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IF YOU DO ONE THING TODAY ...

Ghastly fun: *Random Acts of Theatre Players* present "Barrymore's Ghost," 2:30 p.m. at *Encore Event Center, 681 Filer Ave., Twin Falls.* Tickets: \$10 at the *College of Southern Idaho box office, A Shot in the Dark coffeehouse, Euro Style Hair and Tan Salon, or from Tamara Harmon, 420-3979.*

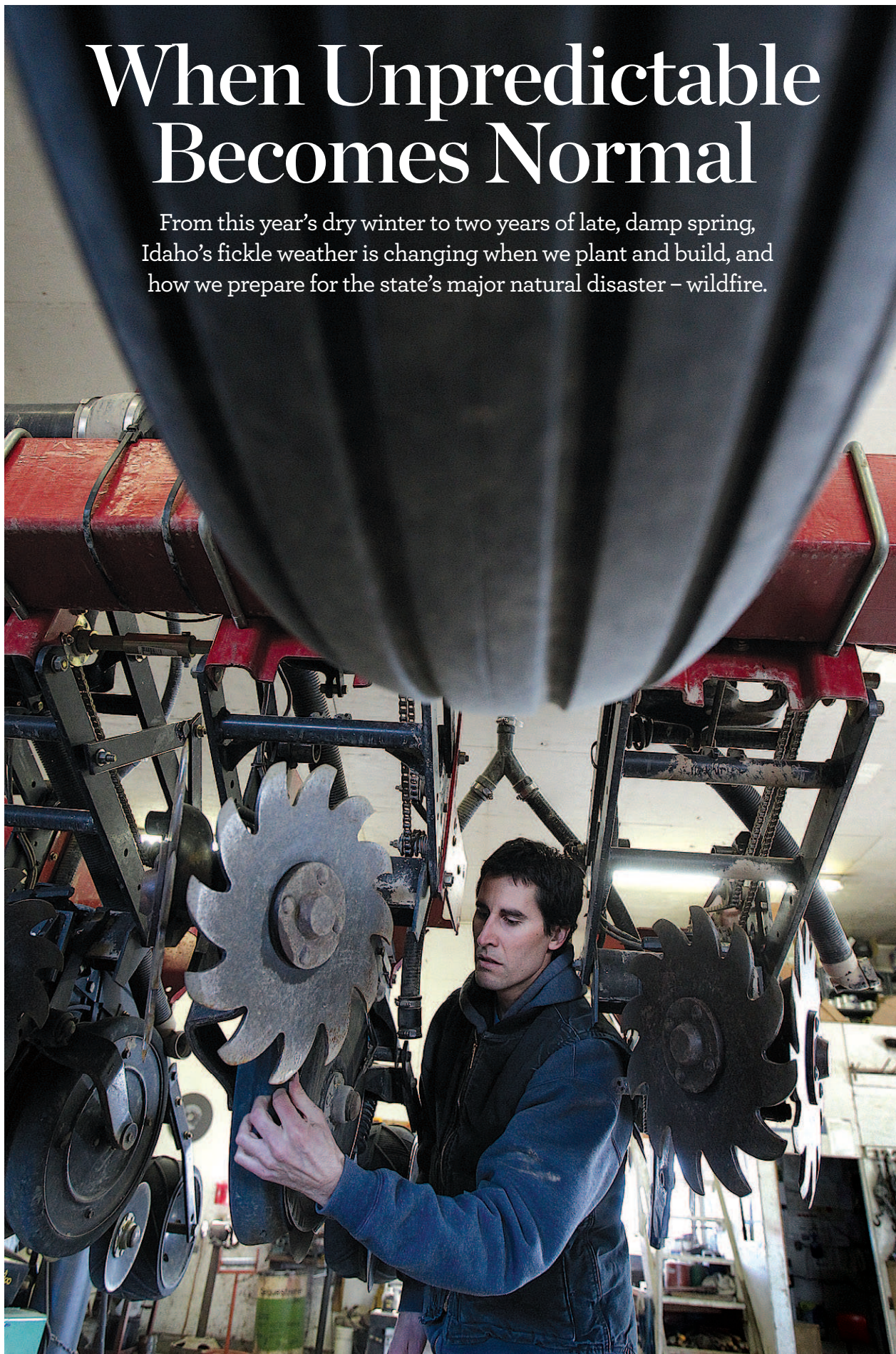
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Third-generation farmer Lance Griff works on a planter Thursday in his farm's shop off of U.S. Highway 93 near Hollister. Two years of late, damp spring have equated to worries over shortened growing seasons for some of the Magic Valley's most prominent crops.

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI
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TWIN FALLS • Come rain, wind or clear skies, Clark Kauffman records it in a small notebook he keeps close at all times.

"I keep a log of what's going on so I can go back year after year and see what to expect," said the Filer wheat farmer.

When he reads over his notes, there aren't that many drastic changes, rather small, slow variances here and there. The tricky part is keeping the long-term trend in mind when the weather changes daily.

"I have a friend that says he doesn't have 40 years of experience, but one year's experience of 40 different situations," Kauffman said. "I kind of have to agree with him."

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Jorge Ayala works on a part from a planter Thursday at the Griff farm near Hollister.

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"We were able to plant our winter wheat last year. God gave us a long fall and that was really fortunate." —Clark Kauffman

Retirement, Redistricting Trim M.V. Incumbents

On the eve of the candidate filing period, some familiar names won't be added to the group seeking to represent the Magic Valley in the Capitol starting next year.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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BOISE • No matter what happens during November's election, the Magic Valley will see a wealth of turnover in its legislative delegation.

A combination of retirements, seats lost to redistricting and a representative running for a Senate seat creates plenty of opportunity for new candidates, while ensuring south-central Idaho will lose experienced legislators with powerful positions in the Statehouse.

Four Magic Valley incumbents aren't seeking re-election: Reps. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, and Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, have all announced that they won't run for another term.

Their reasons vary. Jaquet, Smith and Block said it was time to retire, while Smith also cited his growing frustration with the political climate in the Capitol. Stevenson would have run again, but because of redistricting, would be forced to face off against his friends, Reps. Fred Wood, R-Burley, and Scott Bedke, R-Oakley.

The valley will also lose at least one incumbent senator because of redistricting, and possibly two.

Please see INCUMBENT, A4

ALSO MAKING NEWS



2 US Military Advisers Shot Dead Inside Afghan Ministry

A gunman killed two American military advisers with shots to the back of the head Saturday inside a heavily guarded ministry building, and NATO ordered military workers out of Afghan ministries as protests raged for a fifth day over the burning of copies of the Quran at a U.S. army base. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the Interior Ministry attack.

Read more on O4

Cancer's Growing Burden: The High Cost of Care

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
Associated Press

Patti Tyree was afraid that cancer would steal her future. Instead, the cost of treating it has.

She had hoped to buy a small farm with money inherited from her mother. But copayments for just one \$18,000 round of breast chemotherapy and one shot of a nearly \$15,000 blood-boosting drug cost her \$2,000.

Bills for other treatments are still

coming, and almost half of her \$25,000 inheritance is gone.

"I supposedly have pretty good insurance," said Tyree, 57, a recently retired federal worker who lives near Roanoke, Va. "How can anybody afford this?"

Forty years after the National Cancer Act launched the "war on cancer," the battle is not just finding cures and better treatments but also being able to afford them.

New drugs often cost \$100,000 or more a year. Patients are being put on

them sooner in the course of their illness and for a longer time — sometimes for a rest of their lives. The latest trend is to use these drugs in combination, guided by genetic tests that allow more personalized treatment but also add to its expense.

It's not just drugs: Radiation treatment is becoming more high-tech, and each leap in technology has brought a quantum leap in expense. Proton therapy is one example — it costs twice as much as conventional radiation and is attracting

prostate cancer patients despite a lack of evidence that it is any better.

The financial strain is showing: Some programs that help people pay their bills have seen a rise in requests, and medical bills are a leading cause of bankruptcies.

"Patients have to pay more for their premiums, more for their copayments, more for their deductibles. It's become harder to afford what we have, and what we have is becoming not only

Please see CANCER, A2

Could I Send You Some Papayas?

Nine months ago today — on May 26 — I planted tomatoes in my back yard in Idaho. They froze.

I tried again two weeks later. Same deal.

So you can imagine with what arrogance I will pick up my trowel this afternoon, stride out into the yard and plant my garden.

Of course, this garden is in Sacramento, Calif.

Long story short: I'll have tomatoes by the time Idahoans are digging out their seed catalogs.

Not to gloat, but I deserve it.

My grandmother taught me how to garden. She lived in Soda Springs in eastern Idaho, where the growing season lasts about 45 minutes.

I was 16 years old before I ever saw a red tomato outside a grocery store. Before that, I thought they were all hard, green and adorned with icicles.

Gardening in Idaho — with its harsh climate and baking-powder soils — is like asking out a girl who keeps changing her mind at the last minute because she has to wash her hair. Sooner or later, you stop asking.

And the folks who run the state's commercial greenhouses, nurseries and garden centers are no help. Wander through their aisles and ask if you — a gardening rookie — can grow the resplendent flowers they have on offer.

"Well, sure," they'll reply. "As long as you understand it's a perennial every place else and an annual here."

That's code for: "The first time this plant sees the south side of 40 degrees,



you'll be back."

I spent 14 years as the features editor of the *Times-News*, and for every spring's gardening edition I'd call up a friend who ran a local greenhouse.

"Can you grow camellias here?" I asked.

"No."

"Oleander?"

"Forget it."

"Avocados?"

"Tell me another one."

"What, in fact, can I plant here that will survive a growing season?"

"Well, we have some nice marigolds."

I can hear you greenhouse gardeners who raise all manner of semi-tropical plants howling in protest. Yeah, I get that you can grow almost anything beneath a canopy of glass and plastic, but that's not what your average Idaho gardener is into.

He or she wants tomatoes, and preferably on the first try.

One summer, my grandmother planted tomatoes five times — the last on the Fourth of July. It snowed in Soda Springs on July 5.

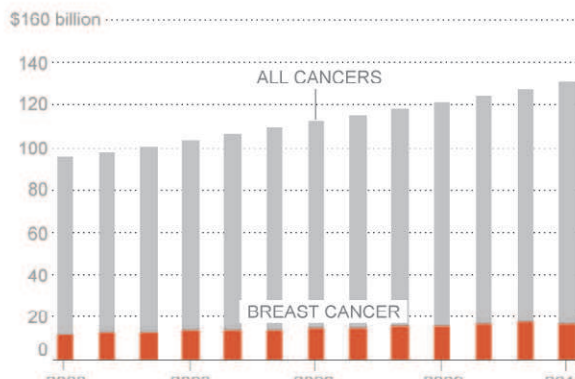
"Some things aren't meant to be," she told my mother and me when we came to dinner the following Sunday. "Pine nuts for your salad?"

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The growing cost of cancer care

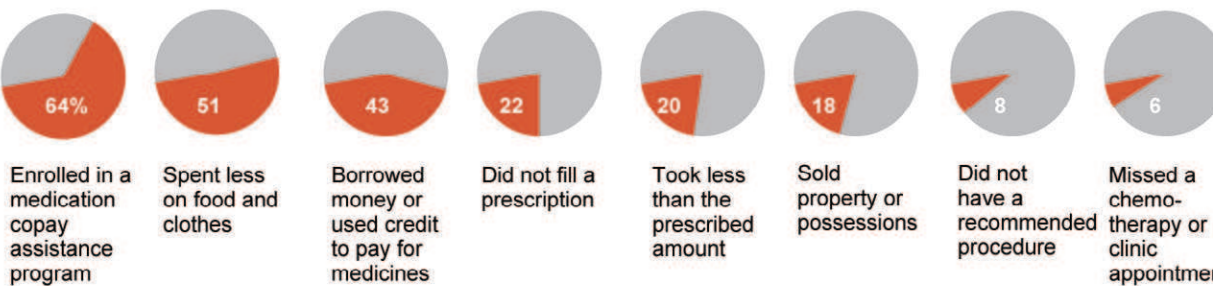
Patients, taxpayers and insurers increasingly are struggling with the cost of care for many diseases. Cancer treatment in particular has outpaced other diseases. New drugs often cost \$100,000 a year and typically buy a few more months or years of life — not a cure.

The cost of treating cancer in the U.S. continues to escalate. Breast cancer is the single biggest contributor.



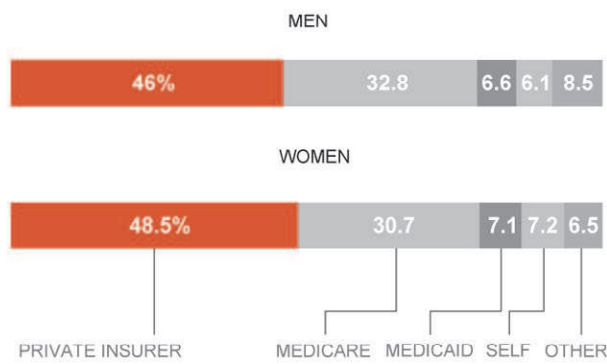
How one group of patients coped with the cost of medication or treatment:

In a study of about 250 cancer patients, all but one had insurance, two-thirds were covered by Medicare, 83 percent also had prescription drug coverage, yet out-of-pocket expenses averaged \$712 a month for copays, medicine, lost wages and travel.



SOURCES: SEER-Medicare data; Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Dr. Amy Abernethy, Duke University; National Cancer Institute AP

Insurers and Medicare pay most of the cost of cancer in the U.S. (2008 data)



Cancer

Continued from the front page

more costly but also complex," said Dr. Michael Hassett, a cancer specialist and policy researcher at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Insurers also are being squeezed by laws that require coverage and restrict raising premiums. And the burden is growing on Medicare, which in some cases is paying for treatments and tests that have not been shown to benefit patients.

Why have costs escalated so much?

To some extent, it's the price of success.

Cancer deaths have been declining in the United States since the early 1990s. Two out of 3 people now live at least five years after a cancer diagnosis, up from 1 out of 2 in the 1970s, according to the American Society of Clinical Oncology, doctors who treat the disease. Nine out of 10 women with early-stage breast cancer are alive five years after their diagnosis and are probably cured.

Modern treatments have fewer side effects and allow patients to have a greater quality of life than chemotherapy did in the past. But they are far more toxic financially.

Of the nation's 10 most expensive medical conditions, cancer has the highest per-person price. The total cost of treating cancer in the U.S. rose from about \$95.5 billion in 2000 to \$124.6 billion in 2010, the National Cancer Institute estimates. The true tab is higher — the agency bases its estimates on average costs from 2001-2006, before many expensive treatments came out.

Cancer costs are projected to reach \$158 billion, in 2010 dollars, by the year 2020, because of a growing population of older people who are more likely to develop cancer.

That's the societal cost. For individual patients, costs can vary widely even for the same drug. Dr. Bruce Roth, a cancer specialist at Washington University in St. Louis, tells of Zytiga, a prostate cancer medicine approved last year. It costs \$6,100 a month and insurers differ on how much they cover.

"I've had one patient pay \$1.50 copay a month and another patient be quoted \$5,943," Roth said. Now whenever he hears about a promising new cancer drug, he worries it will be another

Cancer Costs Advice

Cancer care is a commodity, and patients are also consumers. They should ask doctors about the cost of their treatments, or get a friend or relative to do it if they are uncomfortable asking pointed questions. Either way, experts say these are reasonable questions, especially since treatment costs can be financially challenging.

• Ask your doctor how much a treatment will cost

and whether there are more affordable alternatives. If the recommended treatment is expensive, ask how much better a survival advantage it offers.

• Find out what insurance will and will not cover before agreeing to a treatment. If it's near the end of a year, see if moving up or slightly delaying a treatment makes a big difference in your copayments or deductible.

case "where finances end up determining who gets it." Tyree, the woman from Virginia, said the hospital billed her insurer \$14,865 for Neulasta, a shot to boost white blood cells and help her tolerate chemotherapy. Several cancer specialists said Neulasta usually costs less than half that amount, but the charge was \$12,000 for Tyree's friend and blog postings by other cancer patients tell similar stories.

The worst part: A much cheaper alternative is available — a different formulation of Neulasta — but many patients aren't offered that option. There's even a cheaper way to get Neulasta, but hospitals make a lot of money giving the shot instead of teaching a patient or a caregiver how to do that.

Tyree said doctors told her Neulasta was "completely routine and everybody got it." She had no idea how much she and her insurer would have to pay for it until the bill came. A recent American Cancer Society survey found that one-quarter of U.S. cancer patients put off getting a test or treatment because of cost, the group's chief medical officer, Dr. Otis Brawley, writes in his new book "How We Do Harm," which discusses costs and argues for more rational use of health care. One out of 5 survey respondents over 65 said they had used all or much of their savings on cancer care.

The burden hits hard on the middle class — people too well off for programs that cover the poor but unable to afford what cancer care often costs.

Dr. Amy Abernethy, director of the cancer care research program at Duke University, did a study of 250 such patients from around the country. Most were women with breast cancer, including Tyree. All but one had insurance, and two-thirds were covered by Medicare. The vast majority

also had prescription drug coverage. Their out-of-pocket expenses averaged \$712 a month for doctor visits, medicines, lost wages and travel to appointments. To pay for cancer drugs, half spent less on food and clothes, and 43 percent borrowed money or used credit. Also, 26 percent did not fill a prescription, 22 percent filled part of one and 20 percent took less than prescribed.

"Patients don't just have cancer, and that's becoming more and more of a problem" because they also are struggling to buy medicines for heart disease, diabetes and other conditions, Abernethy said.

The challenge will grow as the newest trend in cancer care takes hold: using the new, gene-targeting drugs in combination. There has been limited success using them one at a time — they tend to buy a few more months or a year or two of life but usually are not cures.

"Almost certainly we will have to use multiple drugs" to shut down all of a tumor's pathways rather than just the main one attacked by a single drug, said Dr. Allen Lichter, the oncology society's chief. Ironically, "one of the answers to making cancer therapy more cost-effective is to find these targeted agents" and use genetic tests to narrow down which patients really benefit instead of giving them to everyone with a particular type of cancer, Lichter said. For example, the new lung cancer drug Zalkori targets a gene that is present in only 5 percent of lung cancers, but it helps 60 percent of those patients.

Here's where things get sticky. Desperate patients

- Consider joining a clinical trial that might help pay for your care.
- Check out programs at hospitals, drug companies and foundations that aid uninsured or underinsured patients. Some are listed in the websites below.
- Ask if your doctors have a financial stake in the treatments they are recommending.

— Associated Press

POLICE SEARCH FOR MISSING TEEN

TWIN FALLS

The Twin Falls Police Department is seeking the public's help in locating a runaway teenager.

Jordan Ritter, 16, of Twin Falls was last seen in the early morning hours of Feb. 23. Ritter is 5 foot 4 inches,



Ritter

weighs 130 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. She may be heading to the Boise area, police say.

Anyone with information on Ritter's whereabouts should contact the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-4357.

75 Animals Found Emaciated in Spokane County

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)

Spokane County animal protection officers have seized more than 75 starving animals in a rural property near Elk. The search on Friday also found a number of dead animals. Some had decayed to bones.

Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Ser-

vice director Nancy Hill says the animals found alive included horses, llamas, cows, sheep, goats and dogs. The scene included penned animals lacking proper food.

Hill says a veterinarian examined the condition of each animal and rated all of them either thin or emaciated.

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Leaders in Ketchum

Blaine County elementary students immersed in a leadership program got to meet the man Thursday behind "The Leader in Me."

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

KETCHUM • Sean Covey cupped his hand to his ear. "Seek first to understand, then to be understood," he told more than 400 students, teachers and parents packed into the Hemingway Elementary School gymnasium.

The children needed no introduction. They've been engaged in learning that principle since their school became one of Covey's "The Leader in Me" schools in September.

The model, which has its roots in the best-selling book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," written by Sean's father Steven R. Covey, is designed to help students become more responsible, well-rounded citizens who can better succeed in a fast-changing 21st century.

Thursday's assembly was an opportunity for the students to meet the man behind The Leader in Me program.

Covey told the students that The Leader in Me principles are like gravity in that they can work anywhere, whether it be Japan or Brazil.

"By leadership, we don't mean you're going to be the next president, even though one of you might be. We mean you can be a leader in your family, among your



Kate Stone played 'Turkish Rondo' as part of the electronic bell choir for author Sean Covey's visit to Hemingway Elementary School on Thursday.

KAREN BOSSICK, FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

friends," said Covey, who also attended Seven Habits assemblies at Bellevue and Woodside elementary schools on Thursday.

Covey watched as students performed "Turkish Rondo" on electronic bells. He listened as students dressed up like Coco Chanel, Dr. Seuss, Kristi Yamaguchi and Duke University basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski listed the principles they'd relied on to succeed.

And he taught the students hand signals that he said would help them always remember the Seven Habits.

In one instance, for example, he waved his hands through the air to represent the synergy of a flying flock of geese. The lead goose breaks air resistance so the other geese can fly more easily, he said. The geese

can fly 71 percent farther by working together.

Other habits, he reminded students, included putting first things first, thinking win-win solutions for everyone involved and sharpening the saw — that is, taking the time to sharpen your saw before you start sawing to make the job easier.

"I honor what you're doing here. This is important," he told the students and teachers.

Covey said following the assembly that the Blaine County School District is unique as the only school district using the Seven Habits curriculum in each of its elementary schools. It is the only school district in Idaho using the curriculum.

"The superintendent had a vision for this so there's a lot of energy," Covey added. "The principals, teachers

and students are doing the same thing. They're speaking a common language."

About 300 schools worldwide were utilizing the curriculum when Carey and Hailey elementary schools began testing it as a pilot program last year, noted John Blackman, the school district's assistant superintendent. A year later, it's in more than 700 schools.

"We see evidence of our kids using it all the time," said School Superintendent Lonnie Barber. "Even on the playground you hear kids say, 'We have to be win-win about this.'"

"The teachers say it benefits them as adults, as well," added Heather Crocker, the district's communications director. "They're using it with their colleagues. And they're using it in their own families."

City Accepting Grant Applicants

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TWIN FALLS • Local nonprofits can now apply for the city of Twin Falls' Municipal Powers Outsource Grant.

The city has budgeted \$100,000 to distribute to nonprofits that provide services that Twin Falls should but doesn't. Last year, the city awarded grants to six nonprofits, including the Crisis Center of the Magic Valley and the Magic Valley Arts Council.

Applicants must submit a one-page letter that explains what their organization does, how big a population it

serves and how the funding will benefit the nonprofit's mission. Applicants are also asked to provide how much they are seeking and information on how they will measure success if they are a MPOG recipient.

According to a news release, recipients of the grant should plan on supporting and adding city services along with its mission. The city will also consider an or-

ganization's financial need and how fiscally responsible it has been in the past.

Applicants are asked to send the letter to City of Twin Falls, Attn: Pat Lehmann, PO Box 1907, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or email plehman@tfid.org. The deadline is March 15 and eligible applicants may be asked to provide a presentation to the City Council on April 2.

Nesting Eagles Close Portion of Deer Flat Refuge

NAMPA, Idaho (AP) • The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has closed a portion of the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge along the north shore of Lake Lowell in southwest Idaho due a pair of nesting bald eagles.

Manager Jennifer Brown-Scott says the eagles successfully raised two eaglets last year and keeping people away from the nest will help the eagles succeed as parents again this year.

She says bald eagles are sensitive to disturbance and adults will sometimes abandon nests. She says eagles may leave a nest if people come too close, increasing the possibility of chicks dying from exposure or hunger.

Brown-Scott says there are great viewing opportunities of the eagle nest from an observation platform on a hill west of the refuge's visitor center. She says bring binoculars.



Stretch of Stadium Blvd. to Close Monday, Tuesday

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TWIN FALLS • A stretch of Stadium Boulevard between Eastland and Mountain View

drives will be closed Monday and Tuesday, according to the city of Twin Falls. Information: Mike Traubert, 735-7323.

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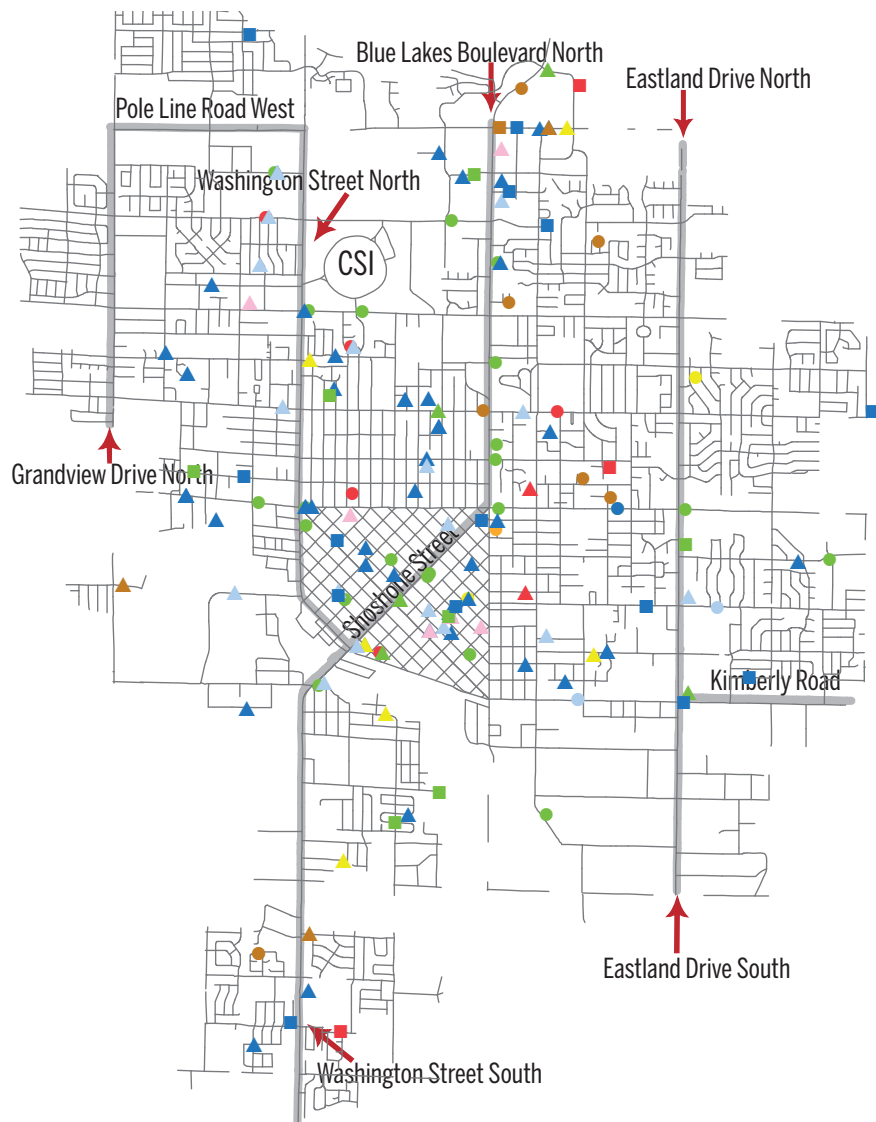
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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS



Crime Report Feb. 17-23

Source: City of Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

FELONY DISMISSAL
Lori Suzette Slagel, 41, Twin Falls; desertion and non-support of child, judge dismissed charge based on prosecutor's motion.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING
Scott N. Croft, 28, Hollister; driving under the in-

fluence (excessive), \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 365 days jail, 340 suspended, 25 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol.

DIVORCES FILED
Jane Gaudette vs. Robert Gaudette.
Danielle Luna vs. Luis Lopez-Luna.
Candice McMullin vs.

Steven McMullin.
Gerard Meilleur Jr. vs. Maria Meilleur.
Patricia Carle vs. Edward Carle.
Christy Leon vs. Jorge Leon.
Shauna Smithee vs. Marvin Smithee.
Lori Wilson vs. Jean Paul Wilson.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES
The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support

Services has filed claims against the following:
Thomas Buck Chaput, seeking establishment of support of children in foster care: \$432 monthly support plus 45 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.
Christina Hope Gardner, seeking establishment of support of children in foster care: \$529 monthly support plus 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.

THIRD TRIAL LOOMING FOR JACQUOT

BY KEITH KINNAIRD
Bonner County Daily Bee

SANDPOINT • A Bonner County attorney is slated to be retried a third time in San Diego on allegations that he carried on a sexual relationship with an underage girl.

