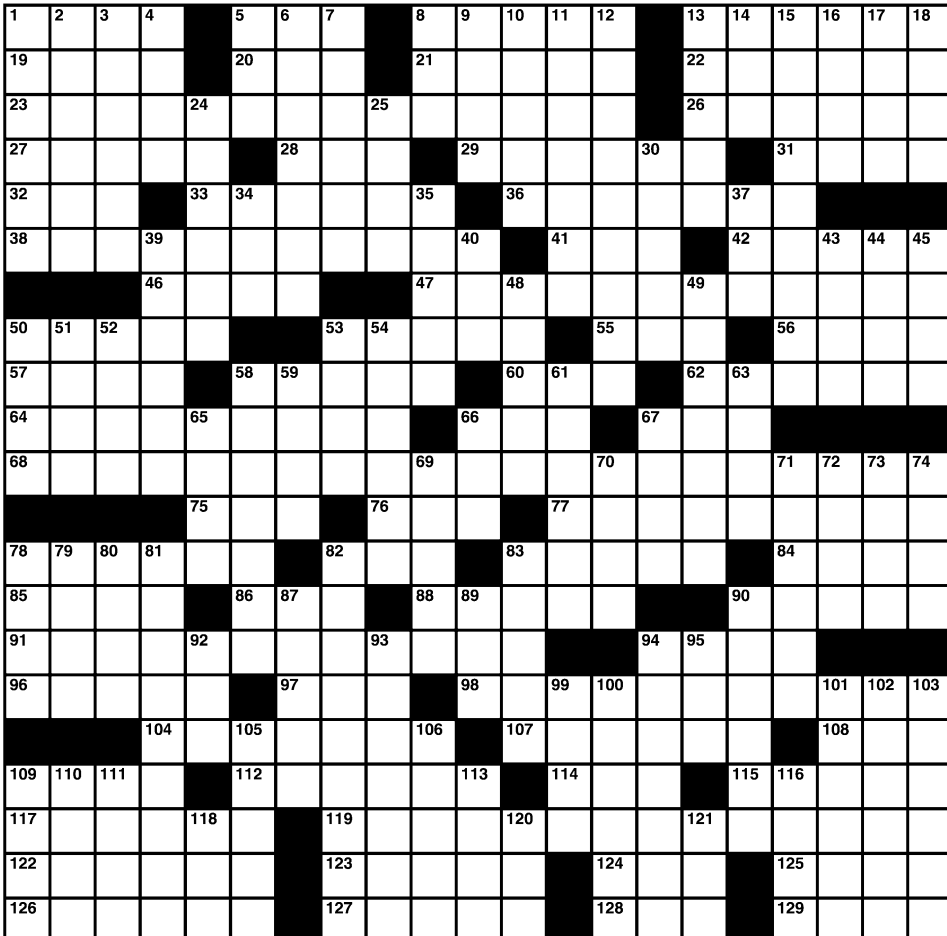
Sunday Crossword

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

THE PLAY'S THE THING By Doug Peterson

ACROSS

- 1 Cause for fishing hole excitement
- 5 Gate approx.
- 8 Fleshy-snouted mammal
- 13 Fearless Fosdick's creator
- 19 Airline with a Ben Gurion hub
- 20 Book flap feature
- 21 Ridiculous
- 22 Comfortable shoe
- 23 *They're educational and stackable
- 26 Unlearned
- 27 Long-tailed songbird
- 28 Shade of green
- 29 It's done in some circles
- 31 Sturdy wagon
- 32 Santa __ winds
- 33 Actor Estevez
- 36 "A Taste of Honey" dramatist
- 38 *Construction set invented by Frank Lloyd Wright's son
- 41 DMV document
- 42 Vaquero's plain
- 46 Aries affirmatives
- 47 *Street hockey gear
- 50 Port-du-__ French cheese
- 53 Script section
- 55 Word between surnames
- 56 PBS series since 1974
- 57 City SSW of Moscow
- 58 Breezy good-byes
- 60 QB's try
- 62 First name among disrespected comedians?
- 64 Pollution-free power sources
- 66 Links highlight
- 67 Itty-bitty, in Inverness
- 68 Rochester, N.Y., institution whose inductees include the eight answers to the starred clues
- 75 Jenny, e.g.
- 76 "Reliable Sources" airer
- 77 Picnic favorite
- 78 Tiny bit
- 82 Tool used in a bed
- 83 Swedish imports
- 84 Winged goddess
- 85 War of 1812 shipbuilding port
- 86 Half a dance
- 88 "Gone With the Wind" Oscar winner



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- 90 Dramatist Chekhov
- 91 *Shipping container
- 94 "How __ refuse?"
- 96 City SSW of Moscow
- 97 '80s missile shield prog.
- 98 *Dual-knobbed drawing device
- 104 Home of Chichén Itzá
- 107 Hullabaloo
- 108 "Bingo!"
- 109 Crime lab item
- 112 Not spontaneous
- 114 Come up short
- 115 "King Lear" daughter
- 117 Ripped to pieces
- 119 *Kindergartner's boxful
- 122 Mystical secrets
- 123 "True Grit," for one
- 124 20th-century composer Harris
- 125 Logical connector
- 126 1943 Allied conference site
- 127 Campout treat
- 128 34th pres.
- 129 Look to be DOWN
- 1 "Little help here, bud?"
- 2 "Fighting" team

- 3 __ Zee Bridge
- 4 Pre-coll. catchall
- 5 Flow's counterpart
- 6 Ascot fasteners
- 7 "I'm listening!"
- 8 Up to, in brief
- 9 " __ Amours": 1984 César Award-winning film
- 10 Walked worriedly
- 11 Bygone writing aid
- 12 Able to overcome adversity
- 13 Bring into harmony
- 14 Contemporary of Boris
- 15 *Board game with color-coded cards
- 16 Where some worship from
- 17 Anti-leather gp.
- 18 Zebras, to lions
- 24 Did lunch, say
- 25 Scott of "Happy Days"
- 30 Iridescent
- 31 Jewelry material
- 34 1,051, to Hadrian
- 35 Fiends of fantasy
- 37 Buckskin source
- 39 "What else __ do?"
- 40 Elroy, to George Jetson

- 43 Oodles
- 44 Snow in Milano
- 45 Anthem beginning
- 48 Percolate
- 49 Sunday deliveries
- 50 Planted
- 51 "Turandot" highlight
- 52 Period of sacrifice
- 53 O.T. prophet
- 54 Bulk-purchase club
- 58 1988 A.L. MVP
- 59 Funds for later yrs.
- 61 Leaves home?
- 63 Bozos
- 65 Newborn Arabian
- 66 Objectivism advocate Rand
- 67 Healthy portion
- 69 Spaghetti pkg. unit
- 70 Remini of "The King of Queens"
- 71 Author Flagg
- 72 Hit the ground
- 73 Speedy shark
- 74 Idyllic setting
- 78 Gumshoes
- 79 "Dies __"
- 80 Flag
- 81 *Cuddly bedmate
- 82 Crunchy Mexican munchies

- 83 NBA's __ Man of the Year Award
- 87 Tackles
- 89 Classified letters
- 90 Capital south of the Black Sea
- 92 Mitt Romney's alma mater: Abbr.
- 93 Family tree, e.g.
- 94 Peninsula north of Martha's Vineyard
- 95 Silent communication syst.
- 99 "Groovy!"
- 100 Three Stooges family name
- 101 First non-European literature Nobel (1913)
- 102 Meter feeder's need
- 103 Quaint carriage
- 105 It covers D.C.
- 106 "Groovy!"
- 109 Fan's factoid
- 110 Modeled
- 111 Raise, as an eyebrow
- 113 Tannery worker
- 116 Checks out
- 118 Uruguayan article
- 120 Stuff in a seam
- 121 Sourdough alternative

Answers are on page Classifieds 8

PEOPLE FOR PETS

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LOST & FOUND

1. Idaho Shag black/white male puppy found at 3849 N 1500 E
2. Lab black red collar found at 828 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
3. Boxer/Lab cross black/white on chest young adult male found at 146 Addison
4. Pit Bull light brindle/white blue harness found at Horseshoe Park
5. Golden Retriever gold orange shock collar - adult female found at 1657 E 3600 N
6. German Shepherd/Border Collie cross black/tan young adult female found at Washington St. & Caswell Ave.
7. German Shepherd cross sable pink collar with flowers - female puppy found at 245 Van Buren
8. Pit Bull brown/white red collar - adult neutered male found at 3800 N 1700 E
9. Golden Retriever gold adult male found at Bell Rapids
10. German Shepherd cross brown/black female puppy found at 1297 Filer Ave. W.
11. Lab/Border Collie cross black/white on chest black collar young adult male found at Harmon Park
12. Chihuahua blonde young adult female found in Paul, ID on the railroad tracks
13. Heeler cross black/white male puppy found at Canyon Ridge High School