David Charles Jacquot's retrial in U.S. District Court is planned for April 10. He is charged with three counts of transporting a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity.

A mistrial was declared in January after jurors could not reach a unanimous verdict. The same thing happened when Jacquot was first tried last October.

Jacquot, 49, is accused of taking the girl to San Diego on several occasions in 2006 and having sex with her. The girl was between the ages of 15 and 16 at the time, according to charging documents.

A federal grand jury indicted Jacquot in 2010, a few months after Jacquot's home in Vay was gutted by a mysterious fire. Jacquot's wife and son were in the home when the fire broke out, but managed to escape. Jacquot was found crawling in a field, unable to speak, according to court documents.

The fire occurred shortly after the alleged victim disclosed that she had

been molested by Jacquot. Jacquot's defense counsel has characterized the allegations against his client as a whole-cloth fabrication and has been vigorously trying to secure Jacquot's pretrial release. Michael Crowley contends his client has demonstrated he is not a flight risk and has spent 540 days in custody, an excessively prolonged pretrial detention.

"The consequences of fleeing are incalculable to him given what it would do to his family and his life. These are conditions that assure his appearance at trial," Crowley said in a Feb. 3 motion.

Federal prosecutors opposed Jacquot's pretrial release. They contend Jacquot perjured his way through the first two trials and could face additional charges.

"Given the Government now has more evidence that Defendant is not truthful, the chances of 12 jurors finding him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt are even greater which gives him even more incentive to flee should he be released on bond," U.S. Attorney Cindy Cipriani said in a response to the defense motion.

U.S. District Judge William Hayes ruled on Tuesday that Jacquot's continued detention is justified, court documents indicate.

Woman Facing Felony Charge

BONNER COUNTY DAILY BEE

SANDPOINT • A Careywood woman is facing a felony charge for allegedly threatening a neighbor with a pistol during a dispute last fall.

Sherri Lee Arter was initially charged with disturbing the peace following the incident on Barnhart Road on Oct. 9, 2011. Bonner County prosecutors filed an aggravated assault charge against Arter following further investigation.

Arter made an initial court appearance in magistrate court on Friday, clearing the way for a preliminary hearing.

A neighbor told sheriff's deputies he was walking back from his mailbox with his 3-year-old grand-

daughter and their dogs when he heard a gunshot, according to a probable cause affidavit. He looked up at Arter's place and saw her standing there, leveling a pistol at him.

When the alleged victim had the girl run ahead to safety, he told a deputy that three more gunshots rang out, but did not see where the bullets went.

Arter, 49, told a deputy that the man's dogs came onto her property and scared her animals, prompting her to fire her .357 revolver into a woodpile. She said she was in an easement dispute with her neighbor and accused him of stalking her, the affidavit said.

Arter is scheduled to be tried on the misdemeanor disturbance charge next month.

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Incumbent

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Sen. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, will face Sen. Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home, in the May primary for the seat in the new District 23. In Mini-Cassia, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, are forced to run for the same seat, guaranteeing that one won't be back.

With the lost incumbents comes lost sway for Magic Valley. Four of those retiring or at risk of losing their seat in May are committee chairs: Block for House Commerce and Human Resources, Stevenson for House Resources and Con-

servation, Cameron for Senate Finance, and Darrington for Senate Judiciary and Rules.

But redistricting also created opportunity for some incumbents. Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, is running for the vacant Senate seat in District 25.

And that only accounts for legislators who are currently serving. The filing period for elections opens Monday, allowing new candidates to run for open seats or to challenge incumbents.

Already, Twin Falls City Councilman Lance Clow has declared his intention to run for the open House seat in District 24. And Filer farmer Clark Kauffman will run as a Republican, seeking Block's seat.

Incumbent Shakeup

Here's a look at which current south-central Idaho legislators will seek Statehouse returns in the May and November elections, and which seats will open to new hopefuls.

District 23 (Elmore, Owyhee, western Twin Falls counties)
Senate: Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson; Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home
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House: Maxine Bell, R-Jerome

District 24 (Twin Falls)
Senate: Lee Heider, R-Twin Falls
House: Open (vacated by Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls)
House: Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls

District 26 (Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln counties)
Senate: Michelle Stennett, D-Ketchum
House: Open (vacated by Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum)
House: Donna Pence, D-Gooding

District 25 (Jerome and Twin Falls counties)
Senate: Open (seated senator shifted to District 27, sought by Rep. Jim Patrick,

District 27 (Mini-Cassia)
Senate: Dean Cameron, R-Rupert; Denton Darrington, R-Declo
House: Scott Bedke, R-Oakley
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Taking Aim



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John Chapman, CEO of LMS Defense Inc., works with local law enforcement on Saturday during a pistol training clinic at the Twin Falls Police Department's firing range. Chapman says the training helps firing a weapon to become second nature to officers and increases their situational awareness.

Bill May Cause Capitol Mall Meters to Expire

BOISE (AP) • The House has passed a bill to disable parking meters near the Capitol Mall introduced by a Meridian Republican whose son's car was towed from near the Statehouse on the Legislature's first day for six unpaid parking tickets.

Rep. Joe Palmer tells the *Idaho Statesman* he didn't introduce the bill because of his son's parking problems, but because he wants to make it easier for constituents to visit the Statehouse.

"He deserved them," Palmer said of the tickets. "It is his problem. It had nothing to do with the bill. I am trying to make it easier for the constituents. I just hear a lot of complaints about people saying they can't get to us. I am just trying to help them."

The bill passed 41-27 in the House on Thursday. The bill would prohibit the city from operating the meters while the Legislature is in session.

Boise officials are not happy about the plan that could knock out some 260 meters that in January brought in nearly \$7,000. Officials said free parking would likely make it more difficult for Statehouse visitors to find a place to park to see government in action.

"Word of free parking

around the Statehouse would spread quickly, and all the available spots would be filled by those who work downtown — many of whom currently pay for parking," Ross Borden, the city's lobbyist, told the House Transportation Committee this month. "It would be near impossible to find an available on-street parking space during the legislative session."

Adam Park, Boise Mayor Dave Bieter's spokesman, said the city's parking system is designed to increase turnover in high-demand parking areas. It costs \$1 an hour to park. The fine for an expired meter or getting

caught re-filling a meter beyond the one- or two-hour limit is \$15, which is more than what an all-day parking spot costs.

"The system is set up for short-term parkers to use the meters and for long-term parkers to use the parking garages," Park said. "This is why the cost of a citation is more than the cost of parking in a garage all day."

A public record's request by the newspaper found that Palmer's son, Ty Palmer, had six unpaid parking tickets accumulated near the Statehouse between January and April 2011, the timeframe for last year's legislative session. After 12 attempts to get him to pay the citations, his vehicle was towed Jan. 9 during Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's State of the State address.

Ty Palmer, a GOP activist, had to pay \$343 to get back his vehicle.

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Lance Griff and Jorge Ayala work at the Griff farm's machine shop Thursday near Hollister.

Climate

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Like many farmers, Kauffman is reacting to the changing climate norms in south-central Idaho and across the state. As annual weather patterns have become less and less predictable, Idahoans are left to decipher how unforeseen changes in the skies will help or hinder their work on the ground.

Last year's delayed, wet spring proved that Mother Nature has no plans of playing fair, let alone consistent. State-funded construction projects were pushed back to June in order to let the roads dry and temperatures climb. Wildfire activity dropped last summer, as many of the typical fuels weren't even dry yet at the peak of the season. And after a late-spring start in soggy fields, farmers were forced to push back winter seeding or decide to hold off a year.

But it's much too early to trade that winter parka for an umbrella. National Weather Service data from the past five years shows a mix of dry and wet years that rarely line up with the 30-year "normal" data used to predict climate patterns.

In 2009, total January precipitation in Twin Falls was little more than half an inch — about a third of the expected amount. Today, the NWS is working under new 30-year normal guidelines. But the skies continue to surprise NWS odds-makers who expected Twin Falls to see less than an inch of rain in January. Twice that amount fell last month.

What the Experts Say

One major recent influence on Idaho weather is the prolonged La Nina pattern that the United States has experienced for the past three years, said Jay Breidenbach, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Boise.

The cold weather anomaly is caused by wind pattern changes over the Pacific Ocean. Typically in a La Nina climate, Northwest states experience colder but wet weather conditions.

In 2010, meteorologists predicted the U.S. was in the final phases of the La Nina season, but the weather unexpectedly double-dipped back into cold, rainy patterns caused by the phenomenon.

"Most of the impact from that La Nina climate is in the winter months," Breidenbach said. "It was a little bit unusual that it lingered in the spring months and it resulted in the giant snow-pack."

Dr. Jen Pierce, a geosciences professor at Boise State University, has studied global climate change and fire seasons for the past decade. She argues that sporadic weather patterns are the new normal, thus affecting how easily firefighters can predict an upcoming fire season and how much water should be reserved throughout the summer.

The amount of dry fire fuels that become available during wildfire season depends on when the snow melts, more than how much falls in the winter months, she explained.

"In Idaho, the earlier the snowmelt date, the bigger the fire," Pierce said. "The major trends we're likely to see in Idaho is more precipitation falling as rain and the snow we do have will melt sooner."

Idaho wildfires consumed a mere 381,000 acres last year. While the heavy precipitation gave the state plenty of fire fuel, that fuel never got a chance to fully dry until late June. Over the past nine years, an average of 493,100 acres in Idaho burn during the annual fire season. The number does take into account the 2007 Murphy Complex Fire that consumed more than 650,000 acres south of Twin Falls. The year not only had low precipitation percentages but also warmer temperatures, according to NWS data.

As a climatologist for the National Interagency Fire Center, Ed Delgado said that it's still too early to predict this year's state fire season.

"We were worried about not having any snow, but then a late storm brought us back to normal," Delgado said. "But we could still have a warm March. Then the water will be gone and we'll have a different fire season than last year."

The Business of Weather

For years, Lance Griff could harvest corn by November at the latest.

Now he's seen his harvest times been pushed back by almost three months over the years.

But Griff is adapting. He's



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Lance Griff, left, talks with Jorge Ayala while they work on a planter at the Griff farm's shop north of Hollister.

buying new seed that allows him to harvest his corn at a higher moisture rate. In the past, he's waited for the corn to be at a 15 percent moisture. The new seed will allow him to harvest at 30 percent.

"The longer the corn is out, it can fall over," Griff said. "This will be better for us because we can take it in sooner and the kernels won't pop off as easily."

He hasn't had to spray to prevent diseases like stripe rust yet, but says he hears more farmers struggling with it after last year's damp spring.

"You never get the same conditions twice," said Griff, a third-generation farmer. "After two cold years, you have to wonder if it's time for a warm year."

Other than agriculture and fire seasons, Idaho's climate also impacts construction projects that have only a

short time window to complete a goal before the ground becomes too wet or frozen to work on.

"The last couple of years, the late, wet springs have impacted when we can start projects," said Nathan Jerke, spokesman for the Idaho Transportation Department. "It's impacting construction and when we can start road maintenance."

Typically construction projects begin in March, but only if the ground is dry enough, he said.

Last year, snowplow drivers were busy until mid-July in higher elevation areas and began running again in October, Jerke said.

As climate shifts continue to alter everyday practices, Pierce argues that the question is no longer if there have been changes, but how soon Idahoans should start implementing action to prevent

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the state from heading into a crisis.

"This is a huge issue, but there are lots of things we can do as a state to prepare to plan for the future since we can't return to the past," she said. "That includes getting a better understanding of how our agriculture systems might respond to a warmer weather and focusing on alternatives to fossil fuels."

In the meantime, Kauffman says he's not changing any farming habits just yet.

"We were able to plant our winter wheat last year," he said. "God gave us a long fall and that was really fortunate."

UTAH BILL ON ABORTION WAITING PERIOD CLEARS HURDLE

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) • A measure that would triple the waiting period for abortions in Utah from 24 to 72 hours has cleared its first hurdle.

The House Health and Human Services Committee endorsed the bill on a 4-1 vote Friday and sent it to the full House, the *Deseret News* and *Salt Lake Tribune* reported.

The measure would make Utah tied with South Dakota for the longest waiting period for an abortion in the country.

The sponsor of HB461, Rep. Steve Eliason, R-Sandy, said Planned Par-

enthood's website says some women feel anger, regret and sadness about undergoing an abortion.

"Basically, this is a consumer protection issue that gives a person facing a major life decision, a major medical decision, a major financial decision, sufficient time to consider the ramifications," he said, adding it would help overcome any pressure from a boyfriend or others to have a quick abortion.

Laura Bunker of conservative United Families Utah also supported the bill.

"Seventy two hours is not too much to ask for a life-altering decision that affects a woman, her child and generations to come," she said.

But Heather Stringfellow, vice president of Planned Parenthood of Utah, said women usually have thought long and hard before talking to a doctor about abortion.

"We believe this bill is a bad policy that will not reduce the number of abortions but rather punish women for making the choice to terminate a preg-

nancy," she said.

If lawmakers intend to reduce abortions, they should do more to get women access to contraceptives and information about avoiding unwanted pregnancies, Stringfellow added.

Marina Lowe, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah, said South Dakota's new law imposing a 72-hour waiting period for abortions is being challenged in court. A federal judge has issued a temporary restraining order to prevent it from taking effect.

SW IDAHO MAN FACES MORE CHILD SEX ABUSE CHARGES

BOISE (AP) • The Ada County Sheriff's Office says a 67-year-old southwest Idaho man awaiting trial on lewd conduct charges has been arrested on suspicion of lewd conduct and four counts of use of a child in sexually-exploitative material.

Police say Michael James Angus of Star was taken into custody on Friday.

Angus was first arrested Nov. 18 after authorities said he had inappropriate contact

with two elementary-aged girls at his home. He was charged with lewd conduct and sexual abuse of a minor. He posted bond on Dec. 6.

Police say that while investigating those charges, they found additional evidence of sexual contact involving one of the elementary-aged girls that happened before the Nov. 18 arrest.

Police say they also found in his possession pornographic images of one of the victims.

Garden City Police Arrest Man Accused Of Impersonating An Officer

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with a customer.

BOISE • Garden City Police arrested George Brian Reilly, 43, of Garden City on Friday, and charged him with impersonating a police officer, a felony.

Police had been looking for Reilly since Feb. 15 when Reilly caused a disturbance at a Jacksons Food Store on Chinden Boulevard. A citizen had called police because Reilly, wearing what looked like a bail bond enforcement badge, had started a fight

recorded the scuffle. The footage later helped police identify Reilly.

Police found Reilly near 43rd and Adams Street in Garden City Friday afternoon, and arrested him without incident. At the time of the arrest, Reilly was wearing the same badge he was wearing in the security footage.

Reilly was booked into the Ada County Jail.

Boise Police Finish Seat Belt Safety Campaign

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BOISE • Boise Police recently completed a special two-week education and enforcement campaign focusing on the safety of wearing seat belts. The effort was in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Transportation's "Can't Imagine Life Without You" seat belt safety campaign.

Recent Boise Police surveys show 88 to 90 percent of motorists in Boise City wear their seat belts.

However, in the past two-weeks, officers on special traffic patrols focusing on seat belt enforcement wrote 2,028 citations for failing to buckle up. The citation carries a \$10 fine.

During the recent campaign, as with every day traf-

fic stops, failure to wear a seat belt is not a primary offense in Idaho, per Idaho State Code. Officers wrote the 2,000-plus citations when they made traffic stops on motorists who were first suspected of another traffic violation like speeding or running a red light or stop sign.

While the extra seat belt patrols were on the streets, however, officers also locat-

ed one DUI driver and made three drug related arrests in addition to a large variety of additional traffic violations.

According to the Idaho Transportation Department's Office of Highway Safety, Idaho continues to have a large percentage of fatal and serious injury crashes involving drivers or passengers who are not restrained in a seat belt.

Recognizing a Hero

Chris Tschida grabbed a grenade and saved three crewmates' lives. The Idaho Legislature is working to get him the medal his valor deserves.

BY KATHLEEN KRELLER
Idaho Statesman

In May of 2005, Sgt. Chris Tschida stood at the gate of a small U.S. military station in war-torn Iraq, gravely injured, losing blood by the pint and slipping into shock.

His left hand had been blown off by a grenade, his jaw shattered. A small price, he thought, for the lives of three fellow soldiers.

His actions that day nearly resulted in his death. He was awarded a Purple Heart.

But according to Idaho's Legislature, congressional delegation and governor, Tschida's deeds merit more official recognition, perhaps even a Medal of Honor.

They're working now to make that happen.

A Boy of the West

Tschida, 32, was born in Caldwell, and grew up just across the Oregon border in Jordan Valley — a hamlet where most people are related and no one is allowed secrets.

Tschida was shy and kept to himself. He played football, painted and ran fast. He took advantage of the landscape and the wildlife, spending hours fishing.

After graduating from Jordan Valley High School in 1999, Tschida idled a while. He dabbled in art classes at Boise State and wondered how he could forge a life of purpose. That struggle led him to the Army recruiter in Boise.

After enlisting, Tschida languished in Texas a few years, until he got fed up with boredom and sticky weather. He asked for a transfer to Korea, and got it the next day.

Life Takes a Turn in Korea

Tschida found his rhythm in the Far East.

He was the best tank gunner in his company — deadly accurate and confident in his skills. He was so good, he trained newly-minted officers in the ways of tank battle.

He also found his wife, Elena.

Russian by birth, Elena was visiting friends in South Korea who ran a video store that specialized in bootlegged blockbusters.

Tschida was a regular customer. One day, he spotted a raven-haired and exotic beauty.

He taught her a few words in English. They'd been dating a few weeks when she joked in broken English: "We should get married."

"OK," Tschida replied.

"Why not?" Elena thought.

"He's cute."

The couple arranged a quickie wedding. "We'll give it a while, see if it works," Tschida remembers saying.

Eight years later, Chris and Elena, now 31, have two children; Brendan, 7, and Anastacia, 4.

Two Thuds, Two Grenades

Soon after the wedding, Tschida's tank company was deployed to Iraq. The mission: guarding a busy supply route in Iraq's dangerous Al Anbar province, between Fallujah and Ramadi.

In 2005, Anbar province was a nest of insurgent violence. American casualties mounted from roadside bombs and coordinated ambushes.

On May 15, 2005, Sgt. Tschida was gunner in a four-man M1A1 Abrams tank crew commanded by Lt. James P. Allen.

They were watching the road about 1,000 yards from Forward Operating Base Manhattan. Tschida was inside, scanning for insurgents or anything else suspicious.

The loader — a crew member who loads the big gun and operates the machine gun up top — knocked his water bottle into the tank's belly. When he jumped down to grab it, an insurgent threw two fragmentation grenades through the open hatch.

Tschida heard two thumps, then saw a grenade two feet away.



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Idaho's legislators, congressional delegation and governor have asked Congress to award Chris Tschida, a retired Army sergeant living in Meridian, the Medal of Honor. Except for a Purple Heart, Tschida's actions in saving three comrades in Iraq after losing his hand to an insurgent's grenade have gone officially unrecognized.

He acted without thinking. He yelled "grenade" and grabbed it with his left hand. Hereached to get it into the gun breach, away from his crew.

It Exploded in His Hand

The second grenade detonated under the commander's steel footrest.

Jagged shrapnel, smoke, fire and blood filled the tank.

"I thought 'What the hell happened,'" Tschida said. "I started feeling my body to see if I was in one piece. I didn't realize my hand was gone."

He reached to pull himself up and trigger the radio — it was blown away — then saw his hand was missing.

Tschida wrapped his bleeding arm in the bottom of his shirt and held it to his stomach. He looked for his tank mates.

The loader was dangling from the turret, his legs shredded by shrapnel. Lt. Allen was slumped over; blood came from his eye and from massive wounds to his left leg.

"I thought he was dead," Tschida said. But when he pushed him, the lieutenant fell and gasped.

A burning tank is the last place a soldier wants to be. Tschida climbed out, then helped his comrades out the hatches. He pulled Allen out by his flak vest.

Chris Tschida is not a large man — "150 pounds, soaking wet," says Idaho Rep. Marv Hagedorn, R-Meridian. How could he lift his fellow soldiers out of that tank?

"Adrenaline and the will to live," Tschida said.

On the top of the tank, Tschida put tourniquets on the loader's mangled legs and stuffed gauze into Allen's eyesocket. He dropped back into the tank. All communications had been knocked out. He set off smoke grenades to signal for help. Then he climbed back up top.

Tschida saw a man watching from across the road. He took a black mask off and headed toward the tank. With his good hand, Tschida took out his 9 mm pistol and fired three rounds, killing the insurgent. "He knew he could get us," Tschida said. "We were not safe. We were injured and we had no comms."

The tank's driver had been in a separate compartment. He was uninjured but stunned, and screaming for Tschida. Tschida told him to head back to base — fast.

Still feeling no pain, Tschida helped Allen and the loader from the turret onto the tank's front ramp, using his body to shield them from bullets, explosions and from falling off.

With no way to signal the base that they were in trou-

ble, Tschida took off his shoes and kicked his white-socked feet — a desperate SOS.

"Thank goodness they didn't shoot us," he said.

Deciding Not to Die

The tank crashed through the gate, the turret hitting the guard tower.

Tschida's helmet was still on his head — stuck there with a piece of shrapnel that had gone into his skull.

"I ripped it out," Tschida said. "I freaked out the driver."

Inside the forward operating base, he radioed his commanders, reporting the attack. Tschida didn't know it, but those commanders launched a massive response. They later found that insurgents had set up the ambush.

A medic wrapped his three dangling fingers and bloody arm in gauze. When Tschida finally stood up, he felt himself fading from blood loss and shock. He wasn't scared. He didn't feel any pain. But he felt death coming. "This is it. I'm done," he thought. "At least I got these guys to safety."

He also felt peace. "Everything is really bright. The colors change. You only feel emptiness, and then you see everything in life that is good."

He was back in Jordan Valley, fishing along the Owyhee. He saw the faces of his wife, his infant son. That was the jolt he needed; he didn't want to die.

He demanded sugar water from the medics, to keep him going despite massive blood loss.

A HUMVEE took him to the aid station a mile away. That's when the pain kicked in. Every bump and turn was agony. At the station, medics waited with a gurney.

"I said I want to walk in," Tschida said.

Back to Idaho

The next few weeks were a blur of medicine and pain and ambulances and aircraft. He woke up at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He saw Elena and baby Brendan. He was given a Purple Heart.

Soon he was transferred to Fort Sam Houston in Texas for a lengthy recovery. He took a medical retirement from the military when he could no longer work as a tank gunner. Tschida and his wife longed for family and cooler weather, and came to Boise two years ago. Officials found Tschida a job at the Veterans Administration as a claims assistant.

Allen, the tank's commander, submitted nominations for a Silver Star Medal and a Bronze Star Medal with Valor.

"Both nominations were rejected for unknown reasons," Allen wrote in the packet the Idaho Legislature is sending Congress. "To this day Sgt. Tschida has not been awarded or recognized for his actions that day."

It took some time before Tschida would talk about the incident that took his hand.

"To me, the loss of the hand was worth more than the loss of three people in body bags," he said.

He still deals with chronic pain, post-traumatic stress and the effects of traumatic brain injury. He still has bits of shrapnel in his body and suffers debilitating headaches.

"I always tell him he's a hero for me," Elena Tschida said. "I tell my kids he's a hero."

Today, Tschida frankly discusses his physical injuries and the grenade attack, but there are things he won't share with someone who isn't a soldier.

"When you are with him, hanging out, he's like a normal guy," said Hagedorn, a veteran who got to know Tschida through a group for wounded veterans. "There are some people who think they are heroes and act like they are. Then there are special people who act normal, and that is what Chris is."

Teasing Out a Hero's Story

Few people were aware of Sgt. Chris Tschida's tale of heroism until last spring, when Adm. Mike Mullen, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited Boise.

Organizers with the Wyakin Warrior project were looking for wounded veterans to meet with Mullen. Tschida sent his name and a brief description of his injuries. Organizers asked for more details, and Tschida described the grenade attack.

That got the ball rolling. Rep. Marv Hagedorn, a Wyakin supporter, introduced House Joint Memorial 7 in the Legislature, asking Congress to recommend Tschida for the Medal of Honor.

That memorial, accompanied with a letter from Idaho's Congressional delegation and another from Gov. Butch Otter, is on its way to Congress. It asks for a military investigation and a determination of what, if any, Tschida should receive.

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Sandpoint Doubles Back on Policy

BY CAMERON RASMUSSEN
Bonner County Daily Bee

SANDPOINT • The Public Works Committee is due for another crack at the snow and ice removal policy before the City Council makes a decision on the issue.

Although the full council was slated to examine the issue at the February council meeting, City Attorney Scot Campbell revealed some possible flaws about the original Public Works Committee discussion that could prove troublesome down the road. He suggested that the item be stricken from the Public Works Committee minutes and the matter be sent back for fresh discussion.

"I brought this issue to the attorney general's office, I spoke to the deputy attorney general and they said this would cause an issue with record of decision," Campbell said. "They suggested to me that you disregard that, basically strike it from public works and start fresh and new."

According to Campbell, the meeting was problematic due to a potential flaw in the course of decision-making. Since a council member who was the proponent of the issue brought it forward to three other council members who voted upon it, the city could be setting themselves up for a legal challenge should anyone take issue with the council's final decision.

"The record of decision could basically be challenged if someone wanted to do that because of what happened," Campbell said. "It doesn't mean it's going to happen. It simply raised the risk that it could happen."

However, Councilwoman Carrie Logan took issue with Campbell's assessment. Because the city's subcommittees are only empowered to make recommendations to the full council and not take any actions, she didn't see a

legal problem. She also cited a section of City Code which states that the mayor, a council member or any department head can have an

item placed on the agenda. "The record of decision is comparable to any matter that's been tabled," she said. "It's just an issue that's been

considered at two different meetings."

The council discussed the possibility of clarifying subcommittee decorum at an

upcoming Administration Committee meeting. As for the matter of snow and ice removal, a majority of council members voted to strike the item from the evening's agenda and send it back to public works, thereby resetting the cycle.

The original discussion

centered around the removal of overly-harsh punitive measures against individuals who don't keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Under the city code's current provisions, home owners are responsible to maintain sidewalks along their property.



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CSI Courses Touch on Retirement, Housing

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • The College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center will offer two non-credit enrichment courses on financial issues.

• "Financial Strategies for Retirement," taught by Scott Jamison, will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and March 6, or 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at the Twin Falls campus. Cost for either section is \$49, which includes one guest free. Class size is limited.

Americans will work more than 90,000 hours earning a living and

building a nest egg, yet many will spend less than 10 hours preparing for a successful retirement. This class is designed to help students prepare for their retirement years by providing valuable information on how to get the most from investments, Social Security and retirement plans.

• "Buying and Refinancing a Home in Today's Market," taught by Kevin Dane, will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, at the Twin Falls campus. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Space is limited.

People in the market to buy or refinance a home need not fear any longer.

This one-night workshop will answer questions about buying and refinancing homes in today's market. Participants will learn basics in obtaining credit approval for real estate financing, steps to improve credit scores with reporting agencies, and how to pick a Realtor. In addition, participants will receive information on various lending programs (both conventional and government), an explanation of loan costs and on doing business locally versus over the Internet.

Information or to register: <http://communityed.csi.edu> or 732-6442.



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Things start to take shape at the red carpet arrivals area outside the Kodak Theatre in preparation for the 84th Academy Awards in Los Angeles on Friday.

Kodak — and Film — Saying Goodbye to the Oscars

There's a melancholy backstory behind the 84th annual Academy Awards. One way or the other, this will likely be the last year the ceremony is held at the Kodak Theatre.

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES • Each year at the Oscars ceremony, Hollywood says goodbye to stars and filmmakers who've died. This year, the award show will bid adieu to the Kodak Theatre.

Just a decade ago, the glamorous 3,300-seat venue was touted as the Oscars' first permanent home, but the 131-year-old Eastman Kodak Co. has forfeited its sponsorship of the venue as it struggles with bankruptcy.

The move symbolizes Kodak's

fading star power in Hollywood. Although seven of the nine "Best Picture" nominees were shot on Kodak film, the industry's increasing use of digital editing and projection has ravaged the company's printing business.

About half of the world's commercial screens now show movies from digital projectors, and by some estimates, film reels will soon be a thing of the past.

"35-millimeter is coming to the end of its life," said David Hancock, head of film and cinema for research firm IHS Screen Digest. "In four years' time there will be no

film printing business."

Kodak film has long been a favorite of cinematographers. But more and more movies are shot using digital cameras, and the notion of a "cutting-room floor" littered with celluloid scraps has given way to studios with computerized tools such as Avid Technology Inc.'s Avid DS and Apple Inc.'s Final Cut Pro.

At their peak, motion pictures accounted for more than 12 billion feet of film processing each year, enough to reach the moon and back five times, according to IHS. This year, IHS predicts film processing will shrink to about 4 billion feet as an increasing number of theaters receive their "films" by satellite or via hard drives delivered by couriers.

"We no longer ship (film) to most theaters," Philippe Dauman, chief executive of Paramount Pictures owner Viacom Inc., told a conference last month. "We have helped them implement digital distribution so we don't have to make so many prints."

The billions of dollars that major studios save on film — and its costly ingredient, silver — has resulted in revenue declines for the Kodak division that once accounted for the vast majority of the company's overall revenue.

In the first half of 2011, revenue from the division that makes motion picture stock film was \$763 million, about half the \$1.57 billion it posted in the same period in 2008.

Film printing volume was crucial to Kodak. Although it takes about 1 million feet to shoot a feature film, studios need about 100 million feet to print enough copies for the widest of North American releases.

Kodak sees its future in commercial imaging devices and printing. Still, the motion picture business is significant, accounting for somewhere under a quarter of its revenues. The company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in January with \$6.7 billion in debt.

Kodak is unable to afford the marketing boost the Oscars once gave it.

Last week, a bankruptcy court judge approved its early exit from a 20-year naming rights deal it

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U.S. billionaire investor Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, speaks during a news conference in November 2011 in Iwaki city, Japan.

Sometimes Even Warren Buffett Gets It Wrong

BY JOSH FUNK

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. • The Oracle of Omaha earned his nickname — and more than a few billion dollars — by spotting investments that others overlooked, but Warren Buffett makes mistakes.

No, really, he does.

Just pick through Buffett's annual letters to shareholders of his conglomerate, Berkshire Hathaway. His pronouncements are eagerly anticipated by investors around the world. But sometimes even the Oracle gets it wrong.

By the second page of this year's letter, released Saturday, Buffett was borrowing a tennis term to take credit for "a major unforced error" he'd made on some Texas utility bonds.

Of course, Buffett's shareholder letters are filled with a lot more good decisions than bad ones. His \$44 billion fortune attests to that. But the blunders are instructive. Or at least remind us that he's human.

The plainspoken, no-nonsense investor tends to be a good sport about his mistakes. Here are some of the lowlights.

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Miracle Diet Pill? A Safe Drug Is Elusive

The battle of the bulge so far has been a big, fat failure for U.S. drugmakers. But that hasn't stopped them from trying. For nearly a century, scientists have struggled to come up with a diet pill that helps people lose weight without causing side effects that range from embarrassing digestive issues to dangerous heart problems.

BY MATTHEW PERRONE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON • The battle of the bulge has been a big, fat failure for U.S. drugmakers. But that hasn't stopped them from trying.

For nearly a century, scientists have struggled to make a diet pill that helps people lose weight without side effects that range from embarrassing digestive issues to dangerous heart problems.

Earlier this week, a government panel recommended the FDA approve the latest diet drug Qnexa. The recommendation raises hopes that the U.S. could approve the first anti-obesity drug in more than a decade. It also highlights how challenging it is to create a pill that fights fat in a variety of people without negative side effects. Even Qnexa was previously rejected over concerns that it can cause heart palpitations and birth defects if taken by pregnant women.



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

This May 2007 file photo shows GlaxoSmithKline's alli, the first over-the-counter diet pill approved by the Food and Drug Administration, in New York.

"Having a drug for obesity would be like telling me you had a drug for the fever," said Dr. Mitchell Roslin, chief of bariatric surgery at Northern Westchester Hospital in New York. "There

can be millions of different reasons why someone is obese; it's really a symptom of various underlying mechanisms."

An effective and safe diet pill would be an easy sale in the U.S.: With more than 75 million obese adults, the nation's obesity rate is nearing 35 percent. But the biggest problem in creating a weight-loss drug is that there appears to be no safe way to turn off one of the human body's most fundamental functions.

For millions of years, humans have been programmed to consume calories and store them as energy, or fat. It's this biological mechanism that makes it almost impossible to quickly lose weight by not eating. Cutting down on food instead sends stronger signals to the body to store more calories.

"Throughout most of human history calories were scarce and hard to get, so we have numerous natural defenses against starvation," said Dr. David Katz of Yale

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Kodak

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signed with Kodak Theatre owner CIM Group in 1999. As a result, Kodak won't have to pay the \$3.6 million annual naming fee.

The Kodak Theatre, which was custom-built for the awards show and first played host to the ceremony in 2002, will be described to millions of viewers today simply as the "Hollywood & Highland Center."

The judge's decision came too late to remove the signs outside, which may cast a sense of gloom over an industry already rocked by technological change.

"I think everyone looks at Kodak's name coming off the theater with a degree of sadness mixed with respect," said Chris McGurk, chief executive of Cinedigm Digital Cinema Corp., which installs digital projectors for thousands of movie screens and is getting in to the business of putting live video feeds into theaters. "It's just that the tide has shifted. The digital rollout is moving great guns. It's unfortunate that the great companies that helped build the film business can't all be part of it going forward."

The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, which declined to comment for this story, is reportedly considering a move to a different venue.

The Academy won't suffer financially from the unpaid fee, since it doesn't have a direct relationship with Kodak and most of its \$100 million annual budget comes from licensing the Oscar ceremony's broadcast, according to Moody's Investors Service. The Academy leases the space from CIM Group.

It's not as if Kodak didn't see the digital future coming. Last October, Kodak licensed its patented laser projection technology to Imax Corp. to allow digital projectors to work in domes and other huge theaters that were once reserved for film.

Even if its name is gone from the Oscars, Kodak will still be a part of filmmaking, as long as Academy voters continue to pick movies with that rich, grainy "film look." Kodak stock film was used to shoot Oscar-nominated movies such as "War Horse," "The Tree of Life," and "The Help," even though the captured images were converted for digital editing and delivery.

Mark Graziano, senior vice president of post-production at "War Horse" maker DreamWorks Studios, said the end of the sponsorship serves as a reminder of the "lost art" of film production, and of the workers who once had titles like "negative cutter." It used to take two weeks, for example, just to prepare a rough cut for studio executives to view in screening rooms. The process is nearly instantaneous now.

"It makes you nostalgic for the days when we only worked with 35-millimeter film," Graziano said, noting that film still has a place at many studios. "You look at many filmmakers that swear by film capture, their movies always look gorgeous. It's hard to turn your back on that."



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Neng Yang, left, purchases a new phone at the Best Buy Mobile store at Independence Mall on February 15 in Independence, Mo., where she picked it up with her brothers Cheng Yang and John Yang, right. The smaller Best Buy store only carries phones, tablets and accessories for their mobile devices.

Retailers, Restaurants Downsize for Lower Costs

BY JOYCE SMITH

McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. • To Neng Yang, the Best Buy store in Independence, Mo., is just too overwhelming — so much so that she only shops there once a year, at the holidays.

So when she needed a new cellphone, she bypassed the 55,000-square-foot store with its many departments — appliances, big-screen TVs, computers, cameras, car audio, video and music. Instead, she stopped across the street at the Best Buy Mobile store.

The slimmed-down 850-square-foot sister store concentrates only on mobile devices.

"I ask about a thousand questions, and this is more personalized, more one-on-one attention," said Yang of Blue Springs, Mo.

Yang bought a white Droid Razr, and her brother, John Yang, picked up a black one.

Bigger is not always better. Just ask the biggest retailers in the country — and their customers.

The recession and the growth of online shopping have conspired to cut chains down to size. One strategy they've employed has been to close underperforming stores. But Best Buy and an

increasing number of companies are trying another strategy too — going smaller.

Among the retailers testing smaller concepts are Blockbuster, Ann Taylor, the Gap, Kohl's, Lowe's and Sports Authority. RadioShack is even trying a "store-within-a-store" format in several OfficeMax stores in California.

Restaurants are also thinking small, including Leawood, Kan.-based Houlihan's Restaurants Inc., which has restaurants in 17 states.

Lower square footage makes for lower construction and remodeling costs, and that also tends to make them easier to finance. The smaller locations have less overhead costs and can be manned by fewer employees.

The small size also gives the chains more flexibility in locations, allowing them to squeeze into heavily developed urban centers, and compact spaces in airports, college campuses and strip centers. If the location isn't successful, the chains can close the sites down with less financial fallout.

"For a decade it was 'build it and they will come,'" said Candace Corlett, president of WSL Strategic Retail in New

York. "It's definitely a correction for retailers as well as restaurants, a direct result of consumers not having as much to spend on the extras. The strategy has to be to reduce your costs to offset less traffic. Usually that means less rent, shrinking retail and restaurants."

Jeff Green, president of Jeff Green Partners, Phoenix-based real estate consultants, has long criticized the "bigger is better" movement.

"They think the bigger they are the more exciting they are and that's not necessarily the case, as Apple has proven," Green said. "Consumers like the smaller stores, like to be part of a 'happening,' and smaller stores have that feel."

When retailers like Ann Taylor, Chico's and the Gap opened larger stores, they didn't necessarily see an equivalent rise in sales, if any rise at all, that would justify the added expense, Green said.

"Any retailer that is opening larger and larger stores, I question their long-term viability," Green said. "Costco and Sam's Club defy that theory. That's because consumers really perceive them as great values and value trumps the inconvenience of size."

older drugs.

It uses phentermine, the appetite suppressant. The other drug is topiramate, an anticonvulsant sold by Johnson & Johnson as Topamax. Topiramate is believed to make patients feel more satiated, though it's unclear exactly how. J&J initially studied Topamax alone as a weight loss treatment but concluded the psychiatric side effects, such as memory loss and difficulty concentrating, were too significant.

Still, on Wednesday, a panel of FDA doctors and other advisers voted 20-2 in favor of approving Vivus' Qnexa pill, which the drugmaker has resubmitted to the FDA for a second review.

The group touted the drug's benefits, which include weight loss of nearly 10 percent for most patients taking the drug over a year — the highest reduction reported with any recent diet pill. But panelists stressed that the drugmaker must be required to conduct a large, follow-up study of the pill's effects on the heart.

The FDA is expected to issue its decision on Qnexa by mid-April.

"The potential benefits of this medication seem to trump the side effects," said FDA panel member Dr. Kenneth Burman of the Washington Hospital Center in Washington DC. "But in truth, only time will tell."

Tammy Wade of McCalla, Ala., is confident that the diet pill works. She lost nearly 40 pounds, dropping down to 167 while in a two-year Qnexa study.

"I never lost that much weight on any of the programs I've tried," said Wade, who's done everything from Weight Watchers to work out with a personal trainer.

FLAGSTAR PAYS \$133M TO SETTLE MORTGAGE FRAUD

TROY, Mich. (AP) • Flagstar Bancorp Inc. has agreed to pay \$133 million to settle claims its mortgage unit engaged in fraudulent lending practices.

The U.S. government said in a release Friday it filed and settled a civil lawsuit against the Troy-based holding company for Flagstar Bank. The government says the bank improperly approved residential home mortgage loans for government insurance.

"The lawsuit ... is another stark example of how certain lenders put profit ahead of responsibility by recklessly churning out mortgage loans without regard to the risk that those loans would

default or the significant consequences for the individual homeowners who would inevitably default on their loans, the housing market, and in the aggregate, our nation's economy," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara of the Southern District of New York said in a statement. "Flagstar has accepted responsibility for its conduct and committed to reform its business practices to ensure compliance with (federal) requirements."

Flagstar Chief Executive Joseph Campanelli said in a release that the settlement allows the bank to move forward and officials are "pleased to have resolved this matter."

Buffett

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Housing Horoscope

The blunder: Buffett predicted in last year's letter that the U.S. housing recovery would begin within the next year and help fuel economic growth.

The explanation: Buffett doesn't mince words and says he was "dead wrong" about this one. But he says basic biology makes it unavoidable that the country will need more houses.

The quip: "People may postpone hitching up during uncertain times, but eventually hormones take over. And while 'doubling up' may be the initial reaction of some during a recession, living with in-laws can quickly lose its allure."

Energy Error

The blunder: Buffett spent about \$2 billion buying bonds offered by Texas utility Energy Future Holdings. But those bonds are now worth about \$878 million, and he conceded Saturday that even that could be wiped out.

The explanation: Buffett comes right out and admits misjudging the company's prospects and the likelihood that natural gas prices would remain depressed.

The quip: "However things turn out, I totally miscalculated the gain/loss probabilities when I purchased the bonds. In tennis parlance, this was a major unforced error by your chairman."

Acquisition Angst

The blunder: Some of the companies Berkshire Hathaway has bought don't add much to the company's bottom line. Buffett didn't single out the laggards in Berkshire's manufacturing, service and retail unit, but he acknowledged that a few produce poor returns.

The explanation: Buffett says he misjudged some of these businesses before Berkshire bought them partly because he didn't always listen to curmudgeonly Vice Chairman Charlie Munger.

The quip: "I try to look out 10 or 20 years when making an acquisition, but sometimes my eyesight has been poor. Charlie's has been better; he voted 'no' more than 'present' on several of my errant purchases."

Oil Oops

The blunder: In 2008, Buffett more than quadrupled Berkshire's stake in ConocoPhillips when oil and gas prices were near their peak. It cost the company several billion dollars.

The explanation: Buffett said he didn't anticipate the dramatic fall in energy prices that happened later in 2008.

The quip: "During 2008 I did some dumb things in investments. I made at least one major mistake of commission and several lesser ones that also hurt"

Textile Trouble

The blunder: Buffett has said that buying Berkshire Hathaway itself may have been his worst investment decision. It was a struggling New England textile mill when Buffett bought into it in the 1960s. He kept the mill running for 20 years before shutting it down.

The explanation: Buffett didn't recognize immediately that the textile business was doomed to continue losing money.

The quip: "The dumbest thing I could have done was to pursue 'opportunities' to improve and expand the existing textile operation — so for years that's exactly what I did," he said last year. "And then, in a final burst of brilliance, I went out and bought another textile company. Aaaaaaargh! Eventually I came to my senses, heading first into insurance and then into other industries."

Diet Pills

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University's Prevention Research Center. "We have no defenses against overeating because we never needed them before."

So, the drug industry has been on a nearly 100-year search for a drug that can help the body shed pounds. It has mostly failed to come up with an effective one and many of the experiments have proven fatal to patients:

- Early attempts focused on speeding up metabolism, or the body's method for breaking down food into energy. The speed of metabolism controls how quickly or slowly we burn calories and ultimately how much weight we take on

In the 1930s, doctors prescribed an industrial chemical called dinitrophenol, which accelerated metabolism, but also caused fever, swelling and deadly toxicity in some patients. The 1938 law establishing the Food and Drug Administration was a response to untested drugs like dinitrophenol.

- In the '50s and '60s, amphetamines became popular drugs because they boost metabolism and suppress appetite. But the pills proved to be highly addictive, and doctors discovered they increase blood pressure and heart rate. The amphetamine phentermine is approved for short-term weight loss, usually less than 12 weeks, though it is seldom prescribed because of the potential for addiction.

- Perhaps the worst diet pill safety debacle came in the 1990s and involved the combination of phentermine and another weight loss drug marketed by Wyeth called

fenfluramine. The combination of the two pills, dubbed fen-phen, was never approved by the FDA. But because the agency doesn't regulate doctors' decisions about prescribing various combinations of drugs, more than 18 million fen-phen prescriptions were written by 1996.

One year later, studies suggested that up to a third of patients taking fen-phen experienced heart valve damage. In 1997, Wyeth was forced to recall two versions of fenfluramine and eventually paid more than \$13 billion to settle tens of thousands of personal injury lawsuits.

- In the last decade, drugmakers have moved toward other weight loss concoctions. Currently, the only drug approved for long-term weight loss in the U.S. is orlistat, which is sold as the prescription drug Xenical and over the counter as Alli. The drug works by blocking the absorption of fat.

When launched in 2007, alli received a high-profile marketing push from drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline, complete with TV ads and a celebrity endorsement by country singer Wynonna Judd. But it never took off due to unpleasant side effects, including loose bowel movements. Educational pamphlets for all even recommend people start the program when they have a few days off work, or bring an extra pair of pants to the office.

- Most drugmakers now are focusing on medications that block brain signals associated with food craving and appetite. Vivus' Qnexa is one of a trio of drugs seeking FDA approval. The diet pill, which was initially rejected due to the risks of heart palpitations and other safety issues, is a combination of two



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Murdoch's Challenge: Keep Scoops, Hold the Sleaze

BY RAPHAEL SATTER
Associated Press

LONDON • The challenge for Rupert Murdoch's new Sunday tabloid: Keep the scoops, drop the sleaze. News Corp.'s *The Sun on Sunday* launches this weekend, promising the same irreverent attitude that has kept *The Sun* tabloid at the top of the British newspaper market, even as its proprietor fights to limit the damage caused by the long-running phone hacking scandal.

Can Murdoch win while keeping it clean? Tabloid veterans say yes.

"There's a dangerous misconception that the *News of the World* or tabloids generally can't break major stories without resorting to illegal or unethical practices," former *News of the World* executive-turned PR professional Paul Connex said in a telephone interview. "The rivals are going to be sweating."

The *News of the World* closed in July after an advertising boycott led Murdoch to pull the 168-year-old paper. Britons were disgusted by revelations that the paper had routinely hacked into the phones of those in the public eye — including, most notoriously, a missing schoolgirl whose murder had shocked the country.

It was long rumored that Murdoch would try to reclaim the gap in the lucrative Sunday market. And the Australian media tycoon appears to be throwing his weight and enthusiasm behind the launch, buying up broadcast advertising and putting up posters to promote his latest venture into the newspaper business.

There's already been the inevitable controversy. News vendors are upset over the low, 50 pence (roughly 75 U.S. cent) cover price, a Labour parliamentarian has reportedly pulled out of a planned column under pressure from his colleagues, and media-watchers have been whispering about the possibility that new arrests of journalists could eclipse the paper's launch.

Assuming no hiccups, the paper will have a huge initial run — perhaps as many as 3 million copies. It'll be under the direction of *Sun* editor Dominic Mohan. His deputy, Victoria Newton, a veteran of the *News of the World*, is also expected to play a key role. Incentives offered to keep *Sun* staff working through the weekend, while new columnists have been brought in.

There have been all kinds of rumors as to the paper's content, although the traditional staples of tabloid reporting — campaigns, stings, and undercover investigations — will doubtless stay in place.

And it seems reasonable to assume that the *Sun* on Sunday would keep paying tipsters for stories — a practice generally shunned by U.S. journalists. Still, Britain's new anti-bribery law — and sensitivities surrounding the ongoing investigation into the corruption of public officials — means that reporters will be far more careful about paying contacts.

Jules Stenson, former assistant editor of the *News of the World*, said that would free up money for big feature stories. "I think they'll have lots to spend," he said.

He predicted the paper's

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Media research firm
Enders Analysis

culture would be a *Sun* culture, which he described as "softer, not as hard an investigative edge, not as in-your-face" as the *News of the World*. He said it was "subtler, more newsy, more fun ... saucier."

That said, *The Sun's* topless "page 3 girls" won't grace the paper's Sunday pages — they're already absent from the Saturday edition.

Some former *News of the World* journalists had worried that the paper needed its own journalistic identity to fight its way through the fiercely competitive Sunday market. But Stenson, who now works in public relations, said that launching a new paper under *The Sun* brand would do it a world of good.

"It was one of the biggest challenges at the *News of the World*: Converting more *Sun* readers into *News of the World* readers," he noted.

Stenson predicted that the *Sun on Sunday's* circulation would settle at around 1.8 million. That would be far less than what the *News of the World* was selling when it was shut — about 2.7 million copies a week — but it would be roughly comparable to its rivals, the *Sunday Mirror* and the *Mail on Sunday*.

Newspaper circulation is far high in tabloid-hungry Britain than in the United States, where even Murdoch's top-selling *The Wall Street Journal* falls well short of *The Sun's* daily reach.

Media research firm Enders Analysis said Murdoch's new tabloid wouldn't bring in the same kind of cash as the *News of the World*.

"We estimate that even a triumphant launch would likely generate half to two-thirds of the income of the closed title," the group said in a research note released earlier this week. Advertising doesn't seem to be a problem. Murdoch said in an upbeat message posted to Twitter Wednesday that the paper was "completely sold out."

Major advertisers seem favorable. Supermarket retailer Tesco said it was reviewing the situation, while rival Morrisons said it expected to advertise in *The Sun on Sunday*. Even brands whose boycott of the *News of the World* helped force its closure were open to the idea of supporting its successor.

Major gas and electricity supplier Npower — which pulled its ads from the old tabloid — suggested it was still on the fence about promoting its brand in the new title.

"It was only after careful consideration we decided to cancel advertising in the *News of the World*," the company said in a statement. "We will give careful consideration on whether to advertise in any subsequent replacement."



COURTESY PHOTO

Idaho Central Credit Union Burley branch employees cut the red ribbon with Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

Idaho Central Credit Union Opens Burley Location

BURLEY • Idaho Central Credit Union recently celebrated the opening of its new Burley location with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

The Burley branch is managed by Dillion Steed. ICCU, established in 1940, serves more than 100,000 members throughout the state, offering a variety of financial products and services.

The new Burley branch is located at 110 Overland Ave. The lobby is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, while the drive-through is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Information: 678-2046 or www.iccu.com.



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Curves owners Ann Marion and Judy Fowler cut the red ribbon with employees and Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

Curves in Burley Under New Ownership

BURLEY • The Burley Curves fitness center recently celebrated new ownership with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

Curves, at 2147 Albion Ave., offers fitness equipment and programs designed specifically for women. An on-site circuit trainer ensures that clients will have a workout partner.

The Burley Curves is open from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturdays. Information: 678-2754.

Le Petite Spa Opens in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS • J.P. Julie Burgess, massage therapist and natural nail technician, recently opened Le Petite Spa in Twin Falls.

The spa is located at 2122 Addison Ave. E., inside the Elite Suites building. To schedule an appointment, call 308-0324.



Burgess

New Magic Valley Business Offers Headlight Polishing

TWIN FALLS • Southern Idaho Safety Solutions, owned by Eric Goodell, recently opened in Twin Falls. The business offers headlight cleaning and polishing and will soon be adding additional services.

Goodell uses products specially formulated for cleaning and polishing headlights. These products can make yellowed, hazy headlights look almost new.

Southern Idaho Safety Solutions offers its services at a discounted rate, and satisfaction is guaranteed. High-volume discounts are available. Goodell offers a mobile service at no charge in Twin Falls.

To learn more, contact Goodell at 329-1699, visit SouthernIdahoSafetySolutions.com or email IdahoSafetySolutions@hotmail.com.



Goodell



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured, from left, are Ann's Eyewear Boutique employees Jenna Harder, Ann Braga, Leah Scrimpsheer and Mindy Frodin.

Ann's Eyewear Announces Certifications

TWIN FALLS • Ann's Eyewear Boutique in Twin Falls recently announced the certification of Leah Scrimpsheer and Jenna Harder as certified dispensing opticians by the American Board of Optometry.

All employees at Ann's are encouraged to continue their education. Currently, three employees are certified dispensing opticians and one is pursuing certification in September.

Ann's is located at 691 Shoshone St. N. Information: 733-1067.

Jamie Gardner Moves to Today's Image

TWIN FALLS • Jamie Gardner, formerly at Escape Salon, has moved to a new location with Today's Image, 1904 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

She has nine years of experience and specializes in acrylic nails and hand-painted nail art. Appointments can be scheduled by calling Gardner at 735-1250.

Suzi Thomas Moves to Today's Image

TWIN FALLS • Suzi Thomas, formerly at Escape Salon, has moved to a new location Today's Image, 1904 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

She has 15 years of experience and specializes in haircutting, styling, waxing, perms and colors. Appointments can be scheduled by calling Thomas at 735-1250 or 329-0497.



Thomas

Tom Mikesell Joins Alliance Home Health, Hospice and Home Assist

TWIN FALLS • Alliance Home Health, Hospice and Home Assist recently announced that Tom Mikesell has been selected as marketing and public relations manager of its Twin Falls office.

Alliance provides a variety of home health and hospice care services, including skilled nursing, pain management, spiritual and social care, education, respite support and more.

The Twin Falls office serves all of south-central Idaho. Mikesell has been charged with bringing Alliance's message to all the Magic Valley.

Mikesell brings many years of marketing and public relations experience to his new position. He served three terms as Twin Falls County commissioner and one term on the Twin Falls City Council. He also owned and operated Java Blue and Tom's 50 Minute Photo for many years. He can be reached at 733-2234 or 734-7789.



Mikesell

Ann Dennis Returns to Neel & Associates

TWIN FALLS • Neel & Associates Chartered, a certified public accounting firm in Twin Falls, welcomes back Ann Dennis for another tax season.

Dennis has been with Neel & Associates since 2002 and has 26 years of experience preparing tax returns. She looks forward to the 2012 tax season, preparing tax returns and seeing new clients.



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Cars' New Connectivity Features Raise Safety Concerns

BY JOHN BOUDREAU
San Jose Mercury News (MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif. • American drivers are about to become a lot more distracted.

As safety officials fret about drivers taking their eyes off the road to play with smartphones, automakers from Detroit to Japan are rolling out vehicles that are becoming virtual iPads on wheels. Next-generation vehicles, safety experts warn, could make multitasking motorists even more of a hazard on the nation's roads and freeways. U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has called distracted driving "a dangerous epidemic."

What began as perks for luxury cars are now becoming standard features of lower-end vehicles, said Carroll Lachnit, an editor at auto information website Edmunds.com.

Motorists can press steering wheel buttons to buy movie tickets and give voice updates for their Facebook pages. Daimler AG, the German manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz and other vehicles, is working on technology that will enable drivers to read information on the windshield by waving their hand. Ford is offering consumers a car system that converts smartphones into routers, giving passengers Internet access while barreling down the road.

"It's a little bit of an arms race," Lachnit said.

Within five years, more than 90 percent of new cars will come equipped with Internet-connected technology features, said Dominique Bonte, group director of telematics and navigation at ABI Research, a technology consulting firm.

Ford CEO Alan Mulally has coined a new slogan for his company: "Ford, The App of Choice for Car Buyers." Last month, Ford announced it was setting up a research center in Palo Alto, Calif., joining other carmakers that have opened up offices in Silicon Valley working on new advances in automotive technology that emphasize computer science and Internet communications.

The merging of Detroit and Silicon Valley's mobile technology has government officials increasingly concerned. Last week, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration proposed new dashboard technology guidelines that calls for automakers to ensure these new systems are automatically disabled once a vehicle is moving to deter distracted driving.

"Auto manufacturers are under big pressure to bring more technology into the car," Bonte said. "We are used to all this technology at home, on our mobile phones, tablets and computers. At the same time, they have the very big responsibility of keeping driving safe. It's a contradiction."

Automakers are chasing members of the millennial generation_ ages 19 to 31 and nearly 80 million strong_ who see app technology as extensions of themselves. A recent survey published by consulting company Deloitte revealed that 75 percent of these consumers want touch-screen technology in their cars and nearly as many want in-dash apps.

"There is a sense among carmakers that if they don't start presenting these kinds of vehicle systems, they will be left in the dust," Lachnit said.



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Fire boat response crews spray water on the burning remnants of BP's Deepwater Horizon offshore oil rig on April 21, 2010.

BP Faces Billions in Fines as Spill Trial Nears

BY CAIN BURDEAU
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS • On the cusp of trial over the catastrophic 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, phalanxes of lawyers, executives and public officials have spent the waning days in settlement talks. Holed up in small groups inside law offices, war rooms and hotel suites in New Orleans and Washington, they are trying to put a number on what BP and its partners in the doomed Macondo well project should pay to make up for the worst offshore spill in U.S. history.

It is a complex equation, and the answer is proving elusive.