ADOPTIONS

1. Dachshund black/tan 1 year old neutered male 'Shorty'
2. Border Collie cross white/sable 4 month old spayed female
3. Idaho Shag black/white 3 month old neutered male Miniature American Eskimo grey/tan 1 year old spayed female 'Miko'
4. Lab black 3 year old neutered male 'Bagheera'
5. Australian Shepherd cross black/tan 2 year old spayed female
6. Weimaraner silver 1 year old neutered male 'Charlie'
7. Heeler/Corgi cross white/black spots 2 year old neutered male 'Gizmo'
8. Golden Retriever gold 3 year old spayed female
9. German Shepherd/Border Collie cross black/tan 9 month old spayed female
10. Boston Terrier cross dark brindle/white 5 year old neutered male
11. Lab chocolate 10 month old spayed female
12. Lab/Boxer cross black/white - 4 month old spayed female
13. Lab yellow 1 year old neutered male
14. Golden Retriever gold 1 year old neutered male 'Sir Duke'
15. German Shepherd cross brown/black 5 month old spayed female
16. Bichon Frise cross white 3 year old neutered male
17. English Pointer white/brown 3 1/2 year old spayed female 'Birdy'
18. Pit Bull/Shar Pei cross black/white 3 month old neutered male 'Wonton'
19. Lab/Border Collie cross black/white on chest 11 month old neutered male
20. Chihuahua blonde 1 year old spayed female
21. 2 Chihuahua's blonde/white & sable/white 7 month old spayed female & neutered male

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Today is Sunday, April 3, the 93rd day of 2011. There are 272 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight:

On April 3, 1860, the legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)

# TODAY IN HISTORY

### On this date:

In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1911, Jean Sibelius' Symphony No. 4 in A minor, Op. 63, had its world premiere in Helsinki, Finland, with Sibelius conducting.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J. for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr.

In 1946, Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, the Japanese commander responsible for the Bataan Death March, was executed by firing squad outside Manila.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Marshall Plan, designed to help European allies rebuild after World War II and resist Communism.

In 1968, the day before he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers. North Vietnam agreed to meet with U.S. representatives to set up preliminary peace talks.

In 1974, deadly tornadoes struck wide parts of the South and Midwest before jumping across the border into Canada; more than 300 fatalities resulted.

In 1979, Jane M. Byrne was elected mayor of Chicago, defeating Republican Wallace D. Johnson.

In 1996, an Air Force jet-liner carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and American business executives crashed in Croatia, killing all 35 people aboard.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush warned China it risked damaging relations with the United States unless it quickly released the American crew of a damaged Navy spy plane. (The plane had made an emergency landing in China after colliding with a Chinese fighter.)

Five years ago: Former Liberian President Charles Taylor pleaded not guilty before an international war crimes tribunal in Sierra Leone, denying he'd helped destabilize West Africa through killings, sexual slavery and sending children into combat. (Taylor's case has yet to be decided.) Florida beat UCLA, 73-57, to win its first NCAA title in men's basketball. Charles Barkley, Dominique Wilkins and Joe Dumars were among six people elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

One year ago: The leader of the Anglican church, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, said in remarks released by the BBC that the Roman Catholic church in Ireland had lost all credibility because of its mishandling of abuse by priests. White supremacist Eugene TerreBlanche, 68, was bludgeoned to death on his South African farm in a dispute with black farm workers over wages. Connecticut senior Tina Charles was the runaway choice as The Associated Press' women's college basketball player of the year. Nebraska's Connie Yori was named The Associated Press' women's college basketball coach of the year.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My eldest daughter, “Judy,” who was previously loving, kind and considerate, has for the last year distanced herself from me. I have left messages on her answering machine because she won’t answer the phone. I have sent her cards and letters, only to receive no response. We live a short distance of each other, but I haven’t seen her in a year.

I am bewildered by this abrupt change in our mother-daughter relationship. I have pleaded for an explanation; there’s never any response.

Judy is a well-educated individual, with several degrees and on her way to a master’s degree. I know, too, that there has been considerable stress in her life — but that shouldn’t cause her to cut her own mother out of her life. I have had many sleepless nights over this.

I am at my wit’s end. I feel she possibly needs help in some way. Judy seems to be angry at the whole world — me, her siblings, her grandmother, and oftentimes her friends are her “enemies.” Help!

— SLEEPLESS IN UTAH



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR SLEEPLESS:** If your daughter had distanced herself only from you, I would guess that she was punishing you — nursing a grievance she wasn’t ready to air. However, because she has suddenly cut herself off from everyone, declaring that they are her enemies, there is indeed cause for concern. She could be suffering from depression or paranoia.

Please don’t wait. Go to your daughter so you can see for yourself what is going on with her. She may need medical or psychological intervention.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a question that affects just about every household in America sooner or later. What do you do to dispose of unwanted family photographs?

I have albums filled with pictures of parents, siblings, aunts and uncles. I can understand saving a few — but when you are at the “end of the line,” so to speak, and there is no one to pass them along to, what’s an appropriate method for disposal?

— DOWNSIZING

IN SOUTH JERSEY

**DEAR DOWNSIZING:** I’m glad you asked. Offer them to your county or state historical society. Those pictures of your relatives could provide interesting snapshots of the time in which they were taken. Your local library might also want them.

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister and I want a dog, but our mother won’t let us have one. When we asked her why not, she said, “Because dogs poop, pee, get things dirty and bark.”

We told her, “We will train it, feed it, clean up after it. We’ll even pay for it.” We really would, but she still says, “NO!”

What should we do to convince our mom to let us get a dog?

— SON AND DAUGHTER

IN ALBUQUERQUE

**DEAR SON AND DAUGHTER:** I can’t claim this advice as my own. It was penned by Jeff and Bill Keane, the noted cartoonists. They said, “The best way to get a hamster is to first ask for a pony.” That logic might also apply to a puppy.

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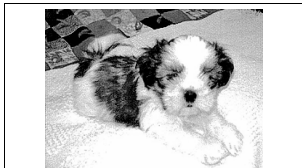
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**Jeraldine Saunders**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The new moon in your sign may bring thoughts of spring this week. Your tendency to spring optimistically into anything that puts you at the head of the line, however, may be met with secret disapproval or unexpected censure.

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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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>>> Family Life 5

# Filling the mental health gap

Community Support Center's new club teaches life skills to mental health clients



James Sandlian talks during a meeting Tuesday at the Community Support Center in Twin Falls. The center's new club for adults with mental disabilities is open to people who aren't Medicaid recipients, and organizers are encouraging club participants to volunteer in the community.

By Melissa Davlin  
Times-News writer

Orion Odendhal is trying to be a productive member of society. Every weekday, the 42-year-old Twin Falls man comes to the Community Support Center in downtown Twin Falls to run the thrift store and attend club meetings for adults with mental disabilities.

In January, the Community Support Center stopped offering adult partial care, focusing instead on psychosocial rehabilitation and starting a club that takes the place of partial care. The club is one of the creative ways the center is coping with the most recent Medicaid budget cuts, which took effect Jan. 1. But the staff and clients worry how they will cope with the Medicaid reform that passed the Legislature last week.

The center, on Twin Falls' Main Avenue South, has a pool table, small kitchen and laundry facilities where clients can wash their clothes. The privately owned Medicaid service provider serves people with mental disabilities, including bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and severe depression.

Until last year, Medicaid recipients getting treatment for mental disabilities could receive both adult partial care and psychosocial rehabilitation, or PSR. On Jan. 1, new rules went into effect that required those clients to choose between the two.

Knowing that most of its clients would opt for PSR, the Community Support Center dropped adult partial care, replacing it with the new club, said PSR supervisor Ka Baumer. Also, providers receive \$11.35 for every 15 minutes of PSR provided to clients and only \$2.77 for 15 minutes of adult partial



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Orion Odendhal, who suffers from bipolar disorder, helps in the thrift store at the Community Support Center on Tuesday morning. Odendhal has been coming to the Twin Falls center for years and says the support it offers is critical. In addition to teaching him life skills, the center's new club gives Odendhal an opportunity to socialize.