The federal government, Gulf states, plaintiffs' attorneys, BP PLC, rig owner Transocean Ltd. and cementer Halliburton Energy Services Inc. have been in simultaneous and separate negotiations in New Orleans, according to a person with direct knowledge of the talks and others who had been briefed on them.

Trial is set for Monday, and by Friday, no deal had been reached, several people familiar with the negotiations told AP on condition of anonymity. The biggest stumbling block appeared to be the sheer size and sprawling uncertainty over the unprecedented dollar amounts at stake.

Financial analysts estimate BP's potential settlement payout at \$15 billion to roughly \$30 billion. The company itself estimated it would cost about \$41 billion in the weeks after the explosion to account for all of its costs, including cleanup, compensating businesses, and paying fines and ecological damage.

"This one is off the charts in terms of size and significance," said Eric Schaeffer, the director of the Environmental Integrity Project in Washington and former head of the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Regulatory Enforcement.

BP has to weigh its chances of getting off cheaper by piecing together a sweeping settlement or put its fate in the hands of one man, a federal judge who will hear testimony in lieu of a jury. If the judge sides with plaintiffs on the amount of oil spilled and deter-

mines BP was grossly negligent, the company conceivably could face up to \$52 billion in environmental fines and compensation alone, according to an AP analysis.

While such a scenario is unlikely, it illustrates the broad range and staggering sums at play.

No matter what, the case is all but guaranteed to set records as the most expensive environmental disaster in history, far surpassing the Exxon Valdez disaster in 1989. Exxon ultimately settled with the U.S. government for \$1 billion, which would be about \$1.8 billion today.

If BP settles, it's almost certain to dwarf previous deals the U.S. has reached with corporate offenders in any industry. That record now stands at \$2.3 billion against Pfizer Inc. in 2009 to settle claims over the painkiller Bextra, according to the Justice Department.

And once the civil case is resolved, depending on the scope of any settlement, BP still could face criminal fines; penalties for violations of oil pollution, clean water and wildlife protection laws; and still-pending economic losses due to the partial shutdown of the Gulf. Morgan Stanley analysts estimated criminal fines would come in between \$5 billion and \$15 billion in any eventual settlement.

Robert Wiygul, an environmental lawyer in New Orleans who represents spill plaintiffs but is not involved in the settlement talks, said putting a dollar figure on what is the right sum for BP to pay is extremely difficult.

"There is going to be a lot of voodoo there," he said.

The bill will be commensurate to the magnitude of the disaster: An epic engineering failure that highlighted the dangers of drilling in extreme conditions miles from shore and miles under water.

The April 20, 2010, blowout of BP's deepwater Macondo well killed 11 workers and injured 17. The burning drilling rig Deepwater Horizon toppled and sank to the Gulf floor, where it sits today.

It took engineers 85 days to permanently cap the well. By then, more than 200 million gallons of oil leaked from the well and had covered much

of the northern half of the Gulf of Mexico — endangering fisheries, killing marine life and shutting down offshore oil drilling operations.

About 900 miles of shoreline were fouled and beaches were closed for months. The spill forced President Barack Obama in June 2010 to make his first Oval Office speech, in which he called the BP spill "the worst environmental disaster the nation has ever faced."

Under the Clean Water Act, which is designed to punish companies and prevent future spills, a polluter pays a minimum of \$1,100 per barrel of spilled oil; the fines nearly quadruple for companies found guilty of grossly negligent behavior. Under this statute, BP could owe \$5 billion to \$21 billion. Transocean and Anadarko Petroleum Corp., a minority owner of the Macondo well, also face paying hefty fines.

One of the biggest questions facing U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier, a maritime law expert presiding over the trial, will be to determine if BP was guilty of gross negligence.

Under the Oil Pollution Act, companies must pay to restore what they fouled. Based on criteria from what Exxon paid after the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska, BP could pay about \$31 billion, or \$148 per gallon, to cover the ecosystem damage to the Gulf. Exxon paid \$900 million for 11 million gallons of spilled oil, or about \$81 per gallon. Adjusted for inflation, that's \$148 per gallon.

Experts said Barbier will weigh a number of factors in determining what BP should pay to restore damaged natural resources, and BP's liability under the Oil Pollution Act could be much higher or much lower than what Exxon paid per gallon.

BP likely will argue that it should be much lower because it has spent billions on cleanup already and provided \$1 billion for early ecosystem restoration. It's also likely the company will argue the spill's effects were minimized by the Gulf's warm waters, oil-eating bacteria and other factors.

The company also likely will argue that the Gulf has been soiled by past spills and natural oil seeps, making it hard to pinpoint what is BP damage

and what isn't, said Mark Davis, a Tulane University law professor who specializes in water resources.

State and federal lawyers are likely to argue that the damage was extensive and that the Gulf's marine environment is more varied and rich than even that of Prince William Sound, where the Exxon Valdez went aground.

Beyond that, there are more than 110,000 people and businesses — among them large fishing and hotel operations — who have not settled with BP and have outstanding claims against the company. Technically, people have until April 20, 2013, to file claims against BP, which committed to pay \$20 billion to cover damage claims and so far has spent about \$7 billion.

What makes this trial so good for plaintiffs — and a nightmare for BP, Halliburton and Transocean — is that the spill was a chronicle of corporate failures. Federal investigators have concluded cost-cutting by BP and shoddy work by all three companies caused the blowout.

"It's the perfect case for plaintiffs' lawyers," said Blaine LeCesne, a tort law specialist at Loyola University New Orleans who's analyzed the case. "They have everything to gain by going to trial."

While the settlement haggling stretches through the weekend, the hundreds of lawyers who have come to New Orleans are primed for battle.

Garret Graves, an aide to Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and a member of a federal and state council assessing damage from the spill, was adamant that any last-minute settlement in the price range of \$20 billion would let BP off too easily.

"We're not going to sell short the citizens and we're not going to let BP walk away," Graves said.

Mike Brock, a BP trial lawyer, said BP was ready to prove "that no single action, person or party was the sole cause of the blowout."

At trial, BP will try to spread blame to the other companies and try to convince the judge that what happened at the Macondo well was an accident, not an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

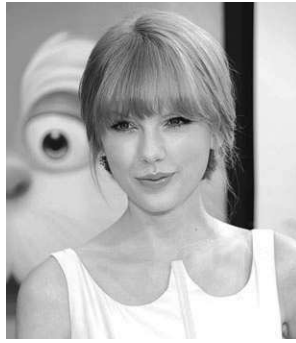
Taylor Swift Asks NJ Teen to Country Music Awards

SOMERDALE, N.J. (AP) • Taylor Swift has a date for the Academy of Country Music awards.

The country star asked a fan, Kevin McGuire of Somerdale, N.J., to the awards show. McGuire is 18 and has leukemia. His sister had started a campaign on Facebook to get Swift to go with him to his prom.

Swift writes in a Facebook post of her own that she can't make it to the prom, but that she'd like for McGuire to accompany her to the awards ceremony April 1 in Las Vegas. She is nominated for three awards.

A spokesman for Swift confirms that she wrote the post. A post on the Facebook



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Taylor Swift arrives at the premiere of the animated film 'The Lorax' Feb. 19 in Universal City, Calif.

page for McGuire thanks her for the invitation. His sister did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

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Anne Louise Forsyth (Schoettger)

March 6, 1935-Feb. 17, 2012

BRENTWOOD, Calif. • Anne Forsyth, a longtime resident of California, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at her home surrounded by her immediate family.



Francisco. After retiring from California Pacific Medical Center in 2001, she moved to Brentwood, Calif., and continued living life to the fullest.

Anne loved traveling and socializing, enjoyed going to dinner and dancing with friends, and had a wonderful smile that could light up a room. She is survived by her two daughters, Lori and Kathleen; their husbands, Clint and Garry; and the rays of sunshine in her life — her grandchildren, Danielle, Haley, Trey, Shane and Brooke.

Services were private at Bay Area Cremation and Funeral Services, www.bacfs.com. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Elizabeth Nash Foundation, P.O. Box 1260, Los Gatos, CA 95031.

Laurie A. Black

April 20, 1947-Feb. 18, 2012

BURLEY • Laurie Altina Black, age 64, of Burley, passed away Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, at the Mini-Cassia Care Center in Burley.

She was born April 20, 1947, in Lincoln, Neb., the daughter of DeWayne and Sarra Elizabeth Yonker Carress. She married Mark Black on Dec. 7, 1990, in Elko, Nev. After graduating from Minico High School, she lived in the Paul and Burley area most of her adult life where she was a farmer's wife and in her later years worked as a cashier at different local places.

Laurie belonged to the Baptist Church and is now home with her Heavenly Father in the eye of fresh flowers that she loved. She enjoyed crafts, sewing and spending time in her flower garden. Most of all, she loved her children and grandchildren and enjoyed every minute with them. She will be dearly missed by her friends and family.

She is survived by her four children, Shane (Mel-



ony) Albertson of New Orleans, La., Jason Albertson of Blackfoot, and Kimberly (Darren) Frost and Wade Albertson, both of Burley; her mother, Sarra Jepson of Salem, Ore.; and one sister, Julie Helm of Salem, Ore. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, stepfather, two grandsons, grandparents and one nephew.

At Laurie's request, no formal service will be held. Cremation is under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Burley.

Emma Lebsack

May 18, 1931-Feb. 24, 2012

PAUL • Emma Mae Kraus Lebsack, 80, of Paul, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 24, 2012. The last weeks of her life she was surrounded by her family. At times I'm sure she thought we were all moving back home.

She was born May 18, 1931, in Lamar, Colo., to Lorens and Anna Maria Kraus. Her early years were spent living in both Idaho and Colorado. She married LeRoy Lebsack on Sept. 26, 1947, and they enjoyed 64 wonderful years together. They were blessed with three children, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Emma's greatest joy in life was being a wife, mother, and homemaker. She loved and was loved by her family.

Emma was a hard worker; working on the family farm as a young girl, serving as the office manager of the family business (Lebsack Repair and Harley Davidson), custodian of the Paul Congregational Church for 29 years, driving truck for her brothers during harvest, and caring for her family and home. She was patriotic; serving 54 years as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 77; holding several offices including president and Idaho State Sergeant at Arms. Emma was a member of the Ebenezer Congregational Church and of West End Fire Department's auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, LeRoy Lebsack of Paul; her children, Steve (Dalea) Lebsack, Ken (LeAnne) Lebsack and MaryAnn (Rob) Perez; her grandchildren, Scott (Nicole) Lebsack, Jennifer (Cody) Matthews, Stephanie (Brandon) Stimpson, Mark (Ashley)



Lebsack, Scott (Mikhael) Carraway, Rick (Christine) Perez and Kim Perez; and her great-grandchildren, Ryllen and Braydon Stimpson, Riley and Jaycee Matthews, Taegan Remaley, Will Lebsack, and Benton and Alivia Carraway; and one brother, Edward Weimer.

Emma was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Dollie Knopp and Bertha Price; and seven brothers, Edward Kraus, David Kraus, Lorens Kraus, Jake Kraus, Wilhelm Kraus, Walt Kraus, and John Weimer Jr.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Paul Congregational Church, 121 N. Second W. in Paul, with Pastor Brandon Wallace officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be directed to Ebenezer Congregational Church Memorial Fund, Intermountain Hospice, or American Legion Auxiliary Post 77.

Her family extends their gratitude to St. Luke's MISTI and Intermountain Hospice for their outstanding care of Emma.

For more OBITUARIES, please see M6

Leora Moore

April 24, 1916-Feb. 23, 2012

LEWISTON • Leora Moore, 95, of Lewiston and former longtime resident of Gooding, Idaho, passed away Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, at the Royal Plaza Care Center in Lewiston.



lived at Royal Plaza Retirement and Care Center, where she made many new friends, participated in the activities and continued to enjoy her hobbies. She thoroughly enjoyed knitting or crocheting items for her granddaughters-in-law and playing cards, games, watching movies and being with her great-grandchildren. The family wishes to express their appreciation to the staff and employees at Royal Plaza for their kindness and care provided to Leora.

Leora was born April 24, 1916, in Golden City, Mo. She was the second oldest of five daughters born to Frank and Cecil Woods. She moved to Gooding in 1937 and, at that time, married J.C. (Conness) Moore on July 6, 1937. She worked at the M.H. King variety store, the Gooding Toggery, in the Gooding County Clerk and Recorder's office and as a nurse's aide at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Leora and Conness were avid supporters of the Gooding athletic teams, traveling out of town to attend many games. They enjoyed playing cards and visiting with friends over coffee in the evenings. After her husband's death in May 1973, she continued her passion for baseball, sewing, crocheting and knitting and was always up for a game of pinochle.

In 2003, Leora moved to Lewiston to be near her daughter, Sharon Mink. She

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Mink (Bob) of Lewiston; grandsons, David Mink (Sara) of Boise and John Mink (Sara) of Spokane; and four great-grandchildren, Katie, Hannah, Logan and Addison. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and four sisters.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. The Rev. Andy Morris of First Christian Church will conduct the service. Arrangements are under the care of Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home of Lewiston.

DEATH NOTICES

Geraldine Joslin

TWIN FALLS • Geraldine "Geri" R. Joslin, 87, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, at Highland Hills Assisted Living Center in Pocatello.

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

Barbara Larsen

GARDEN CITY • Barbara Larsen, 95, of Garden City and formerly of Jerome, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, in a Boise care center.

Memorial services will be held in July (Alden-Wag-

goner Funeral Chapel and Crematory in Boise).

Richard Frost

TWIN FALLS • Richard Frost, 76, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, at his home.

Private family services were held (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Clara Davis

JEROME • Clara L. Davis, 95, of Jerome, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Slain Journalist's Mom Hopes for Body's Return

NEW YORK (AP) • The mother of an American journalist killed in Syria is hoping that her daughter's body comes home to her native New York.

Marie Colvin, a veteran correspondent for The Sunday Times of London, and a French photojournalist died Wednesday in a rocket attack on the besieged city of Homs. Aid workers have been trying to remove their bodies from the war-ravaged country.

Colvin's mother, Rosemarie Colvin, told The Associated Press on Saturday that the family is "still hoping very, very strongly that they'll bring the two of them out."

She says "absolutely no decision there has been made" on burial or funeral arrangements.

The 56-year-old Colvin was a graduate of Oyster Bay High School on Long Island. Her mother lives in East Norwich.



ASSOCIATED PRESS
Rosemarie Colvin, mother of journalist Marie Colvin, poses with her daughter's photograph on Wednesday in East Norwich, N.Y.

SERVICES

Winifred "Winnie" McCool Brigham of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 12:30 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls; no public visitation (Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls).

10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Mildred Elizabeth Kreiser Cunningham of Jackpot, Nev., memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Barton's Club 93 in Jackpot, Nev.

Marlin L. May of Albion, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and

Irene Johnson of Hazelton, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Valley Presbyterian Church, 415 Park St. in Hazelton; no visitation (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

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Jeffrey Daniel Bland

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JEROME • Jeffrey Daniel Bland, 27 years old, of Jerome, returned to his Heavenly Father late Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at his home. He left us during the night due to natural causes.



Jeff was born Sept. 7, 1984, in Southern California. Jeff grew up with his parents and two sisters in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and graduated from Etiwanda High School in 2003. After graduation, he worked at his family's coatings business in the same city. While growing up, Jeff enjoyed snowboarding, motocross racing, and skateboarding and was sponsored by a local skateboard shop. He looked forward to frequent trips to Glamis Sand Dunes in the winter and the Colorado River in the summer with his family.

On April 29, 2006, Jeff married his kindergarten sweetheart and lifelong neighbor, Jackie Chase. Shortly after their marriage, SIEDO recruited the Bland Family business to Southern Idaho, and Jeff and Jackie purchased a home in Jerome. Jeff has been an integral part at the family's coatings business located in Twin Falls. Jeff's passion for perfection, his creative genius, and his desire to succeed resulted in him becoming a standout in the industry. His friendly and caring personality and wonderful people skills

made him a favorite with customers. Jeff constantly strived to perfect his craft and kept pace with an evolving industry. Jeff left behind his caring and loving wife, Jackie, and their two children, Marley (2 years) and Chase (9 weeks). Jeff's parents, Buck and Patsy Bland, are living in Jerome. His older sister, Amanda Neighbor, lives in California with her husband, Aaron, and their two boys, Cash (2 years) and Jack (16 weeks), and his younger sister, Jamie Payne, is living in Twin Falls with her husband, Will. Jeff's grandmother, Virginia Bland, is living at BridgeView in Twin Falls.

There will be a visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome. A service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 2, in the Jerome LDS 3rd Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B in Jerome, with a visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A celebration of Jeff's life will be held at his business, 193 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls, immediately following the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to an account for Jeff's children at any First Federal Savings Bank branch, (208) 737-0795.

'Artist' Wins Best-picture at Indie Spirit Awards

BY DAVID GERMAIN
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. • "The Artist" won best picture and three other prizes Saturday at the Spirit Awards honoring independent film, a possible prelude to a big night at the Academy Awards for the black-and-white silent movie.

The film also won for best director for Michel Hazanavicius and lead actor for Jean Dujardin as a silent-era star whose career crumbles as talking pictures take over in the 1920s. It earned the cinematography prize for Guillaume Schiffman, too.

"The Artist" is the best-picture favorite at Sunday's Oscars.

Michelle Williams won best actress as Marilyn Monroe in the filmmaking tale "My Week with Marilyn."

Supporting-acting honors went to Christopher Plummer as an elderly widower who comes out as gay in "Beginners" and Shailene Woodley as a troublesome Hawaiian teenager in "The Descendants."

"The Artist" producer Thomas Langmann said the awards attention for the film was especially gratifying given how difficult it was to line up financing for a silent film, a form that went out of vogue more than 80 years ago.

"Everybody told us this is so much against conventional wisdom," Langmann said.

At today's Oscars, Dujardin is in a two-man race for best actor against "The Descendants" star George Clooney. Williams is nominated for best actress at the Oscars, though Viola Davis of "The Help" and Meryl Streep of "The Iron Lady" are considered the favorites.

Williams gave the best performance among the Spirit Awards winners with a touching acceptance speech acknowledging her kinship with low-budget independent filmmakers and recalling her first time at the ceremony a decade ago.

"I wore my own clothes back then, which were not very good, and I cut my own hair, which also was not very good," Williams said. "I still remember the feeling that in this room, unlike others, that that was OK. Possibly even preferred. And what I

thought then and I still feel now is that it's because this room was a room full of misfits, outcasts, loners, dreamers, mumbler, delinquents, dropouts. Just like me."

Plummer is the supporting-actor favorite at the Oscars, at 82 potentially becoming the oldest actor ever.

"It's taken me the longest time to realize the Spirit Awards have nothing to do with booze," Plummer joked, going on to thank all the spirits that have come his way in his career, "good and evil."

Woodley was not nominated for an Oscar but won out over a lineup that included Academy Award nominee Janet McTeer of the Irish drama "Albert Nobbs."

"The Descendants" also won the screenplay award



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Michel Hazanavicius accepts the best director award for 'The Artist' at the Independent Spirit Awards on Saturday in Santa Monica, Calif.

for director Alexander Payne and his co-writers, Nat Faxon and Jim Rash.

Dujardin was unable to attend the Spirit Awards. He was traveling back to Los Angeles for Sunday's Oscars after the Cesar awards in France on Friday, where "The Artist" won six prizes, including best picture and director for Hazanavicius.

Sandler Sets Razzie Record: 11 Worst-movie Nominations

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) • When Adam Sandler's bad, he's really bad, according to voters for the Razzies, an Academy Awards spoof that singles out the worst movies of the year.

Sandler received a record 11 nominations Saturday for the Razzies as star, producer or writer on three 2011 movies — "Jack and Jill," "Just Go with It" and "Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star."

That more than doubled the previous record of five Razzie nominations held by Eddie Murphy for 2007's "Norbit."

Sandler's nominations include worst actor for both "Jack and Jill" and "Just Go with It" — and worst actress for "Jack and Jill," in which he plays a family man and his own twin sister.

Sandler also had two nominations as worst screen couple opposite Jennifer Aniston or Brooklyn Decker in "Just Go with It" and opposite Katie Holmes, Al Pacino or himself in "Jack and Jill."

As a producer, Sandler was credited with worst-picture and worst sequel, remake, rip-off or sequel nominations for both "Bucky Larson" and "Jack and Jill." He also shared in worst-screenplay nominations as a writer on both movies, and a worst-ensemble nomination for "Jack and Jill."

"It's almost karmic for someone to have made that much razz-able stuff in one year," said Razzies founder John Wilson. "He has angered someone really powerful, I would say."

Along with "Bucky Larson" and "Jack and Jill," worst-picture contenders are "New Year's Eve," "Transformers: Dark of the Moon"

and "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1."

"Jack and Jill" led with 12 nominations, with "Transformers" second with nine and "Breaking Dawn" right behind with eight.

Razzie nominations were released on the eve of the Oscars. Winners will be announced on April Fool's Day.

For worst actor, Sandler is up against "Bucky Larson" star Nick Swardson, along with Russell Brand for "Arthur"; Nicolas Cage for "Drive Angry"; "Season of the Witch" and "Trespass";



Sandler

and Taylor Lautner for "Abduction" and "Breaking Dawn."

Swardson also was nominated for worst supporting actor for "Jack and Jill" and "Just Go with It."

For worst actress, Sandler is joined by another cross-dressing actor, Martin Lawrence in "Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son." Also nominated were Sarah Palin for her documentary "The Undeclared"; Sarah Jessica Parker for "I Don't Know How She Does It" and "New Year's Eve"; and Kristen Stewart for "Breaking Dawn."

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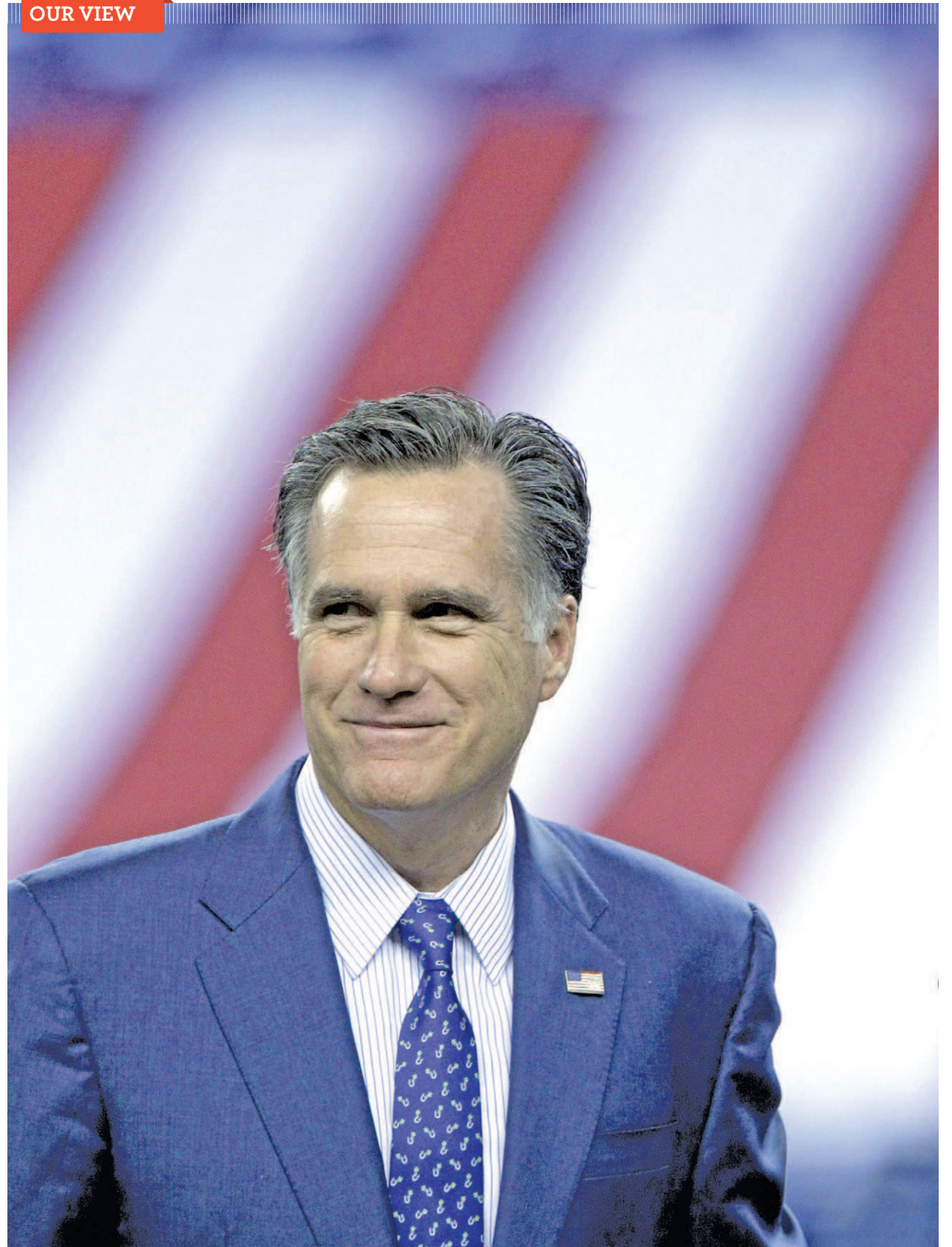
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Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, addresses the Detroit Economic Club at Ford Field in Detroit, Friday.

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Is Obama's Compromise on Contraception Reasonable?

Government Must Never Impose Any Religion on Non-believers

Imagine if you went to work tomorrow and your boss announced that your health-care plan would no longer cover surgery. He had become a Jehovah's Witness and could no longer in good conscience support any procedure that might involve a blood transfusion. Even though you're not a member of that faith, you'd have to go along with that.

The Rev. Barry W. Lynn

Americans United for Separation of Church and State

Ridiculous, right? Not really. There are people in Washington working right now to pass legislation that would allow your boss to tailor your workplace's health-care plan to his religious beliefs. And worse yet, they're doing it in the name of "religious freedom."

How did this come about? The new health-care law seeks to ensure a basic level of care for everyone by mandating that certain services and procedures be covered. Among them is contraceptive care. Houses of worship are totally exempt from this requirement, but religiously affiliated institutions are dealt with differently.

These institutions — mainly hospitals, colleges and social service agencies — receive massive amounts of tax funding, serve the public and often hire people from many different religions.

President Barack Obama has proposed a rule that would require insurance companies to pick up the cost of birth control and offer it to the employees, sparing church-related institutions from doing it directly.

This is not good enough for some on the right. Despite the fact that birth control is widely used in America — 98 percent of people will rely on it at some point in their lives — and despite the fact that the pill has other uses such as

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Forcing Insurers to Provide Workers with Free Contraception Violates Liberties

President Obama's mandate and so-called compromise violate religious liberty and the conscience rights of millions of Americans.

Jay Sekulow

American Center for Law & Justice

First, the Department of Health and Human Services issued its mandate requiring religious institutions, such as religious schools and hospitals, to include abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization and contraception in their insurance policies for employees. That is a mandate that violates the deeply held religious beliefs of many.

Rightly so, an uproar of massive, well-deserved criticism ensued. The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called the mandate "egregiously unfair" and "un-American." The head of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission described the mandate as "bad news" for freedom of conscience and religion.

The criticism deepened and Mr. Obama sought to right a sinking ship by issuing what he called an "accommodation."

This deceptive compromise requires insurance companies to provide employees of the religious organizations that object with contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs free of charge. That's nothing more than a ruse, a shell game, an accounting trick.

To cover costs, insurance companies would boost premiums, forcing religious groups — and the religious employees — to pay more for services that they find morally offensive. The compromise changes nothing — it still places the federal government at the helm of the religious

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Ron Paul wants to "Restore America," Mitt Romney wants us to "Believe in America," Newt Gingrich wants to have a "21st Century Contract with America" and Rick Santorum wants us to "Join the Fight." All Idahoans should want from the Republican candidate they support in next week's March 6 caucus is a proven fiscal conservative who will stop pounding his three competitors today in order to concentrate on taking back the White House in November.

Our endorsement is not based upon the nebulous criteria of "electability" or of "having a chance" — after all, no candidate currently has as many as 10 percent of the delegates needed for nomination, so the race is really just beginning. Roughly 225 delegates have been selected with more than 2000 remaining.

While difficult to choose the best candidate, we have no such problem identifying the worst. Newt Gingrich, a former Georgia congressman and Speaker of the House, is the only speaker reprimanded for misconduct while in office. He was also fined \$300,000 by the Republican-majority house and only three days following his final congressional election victo-

ry, he quit. He also found time to bounce a number of checks — probably more excusable if one of them hadn't been for more than \$9,000, made out to the IRS.

Rick Santorum is an interesting candidate; seemingly coming out of nowhere to win the Iowa Caucus and bouncing back a month later to claim victories in Colorado, Missouri and Minnesota. Unfortunately, Santorum appeared stronger when not in front of the microphone 24/7, where he has had the chance to stumble over himself on numerous occasions. The area in which he has been most consistent we also find most problematic; despite what he would have you believe, Santorum is not a theologian and his continued tendency to use his own beliefs as the country's litmus test on what is right, moral and "Christian" is troubling at best and dangerous at worst.

We're happy that Ron Paul actually took the trouble to visit the Magic Valley — and his outlook on the country, the economy and the role of the federal government is in many ways the clearest and most refreshing of any of this year's candidates. However, a Paul presidency is likely to propel us back into an isolationist position,

and although somewhat appealing as April 15 approaches, his proposal to rescind the 16th Amendment, eliminate federal income tax and abolish the Internal Revenue Service is neither practical or advisable. Of course, the havoc raised by his tax plan would be less worrisome to those who would enjoy the legalized marijuana he also proposes.

We believe that Mitt Romney is the best choice for Idaho, the best choice for Republicans, and the best option in bringing conservatism back to the White House in the person of the 45th President of the United States. He has listed creating jobs and restoring American competitiveness as his highest priorities, and although implementing those priorities is way easier said than done, at least he has the priorities right. And despite his bungled statements about both the "very rich" and the "very poor," his clarifying remark — "My energy is going to be devoted to helping middle-income people" — is exactly where the next president's energy ought to be focused.

We encourage you to participate in next week's caucus, and we encourage you to support Mitt Romney.

How Would U.S. Respond to Another Terrorist Attack?

How would America respond to another terrorist attack on its soil?

Frida Ghitis

McClatchy Newspapers

We never thought very much about that before 9/11, back when the subject of terrorism only came up in discussions about other countries.

The topic is still one we avoid, but it's not too soon to consider it, because U.S. government officials have

been making increasingly louder noises about the possibility of an Iran-backed attack in America.

Obviously, the country should do all it can to "dissuade" anyone from attempting to attack America

or its people and, in fact, we have seen several examples of foiled or failed terrorist plots. But what if a plan succeeds — what then?

Recent statements by top Homeland Security and National Intelligence officials bring back memories of that infamous national security briefing given to President George W. Bush back in August 2001. Remember the title? "Al Qaeda Determined

to Strike in U.S."

The government didn't take it seriously enough, and Americans were not told of the danger. When the attacks happened, a pained and angered nation threw its support behind the president as he launched a war in Afghanistan and later in Iraq. If they had known the repercussions of 9/11, would the attacks

have happened?

What would we do now if terrorists struck again?

After reviewing the many things that what went wrong in 2001, one of the decisions the government made to keep the public better informed of the risks. In the past, officials feared that publicizing threats would cause panic. It turns out those who worried about widespread anxiety if

we heard about the danger really were wrong. The latest warnings have stirred barely a ripple. Maybe that's a sign of a nation maturing about the risks of our turbulent world. Or, perhaps its evidence that Americans trust those in charge to keep us safe. Or, maybe it's just denial, refusing to consider unpleasantness once again.

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shrinking ovarian cysts and reducing menstrual cramps, some religious leaders have stubbornly resisted allowing it to even be made available to their employees.

According to the right, big, religiously affiliated universities and hospitals have some sort of “corporate conscience” that must be protected — even if it tramples an individual’s rights.

Furthermore, conservatives are now arguing that this so-called “right” to tailor health care to religious demands must be extended to private employers. Thus, if your boss becomes a fundamentalist Christian and decides that childhood vaccines demonstrate a lack of faith in God, he can deny vaccination coverage to all of his workers.

This is not “religious freedom.” It is control of others. The government has no obligation to assist an employer impose his religious beliefs on others.

A factory owner has the right to believe what he wants about God and run his own life according to those beliefs. He has no right to interject his theology into the personal relationship between you and your doctor.

From a legal standpoint, courts in both New York and California have already upheld rules like the one the Obama originally proposed. Religious freedom is important, but courts have never allowed

it to become an excuse to run roughshod over the rights of others or engage in actions that cause harm to society.

Obama’s compromise is reasonable and hardly amounts to a “war on religion.” As a minister, I know that religious groups get plenty of special breaks. Tax exemption is just one.

According to The New York Times, between 1989 and 2006, religious organizations received more than 200 exemptions from laws governing things like immigration, pensions and land use, courtesy of Congress.

Religious groups also get a lot of taxpayer support. Catholic Charities received \$753 million in taxpayer funds last year. Since we’re paying the tab, we can the group ask to respect others’ rights.

I celebrate religious freedom in America and give thanks for it every day. What I’m not for is using that precious concept to wage war on women’s health and your rights as an employee.

Chief among those rights is your ability to make your own decisions about birth control — without interference from a band of bishops, a church pastor or your supervisor down at the factory.

The Rev. Barry W. Lynn is executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Readers may write to him at Americans United, 1301 K Street NW, Suite 850, East Tower, Washington, D.C. 20005; website: www.au.org.

Elderly Can Afford to Be Part of Spending Fix

One hallmark of the Obama administration’s budget policy has been to exempt the elderly from major cuts, even though spending on the elderly — mainly through Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid — represents 40 percent or more of the budget. The main reason is political: The elderly (it’s presumed) would vote against politicians who would cut their benefits. But to justify the policy, politicians and others often portray the elderly as financially vulnerable with scant savings.

Surprise: It’s not true. Yes, the poorest 50 percent of the elderly have little savings; but above the midpoint, savings rise sharply — including the present value of Social Security — average more than \$2 million for the richest 10 percent of the elderly. Don’t take it from me. This information comes from President Obama’s top economists.

See a table on Page 225 of the just-released annual report of the Council of Economic Advisers (<http://1.usa.gov/vZOmFi>). The table — based on an academic study — estimates the net worth of the 65- to 69-year-old population. Net worth is the value of all a household’s financial assets minus its debts.

Wealth Distribution for Households Aged 65-69 in 2008

Percentile	Total Net Worth	Social Security
10	\$197,000	n/a
20	\$297,300	\$154,300
30	\$413,600	\$214,500
40	\$564,000	\$267,900
50	\$731,100	\$315,300
60	\$898,400	\$379,000
70	\$1,146,400	\$463,300
80	\$1,483,400	\$542,900
90	\$2,103,000	\$643,100



Robert J. Samuelson

The Washington Post

To avoid confusion, I’ve simplified the table by including only total net worth and the portion represented by estimated Social Security benefits. All the rest comes from a variety of sources: normal savings and checking accounts, retirement accounts, defined-benefit pensions, and equity in homes (among those 65 to 69, the homeownership rate is about 80 percent). These calculations exclude the value of Medicare and Medicaid. If they were added, each total would increase by about \$180,000.

The table’s left-hand column (labeled “Percentile”)

divides the elderly population into equal parts. The poor at the 10th percentile have a net worth of \$197,000; the rich at the 90th percentile have a net worth of \$2.1 million. On average, Americans live about 19 years after reaching 65. Although Social Security lasts until death, other forms of wealth can be depleted.

Economists James Poterba of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Steven Venti of Dartmouth College and David Wise of Harvard University wrote the underlying study. It confirms what common sense suggests: Just as the working population consists of the poor, the comfortable and the wealthy, so does the 65- and-over population.

People’s personal circumstances vary enormously. Someone with a defined-

benefit pension may have little personal savings; someone with substantial savings and a retirement account may lack a pension. Some wealth is not easily converted into cash: home equity, for example. To tap it, people have to sell their homes or (more likely) borrow against it. In their study, Poterba, Venti and Wise find most elderly households treat their home equity as “precautionary savings” used “only when they experience a shock such as the death of a spouse or a period of substantial medical outlays.”

Even wealthy retirees face uncertainty: They don’t know how long they’ll live and how quickly to spend their savings. Still, two conclusions leap from the table. First, a substantial part of the elderly population — between 30 percent and 40 percent — is well-off by any definition. Second, reliance on Social Security declines noticeably as income and wealth increase.

What this suggests is that some cuts in Social Security benefits or increases in Medicare fees, even for those already on the programs, would not impose undue hardship. In any deficit deal, the elderly should be part of the bargain. All the adjustment should not be heaped on the working-age population.

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views of faith-based institutions.

Most who opposed the mandate have rejected this “accommodation” — including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which labeled the offer “unacceptable.” We heard from nearly 70,000 Americans in just a few days urging reversal of this troubling measure.

The fact is the mandate and the “compromise” are not about health care. They represent a dangerous and unconstitutional power play by the federal government. It’s the ultimate in government intrusion, representing a significant threat to religious organizations.

We’ve been advocating against this government interference since last summer when we warned the HHS that the mandate would threaten the very existence of religious organizations, like the Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of St. Cecilia in Nashville, which has been educating young people and caring for the infirmed since its founding in 1860.

In our letter to the HHS, we warned: “In their 151-year history, the Nashville Dominicans have, with the help of God, survived a Civil War on their doorstep, deadly epidemics, devastating floods, economic depression and tumultuous social upheaval. Today, however, they face a new, more insidious threat — their own government. ... What war and disease could not do to the Congregation, the government of the United States will do. It will shut

them down.”

The federal government is truly overstepping its constitutional authority. It has no business getting involved in this matter.

The Obama administration is ignoring the fundamental principles on which this nation was built. Thomas Jefferson wrote that “no provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprise of civil authority.” James Madison held that conscience is “the most sacred of all property.”

In remarks before the National Prayer Breakfast earlier this month, the president preached about the importance of religious faith. “We can’t leave our values at the door,” he said. “If we leave our values at the door, we abandon much of the moral glue that has held our nation together for centuries ...”

The problem is that Obama’s mandate and subsequent compromise do just that — demand that millions of Americans leave their values at the door.

Americans expect and deserve to enjoy the protections afforded to them under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. That is exactly why millions of Americans will reject this compromise. There can be no compromise with one of our most cherished freedoms — the free exercise of religion.

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A few days ago, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said she’s worried that Hezbollah — a group based in Lebanon but created, funded, and closely allied with Iran — will attempt a terrorist attack on American soil. Hezbollah and Iran are the prime suspects in a series of mostly-bungled attempts on the lives of Israeli officials in Thailand, India, Georgia, Azerbaijan and elsewhere in recent days.

Napolitano’s statements to the House Homeland Security Committee echoed the testimony of James Clapper, director of National Intelligence. Speaking before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence a couple of weeks ago, Clapper said the Iranians “have changed their calculus and are now more willing to conduct an attack in the United States.”

Napolitano said she has been in contact with Jewish organizations, assuming that they would be the principal targets of a ter-

rorist attack. Hezbollah, which is classified as a terrorist organization by a number of Western governments, has a history that includes catastrophically successful attacks on foreign soil.

Argentinean investigators say Hezbollah agents, acting on orders from Iran, carried out the worst terrorist attacks in Argentina’s history in the 1990s. Bombing of the Jewish community center and the Israeli embassy killed more than 100 and injured almost 600 people, many of them maimed for life. The Interpol issued arrest warrants for half a dozen Iranian officials and Hezbollah members in 2007, acting on the work of Argentinean investigators.

Anyone who thinks the current threats only concern Jews should consider that shrapnel does not discriminate. Hundreds of victims in the Buenos Aires bombings were not Jewish.

In any event, the targets may not be Jewish. Last October, the FBI said it uncovered an Iranian plot to kill the Saudi ambassador in Washington in a plan that openly expected large

numbers of casualties.

Napolitano says she doesn’t know of a specific plot against Jewish groups, but obviously the authorities are worried. Security has been noticeably increased.

One of the ways to discourage anyone, particularly Iran, from daring to order a hit against Americans is to openly consider not just the risk but also the repercussions. If the risk is real, as top officials obviously think, we should

discuss whether or not the American people would opt to respond with full force.

And speaking openly about the threat, and about what price it would incur, could make Tehran and its allies think a little longer before they risk taking on America.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some Info on Idaho's Upcoming Caucus

I received a phone call the other day where someone was concerned because they could not be part of the Republican Caucus. When I pressed them on the issue, they thought that only members of the Republican Caucus (Republican Central Committee) could participate. I informed them that this is Idaho's primary and that anyone wishing to participate can be part of the process. When they asked what happens in a caucus, I replied that I was not sure but I have heard it is organized chaos. I then did my homework to know more about the process. I do not know who abolished the primary for the state of Idaho but I am concerned that the majority of the citizens in our state will be disenfranchised because they are concerned and confused by the change from a primary to a caucus.

I have researched the process and I would like to share what I have learned.

(1) You must declare your party affiliation and be registered.

(2) Find the location for your Caucus by looking at candidate and state party websites. The Republican caucus will be held at 7 p.m. March 6. You must provide a photo identification. I would recommend that you be there at least a half hour early. Expect to spend about one to two hours.

(3) Once you attend, you may not leave.

(4) Listen to all the speeches and then you vote for your candidate. If you do not know who you will vote for, you have the chance to hear from each candidate's representative and then cast your vote.

I have never attended a caucus, but I am determined to see that my vote counts. Please join me in attending your caucus, Republican or Democrat, and vote.

RANDY HANSEN
Twin Falls

Rules, Regulations in Society Must Be Adhered to

The framework of any cooperative society is the rules, regulations and morals of that society. If the rules governing the conduct of that society are not adhered to, the society itself erodes. There are those who will not take a stand, who choose to stand behind their shop shutters with eyes averted, hoping the erosion will not affect their businesses if they just keep quiet and ignore the problem. Minor problems which could be nipped in the bud become major problems.

I applaud Mr. Bakewell for his comments published in the *Times-News* on Feb. 22, shining the light on the growing problem of "spice" being sold in downtown Twin Falls shops, this being done apparently without fear of censure.

When greed blinds the eyes of shop managers to the destruction their greed incurs, when apathy shuts the mouths of shop managers who should be objecting loudly and clearly, when "technicalities" stop law enforcement from removing these usurpers from our society, then we are, indeed, in danger of having our society destroyed.

We might as well allow

downtown Main Street to become a red-light district and move to the suburbs. It would be interesting to know who are the owners of these shops.

JACK GOODMAN
Buhl

Idaho Legislature Now Denigrating Women

We are astonished! We are horrified! However, we should not be surprised that another outrageous idea is floating around our state Legislature.

Rep. Carlos Bilbao, R-Emmett, presented legislation to exempt Gem State insurers from a federal requirement to provide coverage for contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs. This mimics a similar bill in Congress to protest contraceptive coverage in the Patient Protective and Affordable Care Act.

Bilbao also proposes a "Respect for Rights of Conscience Act" at the federal level. Seriously?

I am an octogenarian, blessed with both physical and mental fitness. However, if I were to become ill, under Bilbao's idiotic bills, someone's "conscience" might tell him that "money should not be wasted on treating older people," and I could be denied coverage. Unfortunately, birth control pills were not available during part of my child-bearing years. When "the pill" finally was prescribed, we women were ecstatic (men also)!

Many birth control pills are prescribed for medical problems, not just contraception. What will happen to the health of these women — or do the insurers even care? The cost of birth control pills is infinitesimal compared to the cost of treating illnesses if these medications were not available to women. Insurers know that, so why give them an avenue to weasel out of their obligation?

For years, the Idaho Legislature has denigrated unions. Last year, it denigrated teachers. Now, it is denigrating women — regressively attempting to "put women in their place." Incredibly, the U.S. Congress and many other state governments are equally guilty of this travesty.

Heaven help us!
ELEANORE BURKHART
Twin Falls

Paul's Thoughts on Medicare, Medicaid

The average man today is threatened in his economic security by the high cost of health care. Dr. Ron Paul believes that the advantages of our scientific achievements in the health field, including affordable prescription medicines, should be available to every citizen.

The ability of the federal government to run a health care system is brought into serious question by the General Accounting Office's determination that 10 percent of Medicare's annual spending is consumed by fraud. Dr. Paul, if elected, would call for the immediate termination of fraud in all government-administered health care systems. He condemns the misrepresentations made by the federal administration in securing passage of the Medicare prescription drug bill and the use of such legislation to secure

government subsidies to special interests, such as HMOs, and to artificially protect the high cost to consumers of prescription drugs.

Dr. Paul believes that every citizen is entitled to seek health treatment of his choice, and every health care practitioner is entitled to give his patient a mutually agreed upon treatment, and such treatment should be restricted only if it is conclusively proved harmful to the patient.

Dr. Paul, if elected, would guarantee that what is taken from taxpayers to pay for Medicare and Medicaid is not raided for other purposes. Currently for every dollar the taxpayer sends to D.C. for Medicaid and Medicare, only about 70 cents makes it back to beneficiaries and to the states. Under the Paul plan, Medicaid and Medicare would be transformed into a block grant, with a lump sum of federal money given to the states to care for low-income people and the elderly. States would be given more discretion over use of the money than they have under the current federal-state partnership.

Please consider Dr. Ron Paul on March 6.
RICK MARTIN
Buhl

Where Do All These Polls Come From?

Reading Thursday's letter to the editor about Obama benefitting from economic recovery, we know this because a "poll" was taken. Now nobody ever asked me if I wanted to be polled about this. Did anybody ask you? Probably not, where do all these polls come from anyway?

I think that if our newspaper were to print a section in the paper and ask questions about how we all feel about certain subjects and leave a box at the end of the each subject saying yes or no so we could give an answer, then total the answers up after we all sent them in, then publish the answers, I figure that would be a poll.

I don't care if this last poll helps Obama or not — I wasn't asked — were you?
PAT KEEFER
Twin Falls

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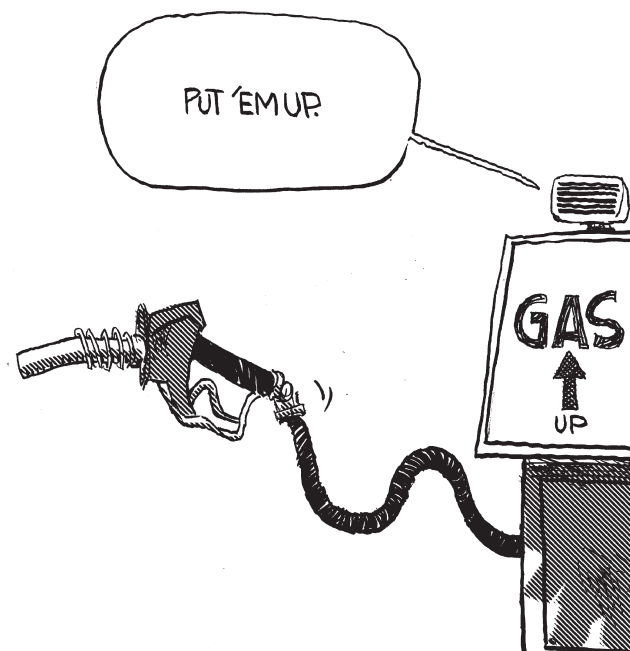
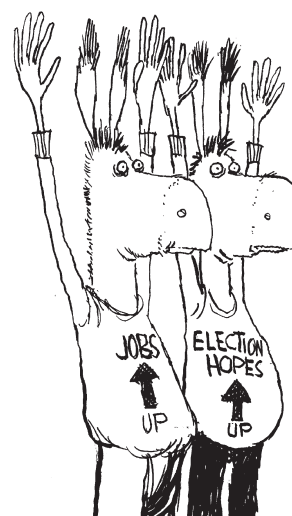
Rick Santorum said the federal government could gain by selling off acreage in the state of Idaho to business or the private sector. No more federal land. Rick Santorum said the federal government doesn't care about land. He said they don't live here. So, he doesn't live here either. Who lives here — I do, all my life, an Idaho woman.

The federal government is just fine with me. Santorum thinks that he knows what's better for you. Like we were kids — you eat it all up now, even if you don't like it. I have a husband that supports me and stands beside me. I don't walk behind him. I work alongside him. He's a gentleman. He's an Idaho man.

I love the federal government and the state of Idaho and Bureau of Land Management. No selling of our land, because I like fishing, hunting and camping.

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**Will GOP Follow Its Heart or Its Brains?**

About once every generation, one of the two main parties follows its heart, rather than its brains. It may be happening again.

Next week's Michigan primary will tell us if the Republican establishment choice, Mitt Romney, remains the GOP front-runner, or if his latest main conservative challenger, Rick Santorum, has a real chance of winning the party's nomination.

Already, the 2012 GOP race shows some of the signs that marked such electorally disastrous ideological adventures as Barry Goldwater's capture of the 1964 GOP nomination and George McGovern's anti-war candidacy in the 1972 Democratic race.

Consider these parallels: **Ideologues vs. Pragmatists:** The challenge from the GOP's tea party faction is very similar to Goldwater's 1964 conservative insurgency and McGovern's 1972 effort to mobilize anti-Vietnam war forces against the Democratic establishment. Most 2012 GOP candidates have openly sought the support of tea party activists who became a major force in 2010 and want a more aggressive GOP effort to curb the federal government.

A Weak Frontrunner: Romney is a weak frontrunner with strong establishment support but only modest enthusiasm from the rank and file. Like Republican Nelson Rockefeller in 1964 and Democrat Edmund Muskie in 1972, his campaign is based largely on his claim to be the strongest Republican rival to President Obama. But like Rockefeller, who was widely mistrusted by GOP conservatives, and Muskie, an indifferent campaigner with a volatile personality, Romney has proven to be a flawed candidate on the stump.

The Challenge of Winning: The difficulty of winning the general election is



Carl P. Leubsdorf

The Dallas Morning News

encouraging party ideologues who want to draw the sharpest possible difference with the Democrats. Both Goldwater and McGovern benefited from the desire for a more aggressive candidate against a heavily favored incumbent. Recent polls indicate Romney may not be a much stronger GOP nominee than Santorum, though most top Republicans believe the latter would be a disastrous candidate.

The Search for an Alternative: GOP leaders fear they may be facing an inconclusive primary battle, spurring speculation about possible brokering by top party leaders or the entrant of a new candidate before the final primary filing deadlines. In both 1964 and 1972, new candidates did emerge — but without success.

As Goldwater neared the 1964 GOP nomination and Rockefeller faltered, party leaders persuaded moderate Gov. William Scranton of Pennsylvania to declare his candidacy. But it was too late; Goldwater was nominated on the first ballot and in November lost 44 states to President Lyndon Johnson.

In 1972, Muskie's candidacy collapsed quickly after poor early primary showings, and 1968 nominee Hubert Humphrey mounted an establishment effort to stop McGovern. He carried the fight all the way to the convention, where he narrowly lost. That fall, many top Democrats sat on their hands, and McGovern lost 49 states to President Richard Nixon.

All this suggests that late candidacies rarely succeed, and the concept of a convention brokered by party leaders is wishful thinking. It takes three strong candi-

dates to prevent one from clinching the nomination, something that could happen. But the active candidates are likely to do any brokering, not outsiders.

Besides, as the campaign proceeds, one candidate usually gains momentum and starts winning by ever larger margins. Losing candidates start losing by more and pick up ever fewer delegates. Even if the leading candidate hasn't clinched the nomination by the end of the primaries, he usually has done so by the convention because party officials are reluctant to challenge the choice of their voters.

Next week's results will either confirm or undercut Romney's status as the frontrunner. But whoever wins in Michigan and Arizona will face additional tests, first a week later in Ohio and some Southern states on Super Tuesday, then March 20 in Illinois. At some point, the leader will become more clearly established.

Despite his shortcomings, Romney still has a better chance of beating Obama than Santorum because he'll have some appeal to the independents who decide presidential elections. Because Santorum holds so many positions on social issues outside the political mainstream, he'd have a real chance of becoming another Goldwater or McGovern.

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Pakistan Begins Demolition of Bin Laden's Compound

BY AQEEL AHMED
AND SEBASTIAN ABBOT
Associated Press

ABBOTTABAD, Pakistan • Under powerful floodlights and surrounded by rings of soldiers and police, heavy machines began Saturday night to demolish the three-story compound in northwestern Pakistan where Osama bin Laden lived for years and was killed by U.S. commandos last May.

Each blow helped eliminate a concrete reminder of the painful and embarrassing chapter in Pakistan's history that the al-Qaida chief's discovery and death in a town not far from the nation's capital represented.

Pakistan was outraged by the covert American raid in Abbottabad because it was not told about it beforehand — a decision the U.S. explained was driven by concerns that someone in the government might tip off bin Laden.

The terror leader's death was cheered across the globe, but many Pakistanis were angry that the U.S. violated its territory and that its troops were powerless to stop American soldiers from attacking a compound located next to the country's equivalent of West Point, the elite U.S. military academy.

Just as U.S. Navy SEALs waited for the cover of darkness to descend on bin Laden's compound by helicopter from neighboring Afghanistan, Pakistani authorities held off on tearing it down Saturday until the sun had set, said local residents.

They brought in at least three machines equipped with powerful crane-like arms during the afternoon and also set up floodlights that allowed them to begin work at night, said the residents, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were afraid of being harassed by the government.

A large team of police set up an outer cordon around the compound to keep spectators and journalists away, said an Associated Press reporter who managed to get close enough to see the demolition work under way. A ring of army soldiers set up an inner cordon and warmed themselves against the winter chill by lighting a bonfire.

Down to the Wire in 2-man GOP Race in Michigan

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT AND
KASIE HUNT
Associated Press

FLINT, Mich. • Republican Mitt Romney fought Saturday to prove he is the strongest challenger to President Barack Obama, an increasingly difficult task given the tight race in his native state of Michigan against surging conservative Rick Santorum.

In the final weekend of campaigning before Tuesday's Michigan and Arizona primaries, Romney focused on central and southeast Michigan's urban and industrial centers in hopes of pulling ahead of Santorum.

With a Michigan victory, Santorum could solidify his place as a real threat to Romney heading into Super Tuesday, the 10-state sweepstakes on March 6.

Santorum's victories so far have come in lower-turnout party caucuses.

While Romney kept most of his attention on the Democratic incumbent, he also worked to lay doubt about the core principles of his lightly funded main GOP rival.

Romney is the one facing stubborn doubts from some conservatives for his changed positions on social issues, but he tried to portray Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, as a Washington insider with cracks in his own conservative credentials. Santorum called such criticism "laughable" and said Michigan, where Romney was born and raised and his father was governor, was winnable.

A crowd in Lansing heard Romney accuse Santorum of caving to party

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Campaign signs for Rick Santorum cover the frozen ground as the campaign bus carrying Mitt Romney passes by en route to a campaign stop at the San Marino Club, Saturday in Troy, Mich.



Quran Violence in 5th Day

Afghans carry a wounded man during an anti-U.S. demonstration in Kunduz, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, Saturday. At least 25 people have been killed and hundreds wounded since Tuesday.

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Two American Troops Shot in Kabul; NATO Pulls Workers

The Taliban claims responsibility for the Interior Ministry attack, saying it was retaliation for the Quran burnings.

BY DEB RIECHMANN
AND RAHIM FAIEZ
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan • A gunman killed two American military advisers with shots to the back of the head Saturday inside a heavily guarded ministry building, and NATO ordered military workers out of Afghan ministries as protests raged for a fifth day over the burning of copies of the Quran at a U.S. army base.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the Interior Ministry attack, saying it was retaliation for the Quran burnings, after the U.S. servicemen — a lieutenant colonel

and a major — were found dead on the floor of an office that only people who know a numerical combination can get into, Afghan and Western officials said.

The top commander of U.S. and NATO forces recalled all international military personnel from the ministries, an unprecedented action in the decade-long war that highlights the growing friction between Afghans and their foreign partners at a critical juncture in the war.

The U.S.-led coalition is trying to mentor and strengthen Afghan security forces so they can lead the fight against the Taliban and foreign troops can go home. That mission, however, requires a measure of trust at a time when anti-Western sentiment is at an all-time high.

Afghan Defense Minister Gen. Abdul Rahim Wardak called U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta to

apologize for the shooting and offer his condolences, Pentagon press secretary George Little said in a statement released in Washington.

"This act is unacceptable and the United States condemns it in the strongest possible terms," Little said.