A Community Support Center client draws during a Tuesday-morning meeting.

care. Clients are currently limited to five hours of PSR per week. Even after paying the staff, the PSR rate leaves money for over-

head, she said.

Adult partial care is a group activity for clients with severe mental illness. Participants learn life

skills such as financial planning, socializing and nutrition. The club that started in January does all those same things, Community Support Center assistant administrator Shasta Jones said, but Medicaid doesn't reimburse the center for it. And unlike adult partial care, the club is open to people who aren't Medicaid recipients.

Club participation is free, and among the 33 members from Twin Falls to Burley about 20 gather each day.

Five mornings a week, club members sit at long tables and face a whiteboard in a classroom setting. Jones and her colleagues fa-

cilitate discussion and teach the day's lesson — for instance, medication side effects, opportunities for community volunteering, or how new legislation will affect club meetings.

Everything said in the club meetings is confidential, allowing members to relax and be themselves while learning to function in society. Members eat lunch together after the three-hour meetings, then are asked to help wipe tables and clear plates.

In addition to teaching him life skills, the club gives Odendhal an

See **GAP**, Family Life 3

## Brides tightening belts — but not too much

By Ellen McCarthy  
The Washington Post

Nationwide the average couple spent \$26,984 on a 2010 wedding, down from \$29,334 two years earlier, according to a recent study by TheKnot.com and WeddingChannel.com. But even that reduction seems small for a year when the jobless rate was above 9 percent.

"I think it's because it's such a once-in-a-lifetime experience," says Rebecca Dolgin, executive editor of TheKnot.com. "People are willing to make some other sacrifices in order to have the wedding they'd always dreamed about."

The study found that less than a third of brides said the economy was a factor in their wedding budgets. And those who did trim the fat did so mostly by cutting the guest list: Last year, the average wedding had 141 guests, down from 149 in 2009.

Nationally, the average age is 29 for brides and 31 for grooms.



And 74 percent of couples lived together before marriage, according to the study. The research also showed that one in four couples hosted a destination wedding last year and that couples are increasingly focused on "wedding entertainment," like cigar-rolling stations, comedians and wine tastings. "They really want to have a memorable event," Dolgin says. "They want to put their own stamp on it."

## Folk remedies for colic do not work, review says

By Lindsey Tanner  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — That nonstop crying of a baby with colic has some parents turning to popular folk remedies. Unfortunately, there's no good evidence they work, according to a review of 15 studies.

The results don't surprise New York City mom Leni Calas, 32. She tried many treatments studied, including fennel extract, sugar drops and massage, and says nothing worked for baby Roxy, who cried almost nonstop for six months.

"Our daughter would wake up and cry literally morning to night without napping," Calas said. "She would just literally scream herself purple, and then throw up because she had been screaming so much."

Calas said she and her husband couldn't accept what doctors told them — that there was nothing wrong with their baby and that she'd outgrow the crying spells. But that's exactly what happened.

And that's what most doctors believe about colic, which affects up to roughly 20 percent of U.S. babies,

See **COLIC**, Family Life 3



AP photo

Roxy Sterbenz, 21 months, and her mother, Leni Calas, in their home in New York.

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Ten-year-old Anna Williamson runs sprints during basketball practice at Colonial Baptist Church in Cary, N.C. Doctors at Vanderbilt University operated on Anna while she was in the womb to correct spina bifida.

# Family looks back on fetal surgery as successful

By Sarah Avery  
McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — Ten years ago, Anna Williamson’s parents took a perilous risk when they elected to have a neurological impairment on her back mended in an experimental surgery before she was born.

As Anna plays basketball and scores A’s on her report card, the Williamsons have long believed they made a life-enhancing choice.

Now a study confirms the pioneering Holly Springs, N.C., family was right.

The research, released in the New England Journal of Medicine, demonstrates that operating on a fetus in the womb can reduce brain swelling and paralysis for children like Anna who are diagnosed with the neural tube defect known as spina bifida.

As a result, the procedure may soon be more widely available.

“It’s a very big deal,” said Dr. Nancy Chescheir, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Medicine, who was among the first to begin performing the procedure in 2000.

Chescheir was a member of the surgical team that operated on Anna Williamson. The youngster’s parents, Jason and Susan Williamson, elected to undergo the fetal surgery when it was still a radical intervention with only anecdotal evidence of success.

Diagnosed during pregnancy, spina bifida is a leading cause of paralysis and has no cures and few effective interventions — until the fetal surgery was tried.

The operation requires a risky incision through the mother’s uterus to the developing fetus. Doctors then repair the spinal lesion on the fetus’ back, which is sometimes an open wound, and other times a bulging cyst.

By intervening before birth, researchers had hoped the brain and spinal column could then develop more normally and reduce problems.

The trial, analyzing 158 pregnant women, bears out those hopes.

The mothers were randomly assigned to either undergo the fetal surgery, or get traditional therapy that mends the baby’s lesion after birth. Among the children who had prenatal surgery, 42 percent could walk without braces or crutches,

“We were doing what we thought was right for Anna and our family.”

— Susan Williamson

compared with 21 percent of those who did not get the intervention. The fetal surgery group also performed better on mental tests.

In addition, far fewer of the surgical patients needed a shunt implanted to drain brain fluid — a major complication of spina bifida that can lead to infections, additional surgeries, and declining mental abilities. Of the prenatal surgery group, 40 percent required a shunt, compared with 83 percent of those getting traditional care.

The study’s encouraging results were foretold by Anna Williamson’s experience. Now 10, the fourth-grader at Cary Christian School shows little evidence of having spina bifida, except for a slight hitch as she walks.

She loves sports — “She’s just begging me every day to go play golf,” says her dad, Jason — and also excels at art, sewing and handcrafts. A curious explorer, her favorite subjects are science and history.

“It’s easy to forget she has a disability,” Susan Williamson said.

Yet a decade ago, when the Williamsons opted to have the surgery, there were only about 100 other cases to help guide them as they contemplated their options.

“We were doing what we thought was right for Anna and our family,” Susan Williamson said, adding that she was heartened by success stories but yearned for scientific data that would have made the decision easier.

Now, she said, the trial’s confirmation that the surgery offers benefit provides clarity for new parents facing the same dilemma.

“It gives people hope, and I’m thankful for that,” she said. “That is such a huge thing.”

Still, the surgery remains dangerous. It often triggers premature births — Anna was born five weeks early — and the moms face complicated subsequent pregnancies. Susan Williamson’s second child, Patrick, was also five weeks premature, although her two youngest children arrived with few complications. Only Anna has spina bifida.

## SENIOR CALENDAR

- Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center**  
*530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; thrift store, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; daily movie, 1 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon. 734-5084.
- MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Ravioli  
**Tuesday:** Chicken nuggets  
**Wednesday:** Stuffed peppers  
**Thursday:** Chicken and noodles  
**Friday:** Seafood fettuccini
- ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Bridge, 1 p.m.  
Martial arts class, 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** AARP tax assistance by appointment, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 734-5084  
Ticket Tuesday at lunch  
Painting class, 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8 a.m.  
Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Tax assistance by appointment, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 734-5084  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Salmon Social Club, 1 p.m.  
Painting class 1, 3 p.m.  
Painting class 2, 6 p.m.  
Magic Valley Women’s AA, 6 p.m.  
**Friday:** Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, noon
- West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
*1010 Main St., Buhl.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors, 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$4, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday. Energy assistance by appointment, 736-0676.
- MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Clam chowder  
**Tuesday:** Hot beef sandwich  
**Wednesday:** Sausage, scrambled eggs  
**Thursday:** Cube steak
- ACTIVITIES:**  
**Today:** Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m.  
Last Resort Band  
**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
AARP tax assistance by appointment, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 543-4577  
**Wednesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.; minimum cost is \$9; public welcome  
**Thursday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Blood pressure checks, 11:45 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
- Filer Senior Haven**  
*222 Main St., Filer.* Lunch at noon Tuesday through Thursday. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.; public welcome
- Tuesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.
- Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**  
*310 Main St. N., Kimberly.* Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Cook’s choice  
**Wednesday:** Beef stew  
**Friday:** Meatballs
- ACTIVITIES:**  
**Today:** Baked ham dinner  
**Monday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone 18 and older welcome  
Branches Bible study, 1:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** NA meeting, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Blood pressure checks, 11:30 a.m.  
Foot clinic; sign-up  
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
- Gooding County Senior Citizen Center**  
*308 Senior Ave., Gooding.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Chicken fettuccini  
**Tuesday:** Chinese hamburgers  
**Wednesday:** Pizza  
**Thursday:** Chow mein
- ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.  
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.  
Wild card, 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.  
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Morning out, 9 a.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
- Wendell Senior Meal Site**  
*105 W. Ave. A.* Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center**  
*140 E. Lake, Hagerman.* Closed until April 11 for kitchen remodeling.
- ACTIVITY:**  
**Wednesday:** AARP tax assistance by appointment, 358-1085 (use side door).
- Jerome Senior Center**  
*520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trans IV bus runs Monday through Friday, call 736-2133.
- MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Barbecued hamburgers  
**Tuesday:** Ham  
**Wednesday:** Fish or chicken  
**Thursday:** Polish sausage  
**Friday:** Chicken salad
- ACTIVITIES:**  
**Today:** Potluck, dance with music by Melody Masters, 2 p.m.; \$5  
**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.  
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Tai chi, 10:30 a.m.
- SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Snack bar, 5 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.  
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.  
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
Country Cowboy Band  
Stitch ‘n time, 1 p.m.  
Free bridge lessons, 1 p.m.; sign up, 324-5642  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday:** YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.  
Freewill Baptist Church lunch and program  
SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.  
Women’s pool, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Gem State Fiddlers  
Tax assistance, 1-4 p.m.
- Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.  
Wii bowling, 2 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.  
Tax assistance by appointment, 1:30-5 p.m.; 726-5856  
**Thursday:** Movie, 1 p.m.; \$2  
**Friday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
- Carey Senior Center**  
*Main Street.* Lunch at noon Monday and Thursday. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors.
- MENU:**  
**Monday:** Soup and salad bar, sandwich
- Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center**  
*702 11th St., Rupert.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, children 10 and younger; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Tacos  
**Tuesday:** Meatloaf  
**Wednesday:** Pork chops  
**Thursday:** Salisbury steak  
**Friday:** Smorgasbord
- ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Tax assistance by appointment, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 436-9107  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.; \$7 and \$11 packets; 25 cents and \$1 games
- Richfield Senior Center**  
*130 S. Main, Richfield.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.
- MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Lasagna  
**Thursday:** Ham sandwich, chicken noodle soup
- Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.**  
*218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
- MENUS:**  
**Tuesday:** Chicken Malibu  
**Wednesday:** Tuna fish sandwich  
**Friday:** Macaroni and cheese with ham
- ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Quilting, 10 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo  
Pinochle at Gooding, 1:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo
- Camas County Senior Center**  
*127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield.* Lunch at noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Blaine County Senior Center**  
*721 Third Ave. S., Hailey.* Lunch at noon Monday through Friday. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.m.
- Three Island Senior Center**  
*492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Beef stew  
**Tuesday:** Oriental chicken  
**Thursday:** Pork roast
- ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Tax assistance 1-4 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
**Friday:** TOPS, 10 a.m.  
**Saturday:** Tax assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Creative leftovers

Karen Bossick shares pointers about using food efficiently and stretching your grocery dollars.

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ABOVE: A painting on the wall of the Community Support Center reads: 'Think Positive, Be Positive.'

LEFT: Nicole Bowery attends a meeting Tuesday at the Community Support Center. Everything said in club meetings is confidential, allowing members to relax and be themselves while learning to function in society.

“It’s challenged us to reevaluate how much we depend on state, as opposed to local, support.”  
— Orion Odendhal, on decreased funding



Orion Odendhal, right, talks with Ronda Leonard, who is a cook at the Community Support Center as well as a mental health technician.

# Gap

**Continued from Family Life 1**  
opportunity to socialize — something he calls a crucial element of dealing with bipolar disorder and severe depression. Club meetings have less of a counseling atmosphere than adult partial care did, he said. They’re more like a friendly classroom.

The center has found other creative ways to make up for its small budget. A nonprofit thrift store in the front, stocked with donated items, raises money for supplies, food and activities. Much of the food for lunches is donated. Staff used to transport Burley clients five days a week but dropped it to four.

While finding solutions has been difficult, “in another way, it’s challenged us to reevaluate how much we depend

on state, as opposed to local, support,” Odendhal said. “It’s a challenge.”

But how will they manage more cuts? Baumer isn’t sure. The staff is already stretched thin. With rising gas prices and the new reform legislation limiting clients over age 21 to four PSR hours per week, Baumer fears the center will have to cease transporting residents from Minidoka and Cassia counties entirely. The change would affect about 10 clients.

Although Odendhal isn’t a Medicaid recipient — the CSC club is open to any community member with a mental disability — he isn’t sure what would happen if the center closed its doors. Staying busy is crucial for his coping with mental illness.

“I’d have to try to choose some-

thing else to go to,” Odendhal said. It would be a challenge — Odendhal was convicted of felonies before being treated for bipolar disorder, he said, and he was added to the public sex-offender registry for a 1989 California offense. That makes finding a job difficult. Without those 20 hours a week working in the thrift store, he would be sitting around home with nothing to do.

“It’s a breeding ground for a crisis,” he said. “It increases my risk of going back to Canyon View (St. Luke’s Canyon View Behavioral Health Services) by at least half, if not more.”

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# Colic

**Continued from Family Life 1**  
usually in the first few months of life.

If a physical problem can be found, the condition is usually not considered colic. Gastric reflux and protein allergies are among conditions that can cause digestive upsets and crying spells in babies, and are often mistakenly called colic.

That may explain why some remedies thought to ease digestive problems may not work in babies with true colic, including alternative treatments containing fennel, herbal teas and probiotics, which all were included in the medical review.

Alternative remedies are not tested and approved by the federal government, and the purity and amounts of their ingredients are not always verified. Parents should always check with their pediatricians if they plan to give their children an alternative treatment, said Dr. Jatinder Bhatia, head of the American Academy of Pediatrics nutrition committee.

The study by researchers at the University of Exeter in England was published online in Pediatrics. The researchers analyzed results from 15 studies on various alternative remedies, massage and chiropractic methods advertised as effective against colic. Overall, almost 1,000 infants were involved.

Alternative remedies are not tested and approved by the federal government, and the purity and amounts of their ingredients are not always verified.

Few of the studies were rigorously conducted and all had “major limitations,” the researchers said.

“Thus, the notion that any form of complementary and alternative medicine is effective for infantile colic is currently not supported from the evidence” studied, they said.

None of the studies reported side effects, but one involving an herbal remedy listed vomiting, constipation and other symptoms possibly related to the treatment.

Although there were promising signs with a few treatments, including fennel extract, herbal teas and sugar solutions, better research is needed to provide conclusive evidence, said researcher Rachel Perry, the review’s lead author.

Her own two children had colic, but it disappeared around the time she tried giving them an over-the-counter herbal liquid promoted as effective against colic.

Because colic does go away on its own, it’s hard to determine whether specific treatments might work, she said.

that might be because parents think it will work and they feel calmer, which can in turn calm the baby — a placebo effect. But even if there’s only a placebo effect, there’s no reason not to continue, as long as doctors have been consulted and the treatment is safe, Bhatia said.

Parents should always check with their pediatricians if they plan to give their children an alternative treatment, said Bhatia, For Leni Calas’ baby Roxy, now almost 2, the incessant crying spells tapered down and by 9 months disappeared.

Calas said she’s convinced of one thing “that no one wants to hear — that the only thing that really does cure it is time.”

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# Teen idol or devil?

Do you think your child is obsessed with celebrity?

**Chicago Tribune**

Should you be concerned that your child is obsessed with a teen idol?

## Parent advice

Every generation has its own obsession — I’m thinking of David Cassidy and my obsession with him! ... It will pass, and there will be a new Flavor of the Year. A few Tiger Beat ‘zines and several posters on the walls are fine.

I wouldn’t let them spend a lot of money on junk with the idol’s name/image on it. But if they want beach towels and binders, let them go for it. There will be someone else soon. Having to follow their heartthrob’s Twitter feed to the exclusion of their real life is the time to worry.

— Marie Grass Amenta

## Expert advice

“Even teens who idolize squeaky-clean media personalities can get caught up and go overboard,” said Sharon Miller Cindrich, author of “A Smart Girl’s Guide to Style” (American Girl, \$9.95): “skipping school to get in line for concert tickets, lying about their whereabouts in order to see a movie with a favorite personality against their parents’ wishes or sneaking online to visit fan chat rooms without permission.