Security is tight in the capital, which is covered in snow, and foreigners working at the U.S. Embassy and at international organizations have been banned from leaving their compounds.

U.S. officials said they were searching for the assailant, who has not been identified by name or nationality.

The two American service members were found by another foreigner who went into the room, according to the Afghan official, who spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because he was not

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Victim Had Noted Quran Backlash

DOVER, Del. • A U.S. soldier killed during protests in Afghanistan had talked with relatives about the backlash over the burning of Qurans at a U.S. military base before he died. Twenty-two-year-old Cpl. T.J. Conrad of Roanoke, Va. — promoted posthumously to sergeant — was one of two U.S. troops killed Thursday by an Afghan soldier amid anti-American sentiment over the Quran burnings. Conrad's oldest sister told AP he was in good spirits when she and other relatives chatted with him over the Internet on Wednesday, but he noted the backlash over the Quran burnings, which resulted in two more American deaths on Saturday. — *Associated Press*

Study Shines New Light on Drone War's Death Toll

BY SEBASTIAN ABBOT
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD • American drone strikes inside Pakistan are killing far fewer civilians than many in the country are led to believe, according to a rare on-the-ground investigation by The Associated Press of 10 of the deadliest attacks in the past 18 months.

The widespread perception in Pakistan that civilians, not militants, are the principal victims — a view that is fostered by leading right-wing politicians, clerics and the fighters themselves — fuels pervasive anti-American sentiment and, some argue, has swelled the ranks of al-Qaida and the Taliban.

But an AP reporter who spoke to about 80 villagers at the sites of the 10 attacks in North Waziristan, the main sanctuary for militants in Pakistan's

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ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Pakistani villagers offer funeral prayers for people who were reportedly killed by a U.S. drone attack, in June 2011 in Miranshah, North Waziristan, along the Afghanistan border.

NYPD Surveillance of Students Called 'Disgusting'

BY VERENA DOBNIK
Associated Press

NEW YORK • At Columbia University and elsewhere, the fear among students that the New York Police Department might secretly be infiltrating their lives has spread beyond the Muslim student population to others who find the reported tactics "disgusting," as one teenager put it.

The NYPD surveillance of Muslims on a dozen college campuses in the Northeast is a surprising and disappointing violation, students said Saturday in reaction to Associated Press reports that re-

vealed the intelligence-gathering at Columbia and elsewhere.

"If this is happening to innocent Muslim students, who's next?" asked freshman Dina Morris, 18, of Amherst, Mass. "I'm the child of an immigrant, and I was just blown away by the news; it's disgusting."

Documents obtained by the AP show that the NYPD used undercover officers and informants to infiltrate Muslim student groups. An officer even went whitewater rafting with students and reported on how many times they prayed and what they discussed.

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authorized to disclose details about the shootings. They were shot in the back of the head, according to Western officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to disclose the information. Authorities were poring over security camera video for clues, the Afghan official said.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid identified the shooter as one of their sympathizers, Abdul Rahman. He said an accomplice inside the ministry helped Rahman get inside the compound to kill the Americans in retaliation for the Quran burnings.

"After the attack, Rahman informed us by telephone that he was able to kill four high-ranking American advisers," Mujahid said. The Taliban often inflate death tolls and sometimes claim responsibility for killings they did not conduct.

Little, the Pentagon press secretary, said Wardak indicated that President Hamid Karzai was assembling religious leaders and other senior Afghan officials to take urgent steps to protect coalition forces.

U.S. Gen. John Allen, the top commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, met with Afghan Interior Minister Bismullah Khan Mohammadi, who offered both his condolences to the families of the victims and his apologies, Little said.

Afghanistan's interior and defense ministers are expected in Washington next week.

Allen said he recalled all NATO personnel from the ministries "for obvious force protection reasons" but also said the alliance remains committed to its partnership with the Afghan government. NATO forces have advisers embedded in many Afghan ministries. The advisers are helping to develop the ministries so that Afghans can take the lead by the end of 2014, when foreign combat forces are to transfer control of security to Afghan security forces.

At least 28 people have been killed and hundreds

wounded since Tuesday, when it first emerged that Qurans and other religious materials had been thrown into a fire pit used to burn garbage at Bagram Air Field, a large U.S. base north of Kabul.

President Barack Obama and other U.S. officials have apologized for what they said was a mistake, but their regrets have not quelled the deadly protests.

An Afghan soldier turned his gun on foreign troops, killing two American soldiers, during one riot outside a U.S. base in Nangarhar province on Thursday. It was the latest in a rising number of incidents where Afghan soldiers or policemen, or gunmen wearing their uniforms, have killed NATO forces. Last month, France suspended its training program and threatened to withdraw its forces from Afghanistan a year ahead of schedule after an Afghan soldier shot and killed four French soldiers on a base in the east.

Karzai has said that the Afghan people have a right to protest the Quran burnings, but he urged them to demonstrate peacefully and refrain from destroying property. In a statement on Saturday, Karzai urged Afghan security forces to be patient with the protesters.

Hundreds of demonstrators staged peaceful protests in Afghanistan, but ones in Laghman, Kunduz and Logar provinces turned violent.

"The culprits of the burning of the holy Quran should be arrested and hanged to death in public," said Mohammad Karim, one of 1,000 protesters who burned tires and threw stones at Afghan police in Mohammad Agha district of Logar province, south of Kabul. "We don't accept it when they say 'We apologize. We apologize.' We don't want Americans here at all."

Laghman provincial police chief Abdul Rahman Sarjang said about 1,000 protesters threw stones at Afghan security forces, smashed windows of government buildings and tried to attack the nearby governor's house in the provincial capital of Mehterlam.

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leaders on issues he opposed, including financing Planned Parenthood.

"This is not time for life-long pols who explain why they voted for this or that based on what they were asked to do by their fellow colleagues," Romney told about 300 activists gathered for breakfast at a country club. "I will be a president of principle."

Later in Flint, he declared himself a Washington, D.C., outsider and implied Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, is an insider: "I don't have any political payoffs I have to make."

Romney tried to undermine Santorum's profile as an abortion opponent by noting Santorum's backing in 1996 of fellow Pennsylvanian Arlen Specter in the GOP presidential race. "He supported the pro-choice candidate," Romney told more than 2,000 at a forum in Troy put on by a tea party umbrella group. Santorum spoke to the group, Americans for Prosperity, earlier Saturday.

Santorum, who has portrayed himself as a loyal conservative and is popular among evangelical conservatives, ridiculed Romney's claims.

"It is absolutely laughable to have a liberal governor of Massachusetts suggest that I am not a conservative," Santorum said to cheers to the same group. "He repeatedly gets up and says all these things that he didn't do that he did do. Folks, this is an issue of trust."

The volleys over principle and loyalty punctuate the all-out two-man race in Michigan, leaving behind the two others in the field. Both candidates are spending heavily on television advertising, although the better-funded Romney was laying out more.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul is hardly a factor in Michigan but is airing advertisements criticizing Santorum, which aids Romney. Paul was campaigning in Oklahoma earlier Saturday before

making a stop at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich was nowhere to be found in the state and has spent scant time in Arizona, which also holds its primary Tuesday.

Gingrich has acknowledged that he has no shot in Michigan or Arizona and has predicted Romney will win. Gingrich aides argue he stands to gain by Santorum or Romney coming out of Tuesday weaker.

Gingrich is betting heavily on Georgia, the state he represented in Congress, and a strong showing in Tennessee on March 6.

On Saturday Gingrich was in California for the state GOP convention. He forecast a drawn-out campaign that would give late-voting states a voice.

"There will not be any lockdown before we get to California," which holds its primary June 5, Gingrich said.

Romney campaigned across southern central and southeast Michigan, where his family name is familiar, and he reminded audiences of his ties to the state. Romney won the GOP primary here during his unsuccessful 2008 bid for the nomination.

In Lansing, the capital, Romney recalled his father's chilly winter inaugurals. Romney's wife, Ann, also born in Michigan, reminisced in introducing the candidate in Troy about growing up a Tigers baseball fan and working for her father's business in the Detroit suburb.

Polls show a dead heat between Romney and Santorum, who is playing up his family's blue-collar background as the grandson of a Pennsylvania coal-miner. "This race is close. This race is winnable. But you've got to want it," Santorum told tea party members in St. Clair Shores.

Romney's attacks are a potential problem for Santorum because he's based his candidacy on presenting himself as an uncompromising conservative, contrasting himself with Romney.

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northwest tribal region along the Afghan border, was told that a significant majority of the dead were combatants.

Indeed, the AP was told by the villagers that of at least 194 people killed in the attacks, about 70 percent — at least 138 — were militants. The remaining 56 were either civilians or tribal police, and 38 of them were killed in a single attack on March 17, 2011.

Excluding that strike, which inflicted one of the worst civilian death tolls since the drone program started in Pakistan, nearly 90 percent of the people killed were militants, villagers said.

But the civilian deaths in the covert CIA-run program raise legal and ethical concerns, especially given Washington's reluctance to speak openly about the strikes or compensate the families of innocent victims.

U.S. officials who were shown the AP's findings rejected the accounts of any civilian casualties but declined to be quoted by name or make their own information public.

The U.S. has carried out at least 280 attacks since 2004 in Pakistan's tribal region. The area is dangerous and off-limits to most reporters, and death tolls from the strikes usually rely on reports from Pakistani intelligence agents speaking on condition of anonymity.

The numbers gathered by the AP turned out to be very close to those given by Pakistani intelligence on the day of each strike, the main difference being that the officials often did not distinguish between militants and civilians.

Drone attacks began during the Bush administration. President Barack Obama has ramped them up significantly since he took office but slowed them down in recent months because of increased tension between the U.S. and Pakistan caused by American airstrikes that accidentally killed 24 Pakistani soldiers

in November.

Pakistan responded by kicking the U.S. out of a base used to service American drones, but the move is not expected to affect the program significantly.

The AP study paints a much different picture from that advanced by important Pakistani opinion-shapers.

Syed Munawar Hasan, head of the country's most powerful Islamist party, Jamaat-e-Islami, recently claimed on TV that the strikes "are killing nearly 100 percent innocent people."

Imran Khan, a popular opposition politician close to some right-wing Islamic groups, addressed a cheering crowd last April and said: "Those who lie to the nation after every drone attack and say terrorists were killed should be ashamed."

He called for journalists and activists to go to the tribal region to see that the strikes were killing civilians, not militants.

Some analysts have been skeptical about carrying out on-the-ground investigations, assuming villagers would follow the militants' narrative of high civilian death tolls to avoid reprisals. But the AP study showed otherwise. While some villagers spoke on condition of anonymity saying they feared for their safety, others let their names be published.

Many knew the dead civilians personally. They also said one way to distinguish civilians from militants was by counting funerals, because the bodies of dead militants would usually be whisked away for burial elsewhere.

An attack near Miran Shah before dawn on Aug. 10, 2011, was one of six on the AP's list in which villagers said no civilians died. A drone fired missiles at a large brick compound, killing at least 20 Afghan and Pakistani Taliban fighters, said Sajjad Ali, a local driver. The compound hit was known as a rest house for militants run by the Haqqani network, an Afghan group focused on fighting foreign troops in Afghanistan, he said.

Muslims

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Police also trawled college websites and blogs, compiling daily reports on the activities of Muslim students and academics.

It was all part of the NYPD's efforts to keep tabs on Muslims throughout the region as part of the department's anti-terrorism efforts. Police built databases of where Muslims lived and worked, where they prayed, even where they watched sports.

In the past week, Muslims and non-Muslims alike held a town hall meeting on the Manhattan campus of the Ivy League college to discuss the police surveillance. Concerned members of many school groups attended.

On Friday, some of their counterparts at New York University choked up as they gathered to voice their outrage at the notion that even students' religious habits were being tracked by the NYPD.

"Why is the number of times that we pray per day — whether or not I come in this space and put my forehead on the floor in worship of my Lord — why does that have anything to do with somebody trying to keep this country safe?" said Elizabeth Dann, 29, an NYU law student.

At first, when it was revealed last weekend that Muslim students were targets of police surveillance, "people were distressed and frazzled," Mona Abdullah, a member of Columbia's Muslim Students Association, told the AP.

But by Saturday, she said, a different mood descended on the campus.

"We're now feeling a sense of unity, because this is not an issue that affects only Muslims," Abdullah said. "We're still worried, but there's also a sense of solidarity over an

issue that has to be taken seriously by everyone."

Students are also feeling empathy for those outside the university community who are being subjected to the NYPD's "stop-and-frisk" policy targeting anyone who seems suspicious, mainly blacks and Hispanics.

"We're not the first and we're definitely not going to be the last," Abdullah said.

Police were interested in Muslim student groups because they attracted young men, a demographic that terrorist groups have tapped. The NYPD defended the effort, citing a dozen accused or convicted terrorists worldwide who had once been affiliated with Muslim student groups.

But students say that unfairly categorizes them all as potential terrorists.

The Muslim students "are just as American as anyone,

and to make them feel unsafe and unwanted is really unfair!" said Morris, who attends Barnard College, which is affiliated with Columbia.

"There was a lot of police blowback after 9/11; they were not respecting civil liberties," said Leo Schwartz, 19, a political science major and columnist for Columbia's student newspaper, the Daily Spectator.

Anmol Gupta, 22, an engineering student, said that in a city like New York, which prides itself on ethnic diversity, "the idea of the surveillance of Muslims does surprise me, it's disturbing."

Sitting on a bench, he glanced across the university's quad at the students of many races and faiths who were walking around on a chilly winter day.

Gupta said he didn't feel students could do anything to stop the surveillance.

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Egypt Presses Ahead with NGO Trial of Sixteen Americans

Obama administration is in 'intense discussions' with Egypt to resolve legal case 'in the coming days.'

BY AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

CAIRO • The trial of 16 Americans and 27 others opens today at a Cairo courthouse in what critics say is a politically charged case linked to a government crackdown on non-profit groups that has touched off the deepest crisis in U.S.-Egyptian relations in decades.

A senior U.S. official said Saturday the Obama administration is in "intense discussions" with Egypt to resolve the legal case "in the coming days."

The case, which involves American employees of four U.S.-based pro-democracy groups, has tested one of Washington's most pivotal relationships in the Middle East, and prompted U.S. officials to threaten to cut a \$1.5 billion annual aid package to Egypt if the issue is not resolved. Egyptian authorities have responded by blasting what they call U.S. meddling in Egypt's legal affairs.

President Barack Obama has urged Egypt's military rulers to drop the investigation, and high-level officials, including Joint Chiefs Chairman Martin Dempsey and Republican Sen. John McCain, have flown in to Cairo to seek a solution.

The U.S. official, speaking to reporters on condition of anonymity due to the delicacy of the matter, said that Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton had raised the matter twice in person with Egypt's foreign minister — once in London and once in Tunisia — in the past three days and that other senior U.S. officials are actively involved.

However, the U.S. cannot be seen as pushing too hard against Egypt's ruling military council, which is viewed as the best hope for a stable transition for a nation that is not just a regional heavyweight, but also the most populous in the Arab world and a lynchpin in Washington's Middle East policy, largely because of its landmark peace treaty with Israel.

There are 43 defendants in the case — 16 Americans, 16 Egyptians, as well as Germans, Palestinians, Serbs and Jordanians. They have been charged with the illegal use of foreign funds to foment unrest and operating without a license. But the investigation fits into a broader campaign by Egypt's rulers against alleged foreign influence since the ouster of longtime ruler Hosni Mubarak last year.

Rights groups have sharply criticized the investigation into the pro-democracy groups and the charges, saying they are part of an orchestrated effort by Egyptian authorities to silence critics and cripple civil society groups critical of the military's handling of the country's transition to democracy. Egyptian officials counter by saying the trial has nothing to do with the government and is in the judiciary's hands.

The U.S. State Department says that seven of the 16 Americans facing trial have been barred from leaving Egypt by the country's attorney general. Several Americans, including Sam LaHood, son of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, have sought refuge in the U.S. Embassy.

It is not clear whether the Americans and the rest of the defendants will appear in court today. They could not be immediately reached by telephone.



Toddlers in Tow

A woman walks with children Saturday in Kafar Taharim, north Syria. The town has been under the control of the Free Syrian Army for the past month.

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Violence Across Syria On Eve of Constitution Vote

President Bashar Assad's opponents say referendum and other promises of reform are not enough and have called for a boycott of the vote.

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) • Syria defied international calls to halt attacks on rebel enclaves as at least 89 people were killed nationwide Saturday on the eve of a constitutional referendum that the opposition sees as a ploy by President Bashar Assad's regime.

Assad presented the revised charter — which allows for at least a theoretical opening of the country's political system — as an effort to placate critics and quell the 11-month uprising against his rule.

But the vote is unlikely to overshadow a new round of international condemnation and calls for Assad leave power.

The new charter would create a multiparty system in Syria, which has been ruled by the same family dynasty since Assad's father Hafez seized power in a coup in 1963. Such change was unthinkable a year ago.

After 11 months of blood-

shed, however, Assad's opponents say the referendum and other promises of reform are not enough and have called for a boycott of the vote.

Assad was roundly criticized Friday at a major international conference on the Syrian crisis in Tunisia, where U.S., European and Arab officials began planning a civilian peacekeeping mission to deploy after the regime falls.

President Barack Obama said Friday of Assad's rule: "It is time for that regime to move on."

On Saturday, Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said Assad's crackdown belied promised reforms.

"That kind of logic unfortunately renders any kind of reform meaningless," he said. "To fight on the one hand with your people and then to claim that there is reform is contradictory."

Still, Assad enjoys substantial support in many

parts of the country. Some have benefited from his policies, others fear chaos or sectarian civil war if he falls.

The insular nature of the regime makes the extent and character of that support hard to measure, and the regime has prevented most media from operating freely in the country during the uprising.

In the capital Damascus, where Assad retains support among religious minorities and the business class, many said they were eager to vote.

"This constitution is not for one faction against the other," said Suhban Elewi, a 55-year-old businessman who trades in antiquities. "It is for the nation and for all the Syrian people."

Elewi said he planned to vote yes, and dismissed opposition calls to boycott the vote.

"The country is going forward with them or without them," he said.

Posters around town urged people to vote. "Don't turn your back on voting," one said.

Another — showing the red, black and white Syrian

flag — touted new constitution. "Syria's constitution: Freedom of belief," it said, referring to clauses protecting religious minorities.

Syrian Interior Minister Lt. Gen. Mohammed al-Shaar said more than 14,000 voting centers have been set up for more than 14 million eligible voters across the country.

But the suggestion of political reform led by Assad's regime rang hollow in many parts of the country, where government security forces continued their deadly crackdown on rebels seeking to end Assad's rule.

The violence could also prevent the vote taking place nationwide.

An activist in a neighborhood in the central city of Homs that government forces have besieged and shelled daily for one month laughed when asked about the vote.

"How can they ask us to talk about a new constitution when they are shelling our neighborhood?" said Abu Mohammed Ibrahim from the embattled neighborhood of Baba Amr via Skype. "They are hitting us with all types of weapons. What constitution? What referendum?"

The regime's relentless assault on Homs, which has emerged as the heart of the anti-Assad revolt, entered its fourth week with government shelling killing at least 19 people Saturday.

Mandela, 93, Hospitalized with Stomach Ailment

BY DONNA BRYSON
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG • Former South African President Nelson Mandela was hospitalized for a test to determine what is behind an undisclosed stomach ailment, and the country's current leader said the much beloved 93-year-old icon was in no danger.

Mandela, a Nobel peace laureate who spent 27 years in prison for fighting racist white rule, has officially retired and last appeared in public in July 2010. He became South Africa's first black president in 1994 and served one five-year term.

Mandela "has had a longstanding abdominal complaint and doctors feel it needs proper specialist medical attention," President Jacob Zuma said in a statement Saturday morning, asking that Mandela's privacy be respected.

In a follow-up statement later, Zuma added that Mandela had undergone a planned, undisclosed "diagnostic procedure."

Mandela "is fine and fully conscious and the doctors are satisfied with his condition, which they say is consistent with his age," Zuma said. "We are happy that he is not in any danger."

Zuma said Mandela was expected to be discharged from the hospital Sunday or Monday.

The statements did not say at which hospital Mandela was being treated, apparently to protect his privacy, but that did not stop journalists from camping out at a military hospital in the capital, Pretoria, on the chance he might be there. In 2011,

Mandela spent a few days in a private Johannesburg hospital with an acute respiratory infection.

The South African military, which took charge of Mandela's health care after he was hospitalized last year, and a spokesman for Mandela's office said they would have no statement Saturday.

ANC spokesman Keith Khoza said Zuma's office also had reassured ANC officials.

Mandela "just had abdominal pains for some time now and the doctors decided a while ago that perhaps they



Mandela

should admit him, with a view to check those abdominal pains, so it wasn't an emergency admission," Khoza told reporters. "He's fine, he's in good health."

Well-wishers like Derek Kemper, a 47-year-old emergency services consultant, said they hoped Mandela would soon recover.

Kemper said he fought the ANC as a soldier for the apartheid state. On Saturday, Kemper was touring Soweto, the famed Johannesburg township set aside for blacks under apartheid and still largely black and poor, with a

group of other whites. Kemper marveled at how far the country had come, and credited Mandela.

"He had the wisdom to try to reunite the country," Kemper said, speaking in front of a Soweto home where Mandela once lived that has been turned into a museum celebrating Mandela's life.

Kemper said he believed that even though Mandela has largely retired from public life, he has a moderating influence on younger black South Africans who may be impatient with the pace of change in a country where the black majority remains poor.

Birthday Bash: Mugabe Tells Youth to Shun West's Values

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) • Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe wound up a week of celebrations marking his 88th birthday with a lavish gathering Saturday, where he urged the nation's youth to shun Western values, homosexuality and greed.

Mugabe, hosting a celebration in the eastern city of Mutare, said some African leaders have become "weak and naive" and thought only of material gains when "kneeling" to Westerners.

Organizers from his ZANU-PF party said 20,000 people gathered at

a Mutare sports stadium Saturday for his annual bash targeted at the country's youth.

A cake baked in Harare was taken to Mutare under police escort, and livestock were slaughtered for the event.

Regional Mugabe party official Charles Samuriwo didn't comment on estimates that the tab for the occasion had reached nearly \$1 million. He told reporters that businesses made "sufficient" donations and "no one will go back home on an empty stomach."

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Researchers Hopeful About Male Partner for 'Pill'

BY ALAN BAVLEY

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. • Women may say, "It's about time." Guys may have the same reaction.

After many overly optimistic predictions, a male version of The Pill may truly be in sight. And a team at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, a nationally recognized center of research into male contraceptives, is working to be among the first to put a new generation of products on the market.

Joseph Tash, a reproductive biologist at KU, has spent a decade tinkering with a chemical compound called H2-gamendazole that keeps sperm from developing in the testes. Men taking a gamendazole "pill" would essentially be shooting blanks.

The expectation is that men on the KU pill would experience no change in their libido and, if they stopped taking it, would regain full fertility within a few weeks.

Tash's work is part of a promising array of new birth control methods for men that are under development in laboratories or already being tested on volunteers. These contraceptives are arriving more than 50 years after the female birth control pill revolutionized relations between the sexes and gave women greater control over their lives.

Outdated attitudes that birth control was women's work, along with the technical challenges — women release just one egg per month, but men produce 1,000 sperm per second —

have slowed development of new male contraceptives. But recent investments in research appear to be paying off.

Men already are testing contraceptives based on hormones that are analogous to the contraceptive pills women take. Meanwhile, researchers such as Tash are working on compounds that target sperm production or activity directly without affecting men's hormones.

Tash is confident enough about gamendazole that he's getting ready to ask the Food and Drug Administration what additional studies he'll need to do before he can start trying it on human subjects. "We have enough data now to actually go to the FDA," he said.

He will have to meet a high standard of safety for a drug that healthy men would be taking regularly for a long time; FDA approval, if it goes that far, is perhaps a decade away. So far, though, the compound's safety has checked out in rabbits, mice, rats and monkeys.

Mating tests on rats showed no change in their behavior, Tash said. "And it's 100 percent effective and 100 percent reversible."

No formal mating tests on monkeys yet, but those that took it "still seemed happy," he said.

KU colleagues are working on other promising ways to keep sperm at bay. Leslie Heckert is looking for chemicals that can block the action of a protein essential to an early stage of sperm development. Gustavo Blanco already has a series of compounds that immobilize sperm so they can't

swim to an egg; he's seeking about 100 volunteer sperm donors to supply him with the raw material for testing the compounds in the lab.

The prospect of a male pill raises plenty of questions: Will men be willing to take it? Will women trust men to take it? Will it have any effect on the divisive issues of birth control?

Contraception for men has long been limited to a small and dismal set of options — condoms, vasectomy, interruption of intercourse. But that hasn't kept increasing numbers of men from shouldering responsibility for preventing unwanted pregnancies.

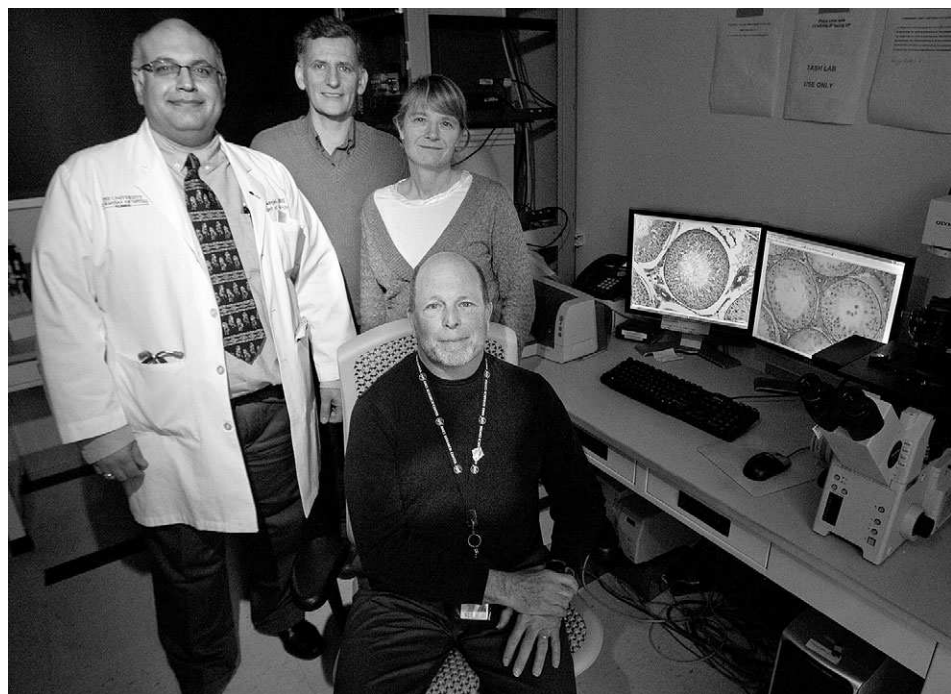
Laura Lindberg of the Guttmacher Institute, which does research on reproductive health, traces this change in behavior to the 1980s, when more men started using condoms.

The trend by couples to delay having children had begun, and that created a greater need for contraception. But not all women were able or willing to use contraceptive pills or IUDs. Condoms became a regular part of marriages and long-term relationships.

The '80s also was the era of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases; condoms became a routine part of safe sex.

"Condoms moved from behind the counter in the drug store to out front, and so did our attitudes," Lindberg said.

In 1982, only 52 percent of sexually experienced women reported ever having had sex with a partner who used a condom. By 2006, it had climbed to 93 percent of women.



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Standing, from left: Dr. Ajay Nangia, Dr. Gustavo Blanco and Dr. Leslie Heckert. Dr. Joseph Tash sits near a microscope with before-and-after images of testes treated with contraceptives, Feb. 1 at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

"Practically every woman has used a condom now," Lindberg said. "That's a phenomenal social change."

Even so, the proportion of women who said their most recent sex partner used a condom — about one in five — hasn't risen in the past decade.

Elaine Lissner, an advocate who runs the Male Contraception Information Project, thinks more men would use birth control if they had better alternatives.

"To reach more men, you have to have something more attractive than the current choices. Plenty of men already are stepping up to the plate. More would if there was something better," she said. "Men deserve something better."