“While a little risk-taking can be chalked up to normal adolescent exploration, repeat offenders might signal a problem.”

Relationship counselor Mary Jo Rapini, author of “Start Talking: A Girl’s Guide for You and Your Mom About Health, Sex or Whatever” (Bayou Publishing, \$14.95), sees a fair amount of idol worship, whether centered on Justin Bieber or Lady Gaga, in her practice.

Rapini cites red flags that admiration has crossed the line into unhealthy obsession:

- **if your** child absolutely needs to wear particular clothes or have a certain style emulating the idol.
- **if grades** slip and your child doesn’t care about school anymore.
- **if your** child no longer participates in school and

family activities, and noticeably spends more time alone.

- **if your** child begins talking differently or using language you find offensive, a la a rebellious idol.

At the root of extreme idol worship is low self-esteem, Rapini said. So the parent must work on rebuilding that, by setting boundaries and engaging the child in activities with the family.

“Making dates with your child once a week for a coffee or walk, or whatever you want to do, will make your child feel valued,” Rapini said, if you are truly listening. “When you are with them, shut off the cell phone and computers.”

Children draw the broad outlines of their identity from family. When parents are too distracted for quality time, the child sometimes grasps for a substitute identity in the form of a celebrity or fantasy person.

“Disengagement leads to a higher chance of teen pregnancy — another type of fantasy, creating someone who will love them — as well as drug use.”

Rather than issue a blanket ban on all things Gaga, for example, try to redirect a child into areas that align with her or his other interests.

Rapini saw a successful example of this, involving a child of 12 whose parents had recently divorced. “The child used to play piano beautifully,” but when the mom went back to work, the child stopped and adopted a Lady Gaga identity, including dyeing her hair.

“Mom began spending more time with her daughter,” Rapini said. “She would allow only certain songs of Lady Gaga in the house, and actually began liking Lady Gaga. She bonded with the child over that, and the child began pounding songs out on the piano that were Lady Gaga. The child did not have to go to the extreme anymore to get mom’s attention.”

The child is now into rocker Adam Lambert — maybe “not a much better role model,” Rapini said, “but at least she realizes it is a fantasy and not an identity for her.”

# Serious about relationships

Emily Katseanes talks to marriage-minded Mormons about websites that specialize in LDS dating.

NEXT SUNDAY IN FAMILY LIFE

CLEANING

Question:

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# COUPON QUEEN

## Woman masters art of coupon clipping

By Julie Sprengelmeyer  
Journal Inquirer

ENFIELD, Conn. — Clipping coupons early on a Saturday or Sunday morning while sipping coffee is the easy part.

Organizing those varying-sized slips of paper, tossing expired offers, and remembering to actually bring the coupons to the store present the challenge. And really, don't people buy products simply because they have a coupon? Plus, who can find the time?

Gina Juliano of Enfield, Conn., has honed the secret of coupon shopping — a secret that last year garnered her \$11,000 of groceries, toiletries, and the like for just \$2,200 (that's \$8,800 of free stuff). Better yet, she's willing to share that secret.

Got a \$300-a-week grocery bill? Savvy shopping might cut that to \$50. Facebook devotee? Juliano recently entered a drawing simply by "liking" a page and scored a free quarter-carat pair of diamond earrings.

And best of all, her website readers don't spend hours poring over grocery, online, and drugstore offers — or clipping coupons, for that matter.

This labor of love for the school-principal-by-day, savings-hawk-by-weekend has Juliano doing all the heavy lifting on her Gina's Kokopelli (a Native American deity) website at ginaskokopelli.com, which greets visitors with: "Welcome to my manic obsession with all things coupon/free/cheap."

All readers need do is clip the proper coupons and follow a few rules — rules that range from "shop like a guy" and "don't be a label snob," to "never, ever pay full price for anything."

Worried about the time involved?

"After you get in the swing of things, it shouldn't take you more than an hour to compile your list, clip your coupons," Juliano promises, though she warns that first-timers may need a couple of hours to sort things out.

If that still sounds like too much effort, bear in mind: "Consider how much money you're going to be saving, how much more you're putting in your pocket," she says. Juliano's annual savings break down to \$169 for an hour of work a week — not bad for compiling lists and printing/clipping coupons. And that savings is getting Juliano and her husband, Gary McNeff, to Cancun for a vacation.

"That's pretty darn good for a part-time job," the 43-year-old says.

### From necessity

Juliano, a 20-year educator, was a school principal before she got laid off in June 2009. Unemployment checks totaled about \$26,000 a year. "When you make \$104,000 a year, you live like you make that much. I never used coupons, or if I did, it would be 20 cents off or something — once," she says. "I realized something had to change."



Photo courtesy Julie Sprengelmeyer

Gina Juliano stands beside some items she received at a sharp discount at her Enfield, Conn., home. Juliano spent just \$2,200 in 2010 and got \$11,000 worth of merchandise through coupon clipping and smart shopping.

### SOME BASIC RULES

- **The grocery store** is for groceries. Don't buy anything else — toiletries, toothpaste — unless you have a great coupon.
- **Make a list.** "Be a guy when you go grocery shopping, don't browse. You have a list. You stick to your list. And that's all you buy," Gina Juliano says.
- **Don't be a label snob.** "If you only will do Hellmann's mayonnaise or Folger's coffee ... this is not going to work for you. You have to have flexibility." Don't buy a \$4 item because you've got a 20-cent coupon.
- **Stockpiling** is important. "If you know you are a family that eats pasta once a week, if pasta goes on sale for 40 cents, that's dirt cheap. You need to buy six months of pasta until it goes on sale again."
- **Consider investing** in a freezer or even underbed storage for nonperishables. Juliano says sales tend to go in 12-week cycles, so having a two- or three-month supply of an item will be enough until they go on sale.
- **Don't be impulsive.** Plan meals around what you have or what's on sale. Period.



In surfing the Internet, Juliano found nothing in the way of a coupon/sales clearinghouse for grocery store deals specific to Connecticut. All told, she spent about six months mastering how to locate and match up deals. She now pores through weekly fliers and matches coupons to sales "so you pay the absolute minimum." Many coupons may be printed from her website.

For other deals, Juliano will direct readers to a link or a coupon insert. Newbies be warned: It's a whole new language.

The "1-30-11SS" listed with one deal means the reader needs the Jan. 30, 2011, Smart Source coupon insert in the weekend newspaper. "RP" stands for Red Plum, "PG," Procter & Gamble. (Not each insert comes out every week.)

So her website listing of "Birds Eye steamfresh veggies 1.00 (\$1/3 01-23-11 SS or printable = .66 each)"

means this: The package sells for \$1, but there's a \$1 coupon off three packages in the Jan. 23 Smart Source insert, a coupon that also may be printed directly from her website. Each package ends up costing just 66 cents.

"I buy five weekend papers a week," she says, "and make that money back 1,000 times. I guarantee that if people do what I tell them to do, they can cut their grocery bill in half in six weeks."

The proof? Her bill for groceries, paper goods, drugstore items, dog and cat food, cat litter and more for herself, her husband, three stepchildren on the weekends, six cats and one large dog totals no more than \$50 a week.

And her first rule may take many by surprise: Don't clip coupons you think you might need. "You don't want to clip out your coupons until you compile

your list and you need them," she says from her Enfield home, where closets are neatly lined with supplies ranging from cat and dog food to people food and toiletries. A freezer and shelves hold more items downstairs.

"All the coupon inserts are in a folder labeled with the date. I'm not going to touch those coupons or look at them until I need to." Juliano keeps a six-month supply in a plastic tub, each folder labeled by date.

Shoppers simply click the "grocery and drugstores" heading on her website and get a pull-down menu listing the major stores and she tracks. If a store has a sale on Folger's coffee, for example, Juliano checks inserts and looks for coupons, steering readers to where they can find them and giving a total cost after coupon.

"Once you get started, you spend a lot less. Right now because I have a stockpile, I hardly spend any money, and there are weeks I don't have to go to the grocery store except for maybe milk or fresh items. I have six months of items in my basement," she says. "Up front, you may spend a little more, but over time it will save thousands."

And don't forget the drugstores. Many of the best deals, steals and even money-making ventures can be found there. Capitalize on high dollar-amount coupons, especially when the store offers in-store cash for a certain amount spent. So if a coupon for Maalox means you essentially get the item free and the store is offering in-store cash, buy all you can with coupons and keep the drugstore cash for something you need.

### STORK REPORT

#### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

**Ernesto Salas Lopez**, son of Efren Salas and Dora Lopez of Jerome, was born March 21, 2011.

**Jonah Kellen White**, son of Brian and Jennifer White of Richfield, was born March 21, 2011.

**Meyayahn Renee Perez**, daughter of Javier Medrano and Leticia Perez of Jerome, was born March 22, 2011.

**Tyson James Richard Oudeans**, son of Tyson and Jessie Oudeans of Jerome, was born March 22, 2011.

#### St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

**Prior Stephen Gillette**, son of Evynn Victoria and Lenny A. Gillette of Gooding, was born Feb. 24, 2011.

**Trinity Marie Grace Vargas**, daughter of Crystal Marie Beckman of Twin Falls, was born March 17, 2011.

**Kylan William Forney**, son of Julie Marie Boadway of Twin Falls, was born March 18, 2011.

**Raiden James Skinner**, son of Taylor Marie Majors of Twin Falls, was born March 19, 2011.

**Jose De Jesus Villegas**, son of Tiffany Ilene and Ernesto Villegas of Jerome, was born March 22, 2011.

**Ariannah Elizabeth Kline**, daughter of Kayla Ann Vest of Twin Falls, was born March 23, 2011.

**Braden Conner Taylor**, son of Leanne Renee Taylor of Twin Falls, was born March 23, 2011.

**James Robert Liebe**, son of Arlene Lynn and Matthew Steven Liebe of Twin Falls, was born March 23, 2011.

**Karisa Kathrine Ford**, daughter of Katie Lea Maas and Russell Earl Ford of Twin Falls, was born March 23, 2011.

**Ryan David Heida**, son of Lisa Marie and David Allen Heida of Twin Falls, was born March 24, 2011.

**Bostyn Jade Stanger**, daughter of Kara Lynn and Spencer Gregory Stanger of Twin Falls, was born March 24, 2011.

**Guadalupe Belen Rodriguez**, daughter of Maria Gabriela Gutierrez Cruz and Angel Rodriguez Bazan of Hazelton, was born March 25, 2011.

**Brynlee Anne Shell**, daughter of Melissa Dawn and Joshua Travis Shell of Burley, was born March 25, 2011.

**Josue Labrada-Valdez**, son of Irma Yolanda Labrada-Valdez and Jesus Labrada of Twin Falls, was born March 26, 2011.

**Xzavier Richard Martinez**, son of Lilia and Jose Mario Martinez of Twin Falls, was born March 26, 2011.

**Willaim Daxter Cochran**, son of Autum Michelle Guiton and William Kenneth Cochran of Jerome, was born March 26, 2011.

**Uriah Eugene Thompson**, son of Emily Anne Hardin and Michael Gordon Thompson of Twin Falls, was born March 27, 2011.

**Natalie Nicole Gutierrez**, daughter of Jennifer Mae Jacobo and Ramon Gutierrez-Jacobo of Jerome, was born March 28, 2011.

**Emma Ann Markel**, daughter of Tanya Rose Campbell and Jude Markel of Twin Falls, was born March 28, 2011.

**Brooklyn Faith Shank** and **Adalynn Grace Shank**, twin daughters of Krista Marie and Perry Eldon Shank of Twin Falls, were born March 28, 2011.

## Milk allergy treated with new desensitization strategy

By Shari Roan  
Los Angeles Times

Milk allergy is common and stubborn. Children who do not outgrow their milk problems will probably have a lifelong allergy, experts say. But new tactics are emerging to help children become desensitized to milk, including one reported recently at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology in San Francisco.

Desensitization involves giving someone tiny amounts of the substance he or she is allergic to over a period of time so that the body adapts to it without provoking an allergic response. This approach can be successful, studies show, but it does take a long time and a lot of patience.

Researchers at Stanford University and Children's Hospital Boston created a new, expedited approach in which children were exposed to small amounts of milk powder along with the allergy drug omalizumab. This medication, known by the brand name Xolair, is an anti-immunoglobulin E (IgE) medication. IgE is a class of antibody that is produced in an allergic response.

"IgE is the match that lights the fire behind reac-

tions to foods or dog- or cat-allergies," said a co-author of the study, Dr. Kari Nadeau, director of food allergy research at Stanford and an assistant professor of pediatrics. "Anti-IgE is a way to protect the person from having reactions while they are increasing their exposure to the food."

In the study, 11 children with milk allergies were given omalizumab for nine weeks before being given a dose of two grams of milk protein, Nadeau said.

"That was a lot of milk for the people to tolerate," she said. In other desensitization protocols, "it takes about six months to get to a small dose that could be tolerable. We wanted to know: Could we go faster and safer?"

On the first day of exposure to milk powder, four of the 11 children had allergic reactions, while the rest tolerated the milk without any problems. As the study continued, the children were able to tolerate more milk powder. But more research is needed to identify which children are more likely to benefit from the therapy, Nadeau said.

"It offers hope to people with food allergies in general," she said. Researchers are continuing to look at other medications that may assist with desensitization.

## Families need 'online-use plan' when it comes to texting, pediatricians say

By Shari Roan  
Los Angeles Times

The social-media world is where many children and teens today spend much of their time. That means moms and dads have to develop a different parenting game plan than their own parents used, pediatricians said recently.

Social media aren't bad things, their report notes, allowing kids to make

friends, raise money for a good cause, get help with homework, share interests and forge their unique identities. On the flip side, there are the risks of cyber-bullying, sexting, Internet addiction, depression and loss of sleep from spending too much time online.

Parents need a "family online-use plan," according to the authors of the report, titled, "The Impact of Social Media on Children, Adoles-

cents, and Families." To do that, they said, parents should:

- **Become** better educated about the technologies their kids are using.
- **Emphasize** the guidelines for healthy and appropriate behavior as part of the family online-use plan.
- **Supervise** online activities.
- **Don't allow** younger children on sites that have an age-13 minimum.

• **Teach** children that the social media sites they visit may capture information about them and target them for advertising.

The report is published online in the journal Pediatrics. More tips for parents can be found through the American Academy of Pediatrics' link "Talking to Kids and Teens About Social Media and Sexting." In addition, see: safetynet.aap.org and healthychildren.org.

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# Booming with bacteria

## Cleanliness of your kids' musical instruments in question

By Shari Roan  
Los Angeles Times

The musical instruments kids play in school bands and orchestras are traveling denizens of bacteria and fungi, say the authors of a new study. Music education is great for kids, they note, but please, please wash the instruments!

Researchers at Oklahoma State University bravely examined 13 instruments that belonged to a high school band. Six of the instruments had been played the previous week and seven hadn't been played in a month. Swabs were taken of 117 sites on the instruments, including the mouthpieces, internal chambers and even the carrying cases.

The results scored high on the yuck factor. The researchers found 442 different bacteria, 58 types of mold and 19 types of yeast. Many of the bacteria were species of *Staphylococcus*, which can cause staph infection. Most of the bacteria can cause illness, the authors noted. Mold spores can contribute to the development of asthma. Even the instruments that had not been played recently harbored germs galore.



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Band instruments can contain loads of germs.

“Furthermore, this study also found that many of these microbes are highly resistant to some or most of the antibiotics normally used in general practice, including methicillin,” the authors wrote.

The study showed that reeds and mouthpiece ends were more contaminated than bell ends, but even the midpoints of the instruments and bell ends contained plenty of toxins. Woodwinds tended to be

germier than brass instruments. Even the woodwind cases were more contaminated than the brass cases. Clarinets were the filthiest instruments. The germs in the instruments can be easily transferred to the students' hands, which in turn could contaminate other instruments, other students or the band room, the researchers said.

They noted that many school band instruments are loaned to students and have

been played by countless other people “whose health histories are unknown.”

While bandos are not Typhoid Marys, their instruments are truly a problem, the researchers said. “All instruments should be sterilized on a routine basis. Ethylen oxide is the only agent known to sterilize instruments effectively,” they wrote.

The study was published in the journal *General Dentistry*.