Santorum Benefits from Mistaken Religious Identity

BY RACHEL ZOLL

Associated Press

Rick Santorum's political good fortune in the Republican presidential primaries has come about in large part because of his appeal to evangelicals. A Roman Catholic, he is a beneficiary of more than two decades of cooperation between conservative Protestants and Catholics who set aside theological differences for the common cause of the culture war.

Doctrine — and anti-Catholic bias — once split Protestants and Catholics so bitterly that many evangelical leaders worked to defeat John F. Kennedy because of his religion. When Kennedy sought to confront suspicion about his Catholicism, he made his now-famous faith speech to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association, a group of evangelical Protestants in Texas. Five decades later, when some prominent evangelical leaders gathered at a Texas ranch to discuss backing a 2012 GOP candidate, Santorum was their choice.

Now running about even with Mitt Romney, Santorum has nearly doubled his sup-

port from white evangelical Republicans, from 22 percent last month to 41 percent two weeks ago, according to surveys by the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life. An Associated Press-GfK survey conducted more recently, Feb. 16-20, found Santorum leading Romney among white evangelicals, 44 percent to 21 percent. White Catholics also preferred Santorum, 38 percent to 29 percent, in the AP-GfK poll.

The high regard extends to Santorum's personal life. His seven children have been home-schooled, a practice much more common among conservative American Protestants than Catholics, who have a network of parochial schools built over centuries. His concerns — opposing gay marriage and abortion, promoting traditional roles for women — contribute to that appeal. The Christian Post, an evangelical media outlet, published an article this week called "Catholic Politicians You Thought Were Evangelical," with a short list of the most-often misidentified, led by Santorum.

The former Pennsylvania

senator's pointed rhetoric questioning the authenticity of other Christians can make him sound more like a preacher than a politician, but it draws support among many conservative Christians. He said recently that President Barack Obama, also a Christian, holds a "phony theology," then insisted he wasn't attacking the president's faith but his environmental views. The Obama campaign condemned his remark.

Also drawing attention is a 2008 speech to Ave Maria University in Florida, a private Catholic school established by the Domino's Pizza founder. In it, Santorum warned that Satan has been waging a spiritual war against

the United States and has infiltrated academia, liberal Protestant churches and politics.

"Satan has done so by attacking the great institutions of America, using those great vices of pride, vanity and sensuality as the root to attack all of these strong plants that have so deeply rooted in the American tradition," Santorum said, in a video posted by Right Wing Watch, a project of the liberal advocacy group People for the American Way. "We look at the shape of mainline Protestantism in this country and it is in shambles. It is gone from the world of Christianity as I see it."

Romney, Santorum's main rival for the nomination, struggles with conservatives not only because he once supported legalized abortion, which he now condemns, but also from distrust of Mormon teaching among some Christians. He rarely speaks directly about his faith or any other.

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Treasure Hunters Come to Twin Falls!

By Jason Delong
THR's Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Got Gold? This week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.

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Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes because Treasure Hunters are coming to **Twin Falls**. Event specialists will be in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While they will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1970, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

Buyers for the event have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of

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gold coming to the event and for good reason. Record gold prices have event guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry they don't wear anymore with our "fair and honest" purchase offers.

Treasure Hunters encourage anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest

is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the event staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items event specialists hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, THR's toy specialist spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1970 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch a large sum. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational prices. Most of the toys that come to the event are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When specialist Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the event, he was quick to answer, "Old coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated

with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1970 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1970 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the event from



Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike Delong with anticipation as the event specialist examines his collectibles.

"If you go to the event, you can cash-in your items for competitive prices.

THR's representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Hilton Garden Inn, Tuesday through Saturday, in Twin Falls."

wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at THR's Treasure Hunters Roadshow." said Fuller.

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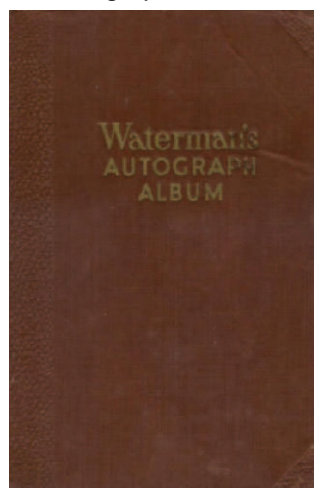
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SPORTS + WEATHER

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Jerome Punches State Ticket, Beats Bishop Kelly, 60-52

BY PATRICK SHELTRA
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MOUNTAIN HOME • The winds that whipped across south central Idaho on Saturday were bitter and frigid.

The Jerome Tigers were just cool. The Tigers made all the big plays down the stretch, riding white-hot efforts from 3-point range and the 21-point, 14-rebound effort from Jake Hollifield in defeating Bishop Kelly 60-52 and advancing to the Class 4A state tournament next weekend in Boise.

“(Coach Joe) Messick always tells us to stay calm,” Tigers guard Spencer Geist said. “We knew what we had to do and we did it.”

The 8-point margin suggests a com-

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fortable win, but with Jerome leading by just three points with less than two minutes to go, it was anything but. The Tigers closed the game on an 8-3 run which featured massive plays by a variety of guys.

• There was Geist diving on the floor for a loose ball in his defensive end, calling timeout and not getting bent out of shape when Knights guard Michael Bokan gave Geist a little extra

as the players got up off the floor. • Geist, with 40.4 seconds left and the Tigers nursing a two-point lead, sinking both ends of a one-and-one to get the lead back to four.

• Jerome breaking the press, with Shaquille Kennedy dishing off to Simon Espinoza to finish a 2-on-1 with 19.5 seconds left for a six-point lead.

• And finally, Hollifield and Garrett Leavitt nailing down the state bid by going 4-for-4 from the line in the final 11.4 seconds.

“You talk about a team effort today,” Messick said. “Our kids came out and executed on the offensive end, took care of the basketball, played well on the defensive end and did all the little things.”

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STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Eight Locals Crowned State Wrestling Champs

BY RYAN HOWE
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POCATELLO • Of the thousands of high school wrestlers across Idaho's four classifications, 960 make it to state.

Of those, only three entered this weekend's state tournament at Holt Arena in Pocatello with an undefeated record.

And all three happen to live within a 15-mile radius of one another.

Minco's David Borden, Oakley's Stephan Ortiz and Declo's Jason Gillette entered unbeaten, but only Borden came away with a title on Saturday.

Borden capped his 43-0 senior season with an 11-4 decision over Columbia's Kyle Jordan in the 170-pound Class 4A finals.

“It's been in the back of my mind,” Borden said of the perfect record. “I try not to think about it, you don't want to get psyched out.”

A repeat champion, Borden surrendered only two takedowns all season. While he allowed himself to enjoy Saturday night, he already has his sights set on his next goal: wrestling in college.

“Last year it felt great to become a state champion, and don't get me wrong, this year feels great too. But you start thinking about going on to the next level. That's the crazy thing about this sport, there's always something else to work for. I hope my journey doesn't end here. I hope this is just another happy night and then get back at it, try to get the next one,” Borden said.

Fourteen area athletes reached the championship finals, and Borden was one of eight Magic Valley wrestlers to win a state title Saturday night.

In Class 4A, Jerome's Layne Lasike (38-4) improved on his third-place finish from a year ago and finished his senior season with a pin of Kuna's Sam Solis in the 285-pound finals.

“It's like a one-time feeling you get. It feels awesome. I just want to jump around and shout hurray,” Lasike said after being momentarily hoisted on the

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Minco's David Borden flexes after his win over Columbia's Kyle Jordan in the 4A 170-pound weight class during the state wrestling championships Saturday at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

District IV State Wrestling Champions

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| Class 4A
170: David Borden, Minico
220: Joseph Valencia, Minico
285: Layne Lasike, | Jerome
Class 3A
220: Oren Carlton, Buhl
Class 2A
Team: Declo
145: Casey Ivey, Valley | 152: Torin Brunson, Gooding
220: Kage Osterhout, Declo
285: Cole McGinnis, Gooding |
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Declo Repeats

Minico Fourth In 4A.

BY RYAN HOWE
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POCATELLO • Declo didn't just achieve its goal of repeating as Class 2A state champs. The Hornets raised the bar even higher.

Declo had four more placers than it had last year, taking home 12 individual medals from the state wrestling tournament Saturday at Holt Arena

in Pocatello.

With 221 points, Declo easily outdistanced runner-up North Fremont with 170.

“It's been a lot more pressure this season,” said Declo coach Lawrence Gillette. “We were expected to win and we had to defend our title. It's easier going up than it is looking down.”

Just like last year, Declo had four kids in the finals. And just like last year, the

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Declo's Stirland Zollinger (bottom) wrestles North Fremont's Omar Labra in the 2A 126-pound weight class during the state wrestling championships Saturday at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

NASCAR

Tony Stewart stands on pit road before the first of two NASCAR Gatorade Duel 150 qualifying auto races at Daytona International Speedway, Thursday in Daytona Beach, Fla. Stewart has never won the Daytona 500 in 13 tries.

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Stewart Seeks 1st Victory in Daytona 500

BY JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. • Tony Stewart has had plenty of chances to win the Daytona 500, and he's had his heart broken every time.

Stewart wound up on his roof in 2001, and his engine blew in

the opening laps of the 2002 race. He finished second to Dale Earnhardt Jr. in 2004, and wrecked while leading in 2007.

The most difficult defeat was likely 2008, when Ryan Newman was pushed past Stewart on the last lap to snatch away the victory. Last year, Stewart was second on the final restart but faded to a

13th-place finish as rookie Trevor Bayne pulled off the upset.

The race is such a crapshoot that one of the Daytona 500 rookies, Danica Patrick, has said she believes she's got as good a chance to win the race as anyone.

“I felt comfortable. I feel more than ready for Sunday,” said

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STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Final Results

BOLD INDICATES

DISTRICT IV

TEAM/MATCH

CLASS 5A

Team scores: 1. Lewiston 289.5; 2. Post Falls 276.5; 3. Centennial 272; 4. Boise 183.5; 5. Highland 137.6; 6. Eagle 111; 7. Mountain View 100.5; 8. Coeur d'Alene 91; 9. Borah 87; 10. Rocky Mountain 85; 11. Vallivue 62; 12. Skyline 60.5; 13. Meridian 48; 14. Lake City 45; 15. Capital 39; 16. Timberline 25; 17. Idaho Falls 4. **Championship match results:** 98: De. Sapien (Boise) p. Do. Sapien (Boise) 3:36; 106: Foster (Post Falls) dec. Randall (Lewiston) 9-6; 113: Ashford (Centennial) dec. Connolly (Mountain View) 6-0; 120: Johnson (Centennial) dec. Kenyon (Lewiston) 3-0; 126: Carlton (Lewiston) dec. Wall (Centennial) 6-0; 132: Tuma (Centennial) p. Parsons (Lewiston) 3:36; 138: Klemp (Lewiston) dec. Steingruber (Rocky Mountain) 3-2; 145: Ost (Post Falls) dec. McLeod (Post Falls) 3-2; 152: Booth (Post Falls) dec. Partenfelder (Lake City) 3-0; 160: Dewey (Centennial) maj. dec. Wilson (Post Falls) 14-4; 170: Steele (Eagle) p. Jesienyester (Post Falls) 5:36; 182: McLeod (Post Falls) dec. Johnson (Post Falls) 4-0; 195: Demers (Coeur d'Alene) dec. Fisher (Centennial) 3-0; 220: Rigney (Lewiston) dec. Llanes (Eagle) 8-6; OT: 285: Edmo (Highland) dec. Trevino (Borah) 9-5. **Third-place match results:** 98: Bolster (Post Falls) dec. Stattner (Vallivue) 7-5; 106: Dobson (Highland) p. Quayle (Highland) 2:48; 113: Rojas (Vallivue) p. Buffaloe (Highland) 2:57; 120: Rossow (Boise) dec. Crain (Post Falls) 4-2; 126: Temple (Mountain View) p. Algate (Centennial) 4:38; 132: Webster (Post Falls) maj. dec. Rodgers (Lewiston) 12-3; Staub (Coeur d'Alene) maj. dec. Lohman (Lewiston) 9-0; 145: Bell (Highland) maj. dec. Connell (Meridian) 8-0; 152: Randall (Lewiston) dec. Lacombe (Mountain View) 6-1; 160: Walton (Boise) p. Baldwin (Lewiston) 2:40; 170:

Chadwick (Mountain View) dec. Randall (Rocky Mountain) 3-2; 182: Dillio (Meridian) dec. Evans (Centennial) 5-3; OT: 195: Harris (Timberline) p. Purcell (Boise) 2:23; 220: Sword (Boise) dec. Reinhart (Skyline) 8-3; 285: Addison (Boise) p. DeStasio (Borah) 0:38. **Fifth place-match results:** 98: Barton (Rocky Mountain) p. Hudson (Mountain View) 2:03; 106: Algate (Centennial) dec. Gorrige (Coeur d'Alene) 8-6; 113: Manwaring (Capital) p. Konda (Coeur d'Alene) 4:06; 120: Jones (Eagle) dec. Blanton (Borah) 9-2; 126: Marsh (Lewiston) p. Johnson (Skyline) 3:53; 132: Wells (Lake City) dec. Campbell (Boise) 8-4; 138: Acosta (Borah) dec. Riekona (Post Falls) 2-1; 145: McFarlane (Centennial) p. Lambert (Lake City) 2:44; 152: Reynolds (Centennial) dec. Ray (Eagle) 5-1; 160: Luzkow (Eagle) dec. Lopez (Highland) 8-7; 170: Huffman (Lewiston) p. Humphrey (Centennial) 2:18; 182: Grimmage (Lewiston) dec. Kahowai (Boise) 5-2; 195: Zolman (Lewiston) dec. Sarabia (Highland) 7-1; 220: James (Coeur d'Alene) p. Barba (Meridian) 4:36; 285: Ekins (Capital) p. Maurer (Lewiston) 1:56.

CLASS 4A

Team scores: 1. Kuna 281.5; 2. Columbia 222; 3. Caldwell 151; 4. Minico 123; 5. Blackfoot 96; 6. Pocatello 91; 7. Preston 84; 8. Bonneville 79; 9. Jerome 72; 10. Madison 70; 11. Sandpoint 64; 12. Nampa 53.5; 13. Rigby 53; 14. Lakeland 51; 15. Shelley 50; 16. Middleton 44; 17. Wood River 42; 18. (tie) Emmett, Hillcrest 37; 20. Mountain Home 36; 21. Canyon Ridge 31; 22. Twin Falls 23; 23. Skyview 20; 24. Century 19; 25. Burley 17; 26. Moscow 4. **Championship match results:** 98: C. Cobb (Kuna) maj. dec. Webb (Hillcrest) 8-0; 106: Gomez (Caldwell) dec. Holman (Bonneville) 7-5; 113: Green (Madison) dec. Aguinaga (Pocatello) 8-4; 120: Cook (Kuna) dec. Higbee (Pocatello) 4-1; 126: Reddick (Columbia) dec. Jaramillo (Kuna) 1-0; 132: Call (Shelley) dec. Gonzalez (Columbia) 7-6; 138: Jarboe (Columbia) dec. C. Cobb (Kuna) 5-0; 145: Dela Rosa (Nampa) dec. Goldsby (Mountain Home)

9-5; 152: Villarain (Emmett) dec. Horak (Blackfoot) 6-3; 160: Dondero (Kuna) maj. dec. Grigsby (Columbia) 11-1; 170: Borden (Minico) dec. Jordan (Columbia) 11-4; 182: Tucker (Rigby) dec. Salinas (Columbia) 5-3; 195: Anau (Madison) dec. Schaffer (Columbia) 5-2; 220: Valencia (Minico) dec. Escobedo (Caldwell) 3-2; 285: Lasike (Jerome) p. Solis (Kuna) 3:42. **Third-place match results:** 98: Keller (Preston) dec. Tackett (Columbia) 11-4; 106: Gregory (Preston) dec. Groene (Mountain Home) 2-1; 113: Gonzalez (Caldwell) dec. Olsen (Middleton) 10-4; 120: Dillon (Sandpoint) dec. Barela (Pocatello) 2-1; 126: Lords (Kuna) dec. Davis (Pocatello) 4-2; 132: Loftis (Kuna) dec. Hansen (Blackfoot) 6-3; 138: Pulido (Blackfoot) dec. Eavenson (Caldwell) 5-4; 145: Nolan (Kuna) p. T. Bailey (Wood River) 4:48; 152: Sanchez (Kuna) p. Putman (Lakeland) 3:22; 160: Vickers (Columbia) dec. Nykamp (Bonneville) 3-2; 170: Anderson (Rigby) p. Ferguson (Caldwell) 7-4; 182: Emery (Kuna) dec. Garcia (Caldwell) 7-4; 195: Labra (Burley) p. Calhoun (Kuna) 4:10; 220: Landon (Shelley) dec. Locky (Sandpoint) 6-4; OT: 285: Fitzgerald (Preston) dec. Rice (Bonneville) 5-2.

Fifth place-match results: 98: B. Gilchrist (Minico) dec. Peterson (Kuna) 6-0; 106: Venegas (Nampa) maj. dec. Green (Madison) 11-3; 113: Bingham (Blackfoot) dec. Dietrich (Preston) 3-2; 120: Carr (Middleton) dec. Wasia (Blackfoot) 4-2; 126: Robbins (Blackfoot) maj. dec. Gonzales (Skyview) 13-3; 132: Ramirez (Minico) dec. Laris (Twin Falls) 8-1; 138: Rios (Caldwell) maj. dec. Yount (Lakeland) 11-3; 145: Price (Canyon Ridge) dec. Patterson (Jerome) 6-2; 152: Hanson (Bonneville) p. Ko (Twin Falls) 3:35; 160: Pantaja (Caldwell) dec. Argyle (Jerome) 4-3; OT: 170: Anderson (Wood River) p. Weindl (Sandpoint) 1:56; 182: Pepperdine (Sandpoint) won by injury default over Heiden (Wood River); 195: Nelms (Caldwell) Gutierrez (M) 3:47; 220: Parsons (Jerome) p. Hammer (Century) 0:58; 285: Madrigal (Minico) dec. Hughes (Canyon Ridge) 4-0.

CLASS 3A

Team scores: 1. Weiser 185; 2. Sugar-Salem 172.5; 3. Snake River 160; 4. Fruitland 149; 5. Timberlake 125; 6. Teton 122; 7. South Fremont 113.5; 8. Kellogg 108; 9. Salmon 94; 10. Bonners Ferry 85.5; 11. American Falls 84; 12. Bear Lake 82.5; 13. Payette 79; 14. Homedale 77.5; 15. Buhl 74.5; 16. Marsh Valley 64; 17. Parma 58; 18. St. Maries 56; 19. Priest River 49; 20. Kimberly 22; 21. Filer 6. **Championship match results:** 98: Nilsson (Snake River) dec. Brogan (Bear Lake) 8-6; 106: Cooke (Teton) maj. dec. Frost (Snake River) 9-0; 113: Valentine (Snake River) p. Martin (St. Maries) 4:15; 120: Perez (Weiser) dec. Honglo (Timberlake) 8-4; 126: Green (Sugar Salem) maj. dec. Loveland (South Fremont) 12-3; 132: Invernon (Bonners Ferry) t-fall Holman (Sugar Salem) 20-5; 138: Wood (Sugar Salem) dec. Jerome (Kellogg) 6-4; 145: Beard (Snake River) dec. Thomas (Payette) 8-2; 152: Hemmert (Parma) dec. Mejia (Buhl) 5-2; 160: Blackwell (Fruitland) p. Herring (Timberlake) 2:34; 170: Barber (Sugar-Salem) dec. Fite (Salmon) 8-5; 182: McDonald (Fruitland) p. Palacios (American Falls) 4:17; 195: Stephenson (Weiser) maj. dec. May (Marsh Valley) 12-4; 220: Carlton (Buhl) dec. Johnson (Weiser) 11-5; 285: Humphries (Marsh Valley) dec. Freeman (Fruitland) 2-1; 2 OT.

Third-place match results: 98: Boots (South Fremont) p. Godfrey (Salmon) 2:38; 106: Beltran (Weiser) dec. Stephenson (Snake River) 6-4; 113: Ivie (Kellogg) p. Fisher (Homedale) 0:52; 120: Merrill (Sugar Salem) dec. Herman (Kimberly) 6-5; 126: Popkin (Priest River) p. Hill (Timberlake) 4:35; 132: Vergobbi (Kellogg) dec. Hanson (Teton) 9-5; 138: Gallegos (Payette) p. Hopkins (Priest River) 1:14; 145: Wood (Sugar Salem) dec. Arnold (Sugar Salem) 4-2; 152: Svedin (Weiser) p. Brewer (Salmon) 1:18; 160: Patero (Weiser) p. Bagley (Teton) 2:17; 170: Reyes (American Falls) dec. Mendoza (Homedale) 6-1; 182: Graves (Salmon) maj. dec. Hainey (Fruitland) 13-0; 195: Dewey (Teton) p. Zundel (South Fremont) 1:48; 220: Zylka (Fruitland) dec. Penson (Payette) 7-3; 285: Foote (Timberlake)

p. Hanover (Bear Lake) 4:35. **Fifth place-match results:** 98: Brogan (Bear Lake) p. Johnson (Timberlake) 4:14; 106: Hoopes (South Fremont) dec. Vergobbi (Kellogg) 5-1; 113: Larson (Timberlake) won by injury default over Bench (Snake River); 120: O'Brien (Kellogg) dec. McLean (Buhl) 5-4; 126: Hohenfield (American Falls) p. Chapman (Bonners Ferry) 2:16; 132: Thompson (Buhl) dec. DeYoung (Weiser) 5-2; 138: Jensen (Parma) dec. Clements (Bear Lake) 5-4; 145: Tillotson (Bear Lake) dec. Wilson (Bonners Ferry) 9-5; 152: Corona (Fruitland) maj. dec. Bloomsburg (St. Maries) 16-4; 160: Stephenson (St. Maries) dec. Pope (Sugar Salem) 7-4; 170: Fink (Priest River) maj. dec. Heigel (Bonners Ferry) 11-3; 182: Carter (Snake River) p. Bergeson (South Fremont) 0:42; 195: McCain (Homedale) dec. Newman (Payette) 8-3; 220: Cerna (American Falls) p. Hyer (Homedale) 1:60; 285: Shap (Weiser) dec. Hoggan (Teton) 2-1.

CLASS 2A

Team scores: 1. Declo 221; 2. North Fremont 170; 3. McCall-Donnelly 138; 4. (tie) Challis, Malad 114; 6. Melba 112; 7. West Jefferson 106; 8. (tie) Firth, Gooding 103; 10. Ririe 82; 11. Grangeville 78.5; 12. New Plymouth 71.5; 13. North Gem 69; 14. Prairie 66; 15. Raft River 40; 16. Valley 33; 17. Wallace 30; 18. Aberdeen 28.5; 19. Oakley 27; 20. Potlatch 26.5; 21. Marsing 22; 22. Glenns Ferry 21; 23. (tie) Cascade, Mackay 19; 25. West Side 17.5; 26. (tie) Grace, Soda Springs 17; 28. Orofino 15; 29. Kootenai 10; 30. (tie) Clearwater Valley, Wendell 9; 32. Kamiah 7; 33. Mullan 4; 34. (tie) Dietrich, Garden Valley 0. **Championship match results:** 98: Lowen (McCall-Donnelly) dec. Sessions (North Fremont) 6-4; OT: 106: Zettel (Challis) dec. Hill (Malad) 7-3; 113: Bishop (North Fremont) dec. Cotant (Challis) 8-2; 120: Thacker (Ririe) dec. Blaisdiell (Malad) 6-5; 126: Labra (North Fremont) dec. Zollinger (Declo) 5-3; 132: Evans (New Plymouth) maj. dec. Smith (Raft River) 15-4; 138: Johnshoy (Melba) dec. Hansen (West Jefferson) 16-10; 145: Ivey (Valley) dec. Labra (North Fremont) 3-2; 152: Brunson (Gooding)

dec. Schiess (Firth) 7-3; 160: Richardson (Melba) dec. Ortiz (Oakley) 4-1; 170: Lowen (McCall-Donnelly) dec. Ja. Gillette (Declo) 8-1; 182: Robie (Grangeville) p. Rembelski (Challis) 1:30; 195: Jolley (Firth) dec. Allen (McCall-Donnelly) 9-3; 220: Osterhout (Declo) p. Rios (Declo) 5:00; 285: McGinnis (Gooding) dec. Crosley (Melba) 8-5. **Third-place match results:** 98: Mora (Mackay) dec. McClain (Malad) 4-0; 106: A. Alonzo (Declo) dec. Dunlap (Ririe) 6-3; 113: Pair (Cascade) p. J. Alonzo (Declo) 3:15; 120: Newman (Declo) dec. McWilliams (Prairie) 8-3; 126: Stallions (New Plymouth) dec. Duman (Prairie) 8-3; 132: Williams (North Gem) dec. Perry (Melba) 3-1; 138: Williams (North Gem) dec. Perrin (Prairie) 3:1; OT: 145: Jarvis (Challis) p. Smith (Grangeville) 4:39; 152: Brown (Potlatch) p. Earl (Raft River) 4:59; 160: Lindberg (Firth) dec. Walters (Grangeville) 7-3; 170: Rainey (West Jefferson) dec. Blanchard (North Fremont) 14-7; 182: Kirkpatrick (West Jefferson) p. Thrall (Declo) 4:37; 195: Orchard (Ririe) dec. E. Finley (Gooding) 9-4; OT: 220: Lafee (McCall-Donnelly) dec. Herrera (Melba) 8-3; 285: Mesillas (Glenns Ferry) dec. Boyer (Malad) 3-0.

Fifth place-match results: 98: Belnap (West Jefferson) p. Christensen (North Gem) 4:27; 106: Coverly (North Fremont) dec. Redick (Challis) 5-2; 113: Juarez (Declo) p. Peterson (Malad) 2:03; 120: Roberts (West Side) dec. Campbell (West Jefferson) 4-1; 126: Adams (Declo) p. Clark (McCall-Donnelly) 0:26; 132: Montgomery (Firth) dec. Torres (Aberdeen) 5-3; 138: Phillips (Declo) dec. Eliason (Malad) 2-0; OT: 145: Cook (Wallace) won by injury default over Butler (McCall-Donnelly); 152: Danner (Marsing) dec. Lowen (McCall-Donnelly) 6-3; 160: Payne (Declo) p. Pancheri (West Jefferson) 1:27; 170: J. Finley (Gooding) p. Christensen (North Gem) 3:41; 182: Clark (North Fremont) dec. Maden (Firth) 6-4; 195: Schmidt (Prairie) won by injury default over Moore (Soda Springs); 220: Caudill (Ririe) p. Dolson (Wallace) 4:13; 285: Goebel (North Fremont) dec. Paul (Grangeville) 1-0.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Youth Co-ed Spring Soccer

Jerome Recreation District is holding registration for youth co-ed spring soccer through March 26 for children ages 4 through 6th grade. Cost is \$15 for district residents, \$25 for non-district residents. The four-week season features games on Saturdays. Registration can be done over the phone at 324-3389, at the JRD office, 2032 S. Lincoln or online at jeromerecreationdistrict.com.

CSI Baseball Clinic

The College of Southern Idaho is hosting a pre-season clinic for all ages of youth baseball on March 4 at the CSI field at noon. Cost is \$25. The clinic will cover basic fundamentals of all aspects of the game. Information: Nick Aiello assistant baseball coach at 702-480-3831 or email naiello@csi.edu.

Soccer, Wrestling Registration

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is holding spring soccer and youth registration, both online and at its office, 136 Maxwell Ave. Information: 736-2265.

Jump rope Classes

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is offering jump rope classes for boys and girls of all ages beginning March 1. Classes will be held Thursday afternoons and cost is \$30 per month. Information: Hilary Western, 420-7474, or the parks and recreation office, 136 Maxwell Ave.

Chili Feed

The Wynwood Assisted Living facility is providing a chili feed at O'Leary Junior High School on March 3 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., with the purpose of raising funds going towards resurfacing the school's track.

Chili, along with cinnamon rolls, soda and milk will be served. Cost is \$5 for the three items or \$20 per family. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Wynwood Community at 1367 Locust Street North.

Idaho Prep Basketball

Idaho Prep Basketball is hosting its next tournament in Twin Falls on March 23-24, for girls and boys grades 6-12. Tournaments will follow in Boise, Pocatello and Burley. Information: www.idahoprepbasketball.com or 360-885-7810.