# Children shouldn't have cell phones until they can pay the bill

A reader asks if I have ever written a column on texting while eating in restaurants. She writes: “Recently my husband and I observed a small group at a table near us in a local restaurant. There were two teenage boys and a mother. They never talked to one another the entire time. All they did was text and play with various electronic gadgets. I asked our waiter if this happened a lot and he said it was the norm. He also told us that he often has to wait while taking an order until a person gets off their cell phone. My daughter-in-law thinks I am old-fashioned in thinking this because, she says, it's so difficult to talk to teens these days. What do you think?”

For the umpteenth time, I do not believe children should have cell phones until they are old enough to pay for them, including the monthly bills. The usual argument is that the parent wants the child to have a cell phone in case of emergency, but this isn't why teens want cell phones, and the evidence is strong to the effect that they cause emergencies (as in car crashes), not prevent them. The fact is, most teens who have cell phones have parents who can't say no.

As this reader points out, parents give children cell phones, but don't teach them cell phone manners, which include not using a cell phone during social conversation (to make or receive a call), in someone else's home, in a restaurant or in a quiet location, and when using a cell phone, don't use your “outside voice.” As for it being difficult to talk to teens these days, my reaction, to borrow from their own vernacular: Duh.

**And now, on to a more uplifting topic:** Several weeks ago, a mom wrote complaining that her 4-year-old daughter would not wear the clothes picked out the night before, even if she had agreed to the selection when it was made, even if she had picked them out herself! Mom said, “When

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**John Rosemond**



we're at home, she can wear what she wants, but if we're going out, I pick her outfit for her. She never fails to cry and pitch a fit. I make her wear it anyway. Am I taking this too seriously?”

I replied, “No, you're not taking this too seriously. This is the start of even bigger problems if not nipped in the bud. Tell her that her doctor says you are to pick out her clothes the night before. Wake her up in the morning, set a timer for 15 minutes, and leave her room. If she's not dressed by the time the timer goes off, then “the doctor” says that means she needs more sleep and has to go to bed right after supper that night. Do this like clockwork for a week and let me know how it's going.”

One week later, mom wrote: “Thank you so much for your advice. I have used your ‘doctor’ technique with my daughter continually for about a week. She has yet to go to bed early. She tells me she just ‘loves’ whatever outfit I pick out. I even tried an outfit I had problems getting her to wear and she complained to me about it for a minute. I simply said, ‘Oh, well you can wear it or go to sleep early tonight, you decide! It worked like a charm! No more clothing drama! Yay!’”

From “Oy vey!” to “Yey!” in a week. Not bad. Another diagnosis averted. I will keep saying it and trying to prove it until I'm no longer able to say anything coherent: Raising children is not rocket science. You simply take one part cool, calm and collected, blend that in with one part confidence in the legitimacy of your authority, sprinkle with a sense of humor and a dash of ingenuity, and you've got it!

John Rosemond answers parents' questions at [www.rosemond.com](http://www.rosemond.com).

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# Celebrations

## Engagements

**Bingham-Wadsworth**

ElRay and Roberta Bingham of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Bingham, to Jared H. Wadsworth, son of John and Patricia Wadsworth of Orem, Utah.

Bingham is a graduate of Jerome High School and is attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, majoring in Chemistry and Child Development. She is currently employed at Progressive Publishing in Jerome.

Wadsworth is a graduate of Silverado High School in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, majoring in Exercise Science. He served in the Washington

**Smith-Dille**

Eric Dille, son of Neil and Brenda Dille will be married to Barbara Rose Dummer Smith, daughter of Carol and Stephen Smith on April 6th in the Salt Lake Temple.

Eric was born and raised in Burley and graduated from Burley in 2001. He has been living and working in Utah for the past 6 years. While working at Lagoon, he met Barbara. She is from Roy, Utah.

The couple will make their home in Pleasant View, Utah.

**Tverdy-Winans**

Tom and Robin Tverdy of Buhl, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay to David Winans, son of Glen and the late DorothyAnn Winans of Boise.

Lindsay is a graduate of Buhl High School, Carroll College in Helena, Montana and the University of Washington School of Medicine. She is employed as a hospitalist physician at St. Luke's in Boise.

David is a graduate of Meridian High School, the University of Idaho, and

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**Poteet-Hall**

Rick and Sherma Poteet of Rupert are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Brooke to Scott Ryan, son of Scott and Debbie Hall of Ammon, Idaho.

Brooke is a 2006 graduate of Minico High school and is currently finishing her Bachelors of Nursing degree at BYU Idaho. Brooke served a mission for her church in the El Salvador San Salvador West/ Belize mission, where she also served as the Medical Health Care Specialist.

Ryan is a 2006 graduate of Hillcrest High School and is currently attending BYU Idaho, where he is majoring in Biology and has a minor in Chemistry. Ryan served an LDS mission in

*Brooke Poteet and Scott Ryan Hall*

the California, Anaheim/ Spanish Speaking mission.

The couple will be married April 9, 2011 in the Idaho Falls LDS temple. A reception will be held in their honor on April 9, 2011 from 7-9 p.m. in the Acequia Ward Building.

Following their wedding, the couple will reside in Rexburg, while continuing their education.

*Lindsay Tverdy and David Winans*

Boise State University. He is self-employed as a business trainer/consultant in Boise.

The couple are to be married on June 4, 2011 at St. John's Cathedral in Boise and will reside in Boise.

For information on how to place your announcement in the *Times-News*, please call Janet at 208-735-3253 or email [announcements@magicvalley.com](mailto:announcements@magicvalley.com)

**Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday to be published in the following Sunday's Family Life page.**

# When is playing with baby too rough?

By Armin Brott  
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

I have a 10-month-old son. For the past two months, he and I have enjoyed “wrestling” — that is, I lie on my back and he crawls around on top of me and slides off or rolls off (guided so he doesn't really crash). I also occasionally hold him upside down by his hips. In all of this, my son laughs. Mom is not good with our wrestling and thinks I am far too rough. Can you offer some guidance?

You say three things in your letter that tell me you're taking reasonable precautions. First, you're making sure your son doesn't crash. Shaken baby syndrome — which can cause brain damage, spinal cord injuries and worse — isn't always about shaking. Abrupt jerking or whiplash motions could cause problems too. So guiding him from your chest to the floor is a good idea.

Second, you're keeping a firm grip on your baby as you hold him upside down.

There's nothing inherently dangerous about being upside down — after all, babies spend a good portion of their time in the womb with their feet in the air. Your wife may be worried that you'll cause brain damage or that you'll dislocate your baby's hips, knees or ankles. There's absolutely no evidence that validates either of those fears. (All three of my children spent half their life dangling upside down and they're all doing just fine, physically and intellectually.) As long as you're not swinging your baby, and as long as you're keeping his head from snapping around, you've got nothing to worry about.

Third — and most important — is that your baby is laughing. He may not be able to speak actual words, but he's perfectly capable

of communicating pleasure and displeasure — and he's not going to be terribly subtle about it. If your baby wasn't having a good time, he'd let you know by fussing, crying or trying to wriggle out of your arms. Just be sure to pay close attention to how he's reacting and stop immediately when it's not fun anymore (for the baby, not for you — although you should stop then too).

As far as guidance, I've got several suggestions.

- **Make** an appointment with your baby's pediatrician and consider it a kind of binding arbitration. Demonstrate for the doc what you're doing at home. If you get a thumbs up, your wife agrees to back off. If it's a thumbs down, you agree to adjust your baby handling to whatever the doc says is safe.

- **Assuming** that the pediatrician OKs your baby gymnastics routines, it might be a good idea to do your training at a time your wife isn't going to be around to worry.

- **Talk** to your wife. She wouldn't have married you if she really thought that you'd be a danger to children. Tell her that there's lots of evidence that babies who wrestle with their fathers grow up to have more highly developed social skills — including empathy — than kids who don't get as much time rolling around with dad.

- **Expand** your horizons. There are plenty of ways to interact physically with your baby that are a bit calmer. For example, babies his age love chasing and being chased, so get out your knee pads and start crawling.

- **Time** your physical activity. Too soon after a meal and you'll end up having to wash baby spit-up off your shoes and the floor. Too close to bedtime and your baby may have trouble settling into sleep mode.

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# Kids Only

## Love those jeans

### Bluejeans pillow is no-sew project

By Kathy Antoniotti  
Akron Beacon Journal

Almost everyone in America loves their bluejeans. Seven out of 10 Americans say jeans are their first pick for casual wear.

But one thing I recently discovered is that the popularity of bluejeans, one of the most quintessential items of American apparel, is universal. Jeans are not just for cowboys of the old West, they are the trouser of choice for young and old around the world.

Levi Strauss, who emigrated from Germany in 1847 at the age of 18, invented the denim “waist overalls” in San Francisco during the California Gold Rush. He formed Levi Strauss & Co. in 1863.

In 1872, Strauss brought Jacob Davis, a tailor from Nevada who had been making work pants with metal points to make them stronger, to San Francisco to be his business partner. With Strauss’ denim and Davis’ metal rivets, demand for the durable product became so high the pair moved production from the homes of private seamstresses to two factories.

On May 20, 1873, Davis and Strauss received a patent for their jeans from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

By 1885, a brand-new pair of Levi waist overalls

cost \$1.25. By 1900, the price had jumped to \$8.50. Today, a pair of Levi’s 501 jeans, the oldest and best-selling jeans dating back to the 1800s, can be bought for less than \$50.

In 1997, the company paid \$25,000 for a pair of 100-year-old jeans found in an old mine in Colorado. The jeans, the oldest known to exist, are featured in the Levi Strauss Museum in San Francisco.

A typical pair of Levi’s 501, shrink-to-fit, button-fly jeans takes about 1 3/4 yards of denim, 213 yards of thread, five buttons and six rivets to make.

In honor of Levi Strauss’ birthday recently, I made an easy no-sew pillow using the leg from an old pair of jeans. I found the directions for this pillow at [parentingteens.about.com/od/jeanscraftsforteens/ss/nosewjeanpillow.htm](http://parentingteens.about.com/od/jeanscraftsforteens/ss/nosewjeanpillow.htm).

Material from an old pair of jeans can be used for a no-sew pillow.  
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#### Supplies you will need

- Recycled bluejeans; one leg.
- Grosgrain ribbon; 2 12-inch pieces.
- Scissors.
- Polyester fiberfill.
- Fabric puff paint.

#### What to do

**Cut** the pant leg to the length you want to make your pillow. Allow extra fabric for gathering and tying the ribbons at each end. You may want to cut off the hemmed end, too, so both sides of your pillow are similar.

**Place** the pant leg on your flat work surface and write your name with fabric puff paint. You can also draw other decorations.

**Allow** at least 24 hours to dry completely.

**Gather** the fabric on one end and tie a bow around it to close.

**Stuff** the pillow with polyester fiberfill until it is as full as you would like. Tie a ribbon around the opposite end to close.



Family photo

Kate Vidano of Bethesda, Md., puts together her bat house. ‘I love bats,’ says Kate, 7, who discovered them during a school science project last fall. ‘They’re the only mammals that can fly.’

## Bats make great neighbors

By Raymond M. Lane  
Special to The Washington Post

“We want bats because we have lots of mosquitoes, and they bite us,” said Kate Vidano, a second-grader at Westbrook Elementary School in Bethesda, Md.

She and her mother, Elizabeth Jones, were in their backyard on a chilly afternoon, putting the finishing touches on Kate’s first bat house. Of course, you can buy a bat house. But all you need are two squares of wood nailed together with a little space between them. Bats like to cuddle in the cozy spot. They don’t need food or water containers.

As warm weather returns, bats might rest in Kate’s bat house after looking for food at night. Even better, they might like it enough to make a new home in Kate’s backyard next fall.

Because one bat the size of a cellphone can eat 1,000 mosquitoes a day, she and her brother

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##### Find out more about bats

Bat Conservation International has a fun Web page called the Kidz Cave where there are videos, games, puzzles and all kinds of information for parents and teachers. Ask your parents if you can check it out at [www.batcon.org/index.php/all-about-bats/kidz-cave.html](http://www.batcon.org/index.php/all-about-bats/kidz-cave.html)

James, 11, might not get so many mosquito bites this year.

“I love bats,” said Kate, 7, who discovered them during a school science project last fall. “They’re the only mammals that can fly!”

Scientists tell us that Kate’s bat friends are really important to the environment. They eat not only mosquitoes but also other insects that destroy bees and beans, corn and potatoes, and strawberries and pumpkins. Bats also spread pollen and seeds. And more than

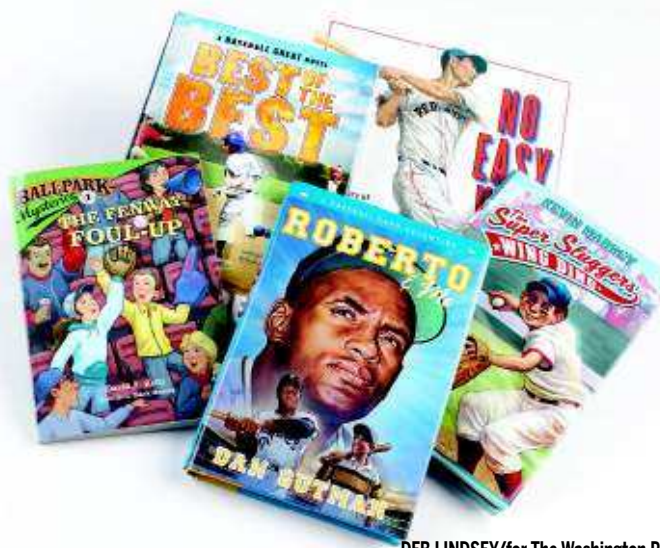
80 medicines come from plants that rely on bats for their survival.

“I love bats, too,” said Diana Barber, a scientist who has written books about bats and runs the education program at Mesker Park Zoo in Evansville, Ind. “They are the coolest things in the world.”

She sometimes hikes to caves near the zoo and sits in the dark, listening to great colonies of bats hanging from the ceiling and walls. “They purr when they sleep,” she said, “and the sound vibrates softly off the cave walls, kind of like tinkling feathers: a beautiful song.”

“But bats are in trouble,” warned Barber. Disease, pollution, windmills and pesticides might be killing them off, she said. A deadly disease discovered in 2006 causes fungus to grow on the noses and wings of bats.

“Kate’s bat house can help,” said Barber. “Anything to help bats would be good.”



DEB LINDSEY/for The Washington Post

## Sure-hit baseball books

By Tracy Grant  
The Washington Post

The smell of freshly mowed, perfectly groomed grass. The thwack of the bat as it meets the ball. The off-key singing of “Take Me Out to the Ball Game.” The belief that all things, even a World Series, are possible for your team this year.

These are the surest signs that baseball season is here. That and the fact that our office has received a ton of new baseball books. So, here are our favorites. Whether you play the game or are just a fan, we think you’ll be a fan of these books.

“**The Fenway Foul-Up**” by David A. Kelly, ages 6-9; 95 pages. This first title in the Ballpark Mysteries series has kid sleuths Mike Walsh and Kate Hopkins trying to solve the mystery of a missing bat so that the Boston Red Sox’ star slugger can win the big game.

“**Roberto & Me**” by Dan Gutman, ages 10-14; 180 pages. This part historical fiction, part fantasy tale is the latest book in the Baseball Card Adventure series. The “Roberto” is Roberto Clemente, a legendary player for the Pittsburgh Pirates who died in a plane crash in 1972. Clemente was flying to Nicaragua with supplies for people of that country after a horrible earthquake. The “me” is Joe Stoshack who can travel in time when holding a baseball card. Can he go back in time and keep

Roberto off that plane?

“**Wing Ding**” by Kevin Markey, ages 8-12; 196 pages. This book isn’t about professional athletes playing baseball, but about the Rambletown Ramblers, a team of 10- to 12-year-olds. The Ramblers must deal with swarming grasshoppers and a shortstop who suddenly can’t stop anything — short or long — if they have any chance of beating their dreaded rivals, the Hog City Haymakers.

“**Best of the Best**” by Tim Green, ages 10-14; 262 pages. Tim Green played Little League baseball as a kid and NFL football as an adult before starting to write books. “Best of the Best” is his seventh sports book for kids. It tells the story of Josh, a kid who loves playing baseball and is thrilled that his team has won a tournament at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. But when Josh’s parents start talking about divorce, he realizes that there are things that are more important than baseball.

“**No Easy Way**” by Fred Bowen, illustrated by Charles S. Pyle, age 6 and older, 32 pages. This beautiful picture book, written by columnist (and huge Boston Red Sox fan) Fred Bowen, takes readers back to 1941 when Ted Williams, perhaps the greatest hitter in baseball history, had a batting average of .406 for the season. That means that Williams got four hits for every 10 times he batted. How hard is that? No player has done it since Williams.