— Staff reports

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Wrestling

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shoulders of his teammates. "It took a lot of dedication. It's worth it right now, that's for sure. There are some three-time and two-time state champs, but just being a one-time state champion feels amazing, especially senior year."

Minico senior Joseph Valencia (28-3), who had never placed at state before, took the 220-pound state title with a tight 3-2 decision over Gabe Escobedo of Caldwell.

One of the biggest challenges for Valencia and other wrestlers who make the finals is the approximately 10-hour wait in between their semifinal victories Saturday morning and the evening's championships.

"All that time I was stressing out but with about three hours left I started to calm myself down. I came out here and let the beast get out," Valencia said. "I can't tell you how great this feels. I can't believe it right now."

In Class 3A, a pair of Buhl wrestlers reached the finals. Junior Stephen Mejia (39-6) lost a 3-2 decision to Parma's David Hemmert in the 152 final. But teammate Oren Carlton (31-5) was victorious at 220, beating Weiser's J.D. Johnson 11-5.

"It's crazy. It's the most amazing feeling I've ever had in my life. It's what I've always wanted and I wrestled good enough to have it," Carlton said. "It was hard to get over the nerves and get past the mental part."

Carlton said the experience of finishing runner-up last year helped.

"It helped me quite a bit just to think that I know what I don't want to happen again. I tried to block out all the negative thoughts and just wrestle smart," Carlton said.

Nine area wrestlers reached the Class 2A finals, and four earned titles.

Valley senior Casey Ivey (42-4) has placed every year of his high school career, and he capped his medal haul with a championship at 145, holding on for a 3-2 decision over Jasshan Labra of North Fremont.



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Oakley's Stephan Ortiz (right) wrestles Melba's Troy Richardson in the 2A 160 pound weight class during the state wrestling championships Saturday at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

"I finished the way I always wanted to. It's been my goal from my very first day of wrestling practice," Ivey said.

Gooding sophomore Torin Brunson (30-5) might be on his way to matching Ivey's accomplishment, now having placed twice at state. But he already has his state title after beating Ryan Schiess of Firth 7-3 in the 152 final.

"It feels amazing, it's like nothing else," said Brunson, who was sixth last year. "I really thought I was going to be able to do

it. I know I can't stop now; I have to keep working hard. I can't let up."

Fellow Senator sophomore Cole McGinnis (39-2) also won his first state title. In the 285 final, McGinnis outthusted Melba's Riley Crosley for an 8-5 decision.

"I'm pretty psyched right now, but I still haven't had it set in yet," McGinnis said. "It's been a mind battle, mostly. Going to practices and putting all the hard work in a three-month-long season and all the matches are tough."

Class 2A team champion Declo's only individual champ was junior Kage Osterhout (31-5), who beat teammate Luis Rios (29-9) by pin in the 220 final.

Sophomore Wyatt Smith of Raft River lost to four-time state champ Ray Evans of New Plymouth, 15-4, in the 132 championship.

"I'm proud of myself for getting to the finals. That was my goal. He's an honorable person to lose to. He's earned it," Smith said.

Two top seeds, Ortiz and Gillette, came one

match short of finishing their undefeated seasons. Already a two-time champ, Ortiz gave up the initial takedown and never could get things going against Melba's Troy Richardson, losing 4-1.

Ortiz, who forged a remarkable 117-3 record the past three seasons, still wore his trademark smile after the match, taking the loss in stride.

"I feel good. I tried hard in every match," Ortiz said. "I'm not worrying about it. It was his day today, I guess. I'm not complaining."

Declo

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Hornets crowned one individual champion.

Kage Osterhout defeated teammate and daily practice partner Luis Rios for the 220-pound championship.

"He knows every single one of my moves from practice, so I had to be careful about which ones I did," Osterhout said. "We push each other a lot because we knew we had to get better. We knew this was going to be a good match."

Osterhout said the team title was equally important to him as his individual win.

"It means a lot to me, because for us to take state twice in a row is amazing that I could be a part of that," Osterhout said. "I think of all these guys like family. If I got mad at them, it would only be for two seconds because they're like family to me."

Declo assistant coaches Lance Gillette and Ian Webb each played a huge part in helping Declo win its third state wrestling title in school history.

"They have been a big

part of our success," Gillette said of the assistants. "They have been responsible for training and teaching the skills. They've taken a lot of pressure off me and so a lot of credit goes to them for our team success."

Declo's win was bitter-sweet, however, with three losses in the finals.

Junior Stirland Zollinger reached the championship for the third straight year, but lost to Omar Labra of North Fremont 5-3 in the 126-pound title match.

No. 1 seed Jason Gillette had his undefeated season spoiled in the 170-pound

final, getting upset 8-1 by Zach Lowen of McCall-Donnelly.

"We wanted Stirland and Jason to win, but they're juniors and have another year. We'll just go back to work and work harder," Lawrence Gillette said.

As Declo celebrated its second straight title on the Holt Arena floor, talk already turned to a threepeat. The Hornets lose just two seniors to graduation.

"We're going to be really tough. We weren't going to look past this year, but we've been talking already about winning next year,"

Lawrence Gillette said.

One more Magic Valley team brought home hardware. Minico took fourth in Class 4A.

"This tournament brings out the best and the worst for a coach. You're happy for some kids and you want to cry with other ones. But it's fun and we battled hard," said Minico coach Justin Gardner. "The whole team has been great all year. I'm not disappointed in any of my kids. They've put three months of hard work in. Just to finish the season and make it here was an accomplishment."

SCOREBOARD



Scrum's On

Ireland's Paul O'Connell, 2nd left, and Ronan O'Gara, right, challenge for the ball with Italy's Leonardo Ghiraldini and Antonio Pavanello during the 6 Nations rugby union match at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin, Ireland, Saturday.

Odds

NCAA BASKETBALL

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at South Florida	2	Cincinnati
at Cent. Michigan	9	N. Illinois
at Louisville	8	Pittsburgh
at Denver	9½	North Texas
California	2½	at Colorado
at Illinois	8	Iowa
at Miami	3	Florida St.
at Oregon St.	4	Oregon
at Marist	PK	Niagara
at Siena	9½	Canisius
at Iona	22	St. Peter's
Fairfield	3½	at Rider
at Manhattan	2½	Loyola (Md.)
at Ohio St.	10½	Wisconsin
at Minnesota	PK	Indiana
at Ohio	4½	Akron

NBA All-Star Game at Orlando, Fla.

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
East	2½	(283)	West

NHL EASTERN

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	60	39	15	6	84	167	124
Pittsburgh	61	35	21	5	75	194	161
New Jersey	60	35	21	4	74	169	164
Philadelphia	60	33	20	7	73	198	183
N.Y. Islanders	61	26	27	8	60	144	179

NORTHEAST	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	60	37	20	3	77	200	139
Ottawa	62	29	23	8	72	193	190
Toronto	62	31	26	5	65	184	190
Buffalo	62	27	27	8	62	154	180
Montreal	62	24	28	10	58	167	179

SOUTHEAST	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Florida	60	28	20	12	68	149	167
Winnipeg	64	30	26	8	68	163	181
Washington	62	31	26	5	67	169	176
Tampa Bay	61	27	28	6	60	170	209
Carolina	62	23	26	13	59	162	187

WESTERN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT <td>PTS <td>GF</td> <td>GA</td> </td>	PTS <td>GF</td> <td>GA</td>	GF	GA
Detroit	63	41	19	3	85	197	149
St. Louis	62	38	17	7	83	158	125
Nashville	62	36	19	7	79	176	160
Chicago	63	33	23	7	73	192	186
Columbus	61	18	36	7	43	142	203

NORTHWEST	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Vancouver	62	40	16	6	86	201	151
Colorado	63	32	27	4	68	164	172
Calgary	61	28	23	10	66	146	165
Minnesota	61	27	25	9	63	135	160
Edmonton	61	24	31	6	54	162	181

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Phoenix	62	32	21	9	73	164	155
San Jose	60	32	21	7	71	174	155
Dallas	62	32	26	4	68	162	169
Los Angeles	62	28	22	12	68	133	135
Anaheim	61	26	25	10	62	157	173

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, 50
Buffalo 2, Boston 1, 50
Vancouver 2, New Jersey 1
Washington 4, Montreal 1
Colorado 5, Columbus 0
Dallas 4, Minnesota 1

Saturday's Games

St. Louis 3, Winnipeg 2, 50
Florida 3, Carolina 2, 50
Pittsburgh 8, Tampa Bay 1
Phoenix 3, Edmonton 1
Washington 4, Toronto 2
Boston 3, Ottawa 3
N.Y. Rangers 3, Buffalo 2, OT
Colorado 4, Detroit 3
Los Angeles 4, Chicago 0
Nashville 6, San Jose 2
Philadelphia at Calgary, late

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 11 a.m.
Columbus at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 3 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 3 p.m.
San Jose at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 5 p.m.

Monday's Games

New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 5:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Nashville, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 7 p.m.

College Basketball

MEN'S SCORES

Far West
Arizona 65, UCLA 63
Arizona St. 56, Southern Cal 52
BYU 67, Portland 66
Gonzaga 65, San Diego 57
Long Beach St. 64, UC Riverside 40
Montana 57, Montana St. 47
New Mexico St. 79, San Jose St. 68
Oral Roberts 73, S. Utah 71
Sacramento St. 70, Idaho St. 67
San Diego St. 74, Colorado St. 66
UC Davis 78, Cal St.-Fullerton 75
UNLV 68, Air Force 58
Utah 58, Stanford 57
Utah Valley 74, Texas-Pan American 65
Washington 59, Washington St. 55
Wyoming 64, Boise St. 54

Midwest
Bowling Green 74, Kent St. 58
Cleveland St. 77, Wright St. 60
Creighton 61, Indiana St. 55
Dayton 76, UMass 43
Detroit 76, Michigan St. 74
E. Michigan 61, Ball St. 50
Evansville 75, Missouri 70, OT
Green Bay 71, Ill.-Chicago 63
IPFW 76, UMKC 73
Illinois St. 54, Bradley 53
Iowa St. 65, Kansas St. 61
Kansas St. 67, Missouri 86, OT
Michigan St. 62, Nebraska 34
Milwaukee 78, Loyola of Chicago 69
N. Iowa 65, Illinois 61
North Dakota 66, Houston Baptist 62
Oakland 84, South Dakota 77
Providence 73, DePaul 71
Purdue 75, Michigan 61
S. Dakota St. 75, IUPUI 64
Toledo 83, W. Michigan 74
Urbana 59, Chicago St. 55
W. Illinois 71, Dakota St. 64
Wichita St. 81, Drake 58
Xavier 65, Richmond 57

Southwest
Baylor 70, Oklahoma 60
Cent. Arkansas 64, SE Louisiana 63
Houston 62, SMU 59
Lamar 72, Sam Houston St. 49
Oklahoma St. 60, Texas A&M 42
Purdue 76, Alabama A&M 52
Stephen F. Austin 74, Texas A&M-Ct 41
TCU 83, New Mexico 64
Texas 71, Texas Tech 67, OT
Texas Southern 67, Alabama St. 59
Texas St. 66, UTSA 52
Texas-Arlington 79, Northwestern St. 70
UALR 62, Arkansas St. 60

South
Alabama 67, Mississippi St. 50
Alcorn St. 60, Southern U. 40
Ark.-Pine Bluff 46, Jackson 94
Austin Peay 67, Auburn 71
Arkansas 77, Auburn 71
Belmont 62, Mercer 61
Chattanooga Southern 65, Radford 59
Chattanooga 86, Samford 78
Clemson 72, NC State 69, OT
Coastal Carolina 81, VMI 64
Coll. of Charleston 55, The Citadel 47
Davidson 71, Georgia Southern 54
Delaware St. 63, Howard 46
Drexel 73, Old Dominion 72
Duke 70, Virginia Tech 65, OT
E. Kentucky 86, E. Illinois 74
ETSU 84, Florida Gulf Coast 71
FIU 93, UNC Greensboro 79
Flu 81, South Alabama 74
Georgia 76, Florida 62
Georgia St. 64, William & Mary 60

Georgia Tech 63, Maryland 61

Hampton 74, Florida A&M 59
Jacksonville 57, UT-Martin 46
James Madison 65, Towson 59
Kentucky 83, Vanderbilt 74
Liberty 49, Campbell 41
Lipscomb 74, Kennesaw St. 71
Louisiana Tech 84, Hawaii 67
Louisiana-Monroe 78, Louisiana-Lafayette 60
MVU 79, Grambling St. 60
Md.-Eastern Shore 58, Morgan St. 57
Memphis 87, Marshall 67
Mississippi 72, LSU 48
Morehead St. 76, SIU-Edwardsville 61
Murray St. 69, Tennessee Tech 64
NC A&T 79, SC State 75
Nicholls 78, McNeese St. 75
Norfolk St. 75, Bethune-Cookman 72
North Carolina 54, Virginia 51
Presbyterian 68, Gardner-Webb 62
SC-Upstate 90, Stetson 72
Savannah St. 60, NC Central 47
Southern Miss. 58, Rice 56
St. Bonaventure 72, Charlotte 56
Tennessee 73, South Carolina 64
Troy 83, FAU 82
Tulsa 73, Tulane 69
UAB 61, East Carolina 57
UCF 63, UTEP 45
UNC Asheville 67, Winthrop 55
VCU 89, George Mason 77
W. Carolina 83, Appalachian St. 75
W. Kentucky 73, Middle Tennessee 67
Wake Forest 85, Boston College 56
Wofford 67, Furman 52

East

American U. 76, Lafayette 69
Boston U. 64, Hartford 55
Brown 94, Columbia 78
Bucknell 64, Navy 55
Buffalo 84, Miami (Ohio) 74
CCSU 78, Wagner 61
Delaware 82, Northeastern 72
Fairleigh Dickinson 45, St. Francis (NY) 44
Fordham 67, La Salle 62
George Washington 56, Duquesne 51
Georgetown 67, Villanova 46
Hofstra 93, UNC Wilmington 64
Holy Cross 65, Colgate 58
Lehigh 74, Army 72, OT
Montana 77, Montana St. 59
Mount St. Mary's L, Bryant 68
NIJT 94, Longwood 51
Northwestern 67, Penn St. 66
Penn 55, Harvard 54
Princeton 85, Dartmouth 61
Quinnipiac 73, Robert Morris 69
Rhode Island 64, Saint Joseph's 62
Rutgers 77, Seton Hall 72, OT
Sacred Heart 72, St. Francis (Pa.) 57
Saint Joseph's 82, Temple 72
St. John's 61, Notre Dame 58
Syracuse 71, UConn 69
Vermont 80, UMass 49
Yale 71, Cornell 40

WOMEN'S SCORES

Far West
Boise St. 61, Wyoming 53
Cal Poly 70, CS Northridge 56
Cal St.-Fullerton 58, UC Irvine 44
California 64, Colorado 43
Colorado St. 68, San Diego St. 65
Gonzaga 78, BYU 60
Idaho St. 63, E. Washington 50
Montana 77, Montana St. 59
N. Colorado 62, Weber St. 54
Oral Roberts 55, Utah 47
Oregon St. 68, Oregon 53
Sacramento St. 84, Portland St. 82
Saint Mary's (Cal) 63, Pepperdine 60
San Diego St. 57, Portland 40
Santa Clara 69, San Francisco 62
Southern Cal 59, Arizona St. 53
Stanford 69, Utah 42
TCU 63, New Mexico 52
UC Davis 65, Pacific 61
UC Santa Barbara 47, Long Beach St. 35
UCLA 72, Arizona 58
UNLV 86, Air Force 48
Utah St. 85, Idaho 63

Midwest
Bowling Green 64, Miami (Ohio) 55
Cent. Michigan 66, W. Michigan 53
Detroit 67, Youngsboro 61
E. Michigan 74, Ball St. 43
Green Bay 78, Butler 53
Kent St. 77, Akron 76
Loyola of Chicago 70, Ill.-Chicago 66
Milwaukee 50, Valparaiso 31
Missouri 61, Kansas St. 56, OT
N. Dakota St. 73, W. Illinois 53
Notre Dame 80, South Florida 68
S. Dakota St. 66, IUPUI 59
Toledo 49, N. Illinois 39
UConn 85, Marquette 65
UMKC 79, IPFW 62
West Virginia 66, Cincinnati 62
Wright St. 100, Cleveland St. 73

Southwest
Alabama A&M 61, Prairie View 49
Alabama St. 52, Texas Southern 51
Oklahoma St. 71, Iowa St. 63
Sam Houston St. 72, Lamar 59
Stephen F. Austin 72, Texas A&M-Ct 60
Texas 87, Oklahoma 62
Texas A&M 79, Texas Tech 51
Texas St. 87, UTSA 67
Texas-Pan American 71, Utah Valley 70, OT
UALR 59, Arkansas St. 43

South
Appalachian St. 57, Samford 53
Austin Peay 88, SE Missouri 84
Bethune-Cookman 83, Norfolk St. 73
Charleston Southern 70, Coastal Carolina 55
Chattanooga 65, Davidson 48
Coll. of Charleston 68, Furman 61
E. Illinois 79, E. Kentucky 76
Elon 72, Wofford 59
FIU 68, Troy 67
FIU 58, South Alabama 55, OT
Florida Gulf Coast 71, ETSU 64
Hampton 46, Florida A&M 43
High Point 60, Presbyterian 53
Howard 67, Delaware St. 52
Jackson St. 62, Ark.-Pine Bluff 45
Liberty 76, Gardner-Webb 44
Lipscomb 72, Kennesaw St. 64
Louisiana Tech 64, New Mexico St. 50
Louisiana-Lafayette 82, Louisiana-Monroe 65
Louisville 76, DePaul 62
MVU 67, Grambling St. 63
McNeese St. 61, Nicholls 51, 49
Md.-Eastern Shore 74, Morgan St. 58
Mercer 73, Belmont 66
NC A&T 101, SC State 61
North Florida 46, Jacksonville 44
Northwestern St. 86, Texas-Arlington 70
Radford 79, UNC Asheville 67
SC-Upstate 81, Stetson 68
SE Louisiana 58, Cent. Arkansas 53
SIU-Edwardsville 72, Morehead St. 70, OT
Savannah St. 59, NC Central 43
Southern U. 35, Alcorn St. 32
Tennessee Tech 88, Murray St. 52
UT-Martin 87, Jacksonville St. 51
W. Carolina 55, Georgia Southern 46
Winthrop 67, Campbell 66, OT

East
American U. 58, Lafayette 54
Boston U. 57, Hartford 52
Brown 75, Columbia 63
Buffalo 61, Ohio 56
CCSU 79, Wagner 66
Dayton 74, Duquesne 69, OT
Georgetown 65, Syracuse 62
Harvard 57, Penn 53
Holy Cross 74, Colgate 72
Lehigh 56, Army 47
Maine 45, Stony Brook 40
Monmouth (NJ) 55, LIU 54
Mount St. Mary's 71, Bryant 63
Navy 60, Bucknell 61
New Hampshire 59, Binghamton 52, OT
Princeton 94, Dartmouth 57
Rutgers 68, Providence 47
Sacred Heart 65, St. Francis (Pa.) 61
Seton Hall 63, Pittsburgh 39
St. Bonaventure 58, Rhode Island 37
St. Francis (NY) 62, Fairleigh Dickinson 42
St. John's 69, Villanova 49
Temple 71, La Salle 44
UMBC 67, Vermont 60
Yale 62, Cornell 58

Marana, Ariz. Yardage: 7,791

Quarterbacks
Seeds in parentheses
Mark Wilson (40), United States, def. Peter Hanson (33), Sweden, 4 and 3
Hunter Mahan (21), United States, def. Matt Kuchar (13), United States, 6 and 5
Rory McIlroy (2), Northern Ireland, def. Bae Sang-moon (42), South Korea 3 and 2
Lee Westwood (3), England, def. Martin Laird (38), Scotland, 3 and 2

WGC-ACCENTURE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP TEE TIMES

Sunday
All Times EST
At Dove Mountain, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club Marana, Ariz.
Yardage: 7,791

Seminals

Seeds in parentheses
9:05 a.m. — Mark Wilson (40), United States, vs. Hunter Mahan (21), United States.
9:20 a.m. — Rory McIlroy (2), Northern Ireland, vs. Lee Westwood (3), England.
Consolation: 1:50 p.m.
Final: 2:05 p.m.

NASCAR DAYTONA 500 LINEUP

After Thursday Qualifying
Race Sunday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap Length: 2.5 Miles
(Car Number in Parentheses)

1. (97) Carl Edwards, Ford, 194.738.
2. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 194.087.
3. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 193.607.
4. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 193.245.
5. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 194.028.
6. (78) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 191.063.
7. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 192.959.
8. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 193.449.
9. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 192.777.
10. (33) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 191.277.
11. (98) Michael McDowell, Ford, 190.999.
12. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 192.868.
13. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 192.914.
14. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 191.873.
15. (22) A. Almirola, Chevrolet, 193.121.
16. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 193.803.
17. (7) Robby Gordon, Dodge, 188.229.
18. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 193.224.
19. (11) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 191.84.
20. (9) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 192.583.
21. (6) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 192.665.
22. (55) Mark Martin, Toyota, 193.503.
23. (2) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 192.992.
24. (36) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 191.506.
25. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 193.249.
26. (56) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 193.665.
27. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 193.382.
28. (51) Kurt Busch, Toyota, 191.363.
29. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 191.738.
30. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota.
31. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 191.127.
32. (47) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 190.022.
33. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 190.046.
34. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 191.16.
35. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 192.6.
36. (13) Casey Mears, Ford, 193.844.
37. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 193.374.
38. (93) David Reutimann, Toyota, 189.235.
39. (83) Landon Cassill, Toyota, 190.605.
40. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 192.615.
41. (26) Tony Rames, Ford, 192.534.
42. (30) David Stremmie, Toyota, 191.963.
43. (32) Terry Labonte, Ford, Past Champion.

Failed To Qualify

44. (40) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 191.18.
45. (23) Robert Richardson Jr., Toyota, 188.438.
46. (97) Bill Elliott, Toyota, 189.95.
47. (20) Mike Wallace, Ford, 189.853.
48. (19) Kenny Wallace, Toyota, 191.567.
49. (49) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 187.954.

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Saturday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap Length: 2.5 Miles
Lap Position in Parentheses

- (15) James Buescher, Chevrolet, 120 Laps, 94 Rating, 0 Points, 5114.288.
- (9) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 120, 109.5, 0, \$81,385.
- (3) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 120, 105.7, 42, \$79,228.
- (8) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 120, 81.6, 40, \$71,903.
- (5) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 120, 88.7, 39, \$65,388.
- (29) Taylor Malmgren, Toyota, 120, 58.4, 38, \$59,513.
- (29) Timmy Hill, Ford, 120, 63.9, 0, \$50,770.
- (8) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 120, 115.6, 0, \$49,695.
- (11) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 120, 110.7, 0, \$48,445.
- (14) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 120, 124.9, 0, \$51,770.
- (2) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 120, 87.7, 34, \$53,119.
- (39) Benny Gordon, Toyota, 120, 59.1, 32, \$46,020.
- (41) Danny Eland, Chevrolet, 120, 49.1, 31, \$52,013.
- (47) Josh Wey, Chevrolet, 120, 64.7, 0, \$45,220.
- (4) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 120, 110.5, 0, \$45,770.
- (22) Joey Logano, Toyota, 120, 97.9, 0, \$44,845.
- (3) Blake Koch, Ford, 120, 50.4, 27, \$50,838.
- (61) Kyle Busch, Toyota, Accident, 119, 13.7, 0, \$44,445.
- (10) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, Accident, 119, 82.4, 25, \$51,588.
- (6) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 119, 94.9, 25, \$50,963.
- (21) Johanna Long, Chevrolet, 119, 47.9, 23, \$50,513.
- (22) Eric McClure, Toyota, 118, 64.2, 22, \$50,213.
- (27) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, Accident, 116, 88.6, 22, \$50,338.
- (24) (39) T.J. Bell, Chevrolet, Accident, 115, 375, 20, \$49,913.
- (25) (36) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 115, 61.4, 19, \$50,238.
- (26) (24) David Ragan, Ford, Accident, 113, 50.6, 0, \$43,170.
- (27) (61) Michael Annett, Ford, Accident, 113, 67.7, 0, \$49,538.
- (28) (28) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 112, 84.7, 16, \$49,445.
- (35) Joey Gase, Ford, 108, 38.9, 15, \$49,363.
- (36) Kenny Wallace, Toyota, Accident, 104, 71.8, 15, \$49,538.
- (31) Ryan Truex, Chevrolet, Accident, 104, 58.8, 13, \$42,595.
- (27) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, Accident, 103, 778, 0, \$42,520.
- (32) Justin Algaier, Chevrolet, Accident, 103, 55.

Dietrich Survives, Clinches State Ticket

BY DAVID BASHORE
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GLENNS FERRY • As Jakob Howard and the Dietrich Blue Devils celebrated with fans and family on Saturday, suddenly the 26-for-55 free-throw output didn't matter.

Nor did the fact that Dietrich had blown a seemingly safe eight-point lead.

Only one stat mattered in the aftermath: the Blue Devils ended with more points than the other guys.

It took double overtime, but Dietrich held its nerve and survived Tri-Valley's onslaught for a 69-62 win that gave the Blue Devils the eighth and final ticket to the Class 1A Division II state tournament.

After battling Tri-Valley through four quarters and four extra minutes, Howard decided to end the suspense in acrobatic fashion, leaping to tip in a Gray Weber miss off the double-OT tip and then soaring to reject a Titan shot at the other end.

"I thought that really would fire the team up and get things going again," said Howard, who had a 19-point, 12-rebound double-double to go with four steals and three blocked shots. "We just knew we had to keep it cool and we would have it."

Dietrich (18-5) led for most of the game, taking charge in the second quarter and not looking back until the Titans (10-13) made their move.

Tri-Valley was forced to foul early in the fourth, when it trailed by eight with four minutes left in regulation. The plan almost worked, as Dietrich's woeful free-throw performance allowed Rodney Hollon to tie the game by hitting a runner in the lane at the buzzer.

But the Titans couldn't get over the hump and end the game before the fouls began taking their toll. In total Tri-Valley committed 29 second-half fouls, leading to the loss of three players in its normally six-man rotation, including Alex Loveland and Ammon Southwick, who combined for 38 points.

In the end, Dietrich won the game at the same spot it nearly lost it: the foul line, with Howard and freshman Trey Dill going 8-for-12 in the extra sessions.

Those two wanted the ball when it seemed nobody else did, considering the team's foul-line struggles and Tri-Valley's clear intent to send the ball-handler to the stripe at every opportunity.

"We were supposed to get the ball to Jakob or Vance (Perron), because they were the only ones hitting their free throws at that point," said Dill, who was 7-for-8 from the line and scored 10 points. "We weren't able to do that, then Vance fouled out, so I just ended up getting the ball."

Dietrich now has to rest the tired legs for another run-and-gun team, District V-VI champion Shoban, at 6:15 p.m. Thursday at Caldwell High School.

DIETRICH 69, TRI-VALLEY 62, 2 OT
Dietrich 14 11 9 19 4 5-62
Tri-Valley 14 11 10 15 4 12-69
Springer 2, Hollon 16, Coda 3, Jensen 3, Loveland 14, Southwick 24. Totals 22 12-18 62.
DIETRICH (69)
Cooper Astle 3, Steven Kent 4, Logan Porter 4, Brody Astle 8, Trey Dill 10, Jakob Howard 19, Gray Weber 6, Vance Perron 8, Andrew Howard 5, Kayden Power 2. Totals 21 26-55 69.
3-point goals: Tri-Valley 6 (Southwick 3, Hollon, Coda, Loveland); Dietrich 1 (Dill). Total fouls: Tri-Valley 33, Dietrich 18. Fouled out: Springer, Loveland, Southwick, Perron.

CSI Men Escape in OT, Clinch SWAC Title

TIMES-NEWS

The Golden Eagles let another big halftime lead slip away.

And again, the College of Southern Idaho was fortunate to come away with a win over Scenic West Athletic Conference foe North Idaho.

CSI left snowy Coeur d'Alene with a 64-58 overtime win over the Cardinals, but the Golden Eagles didn't play the part of SWAC champions, squandering a 10-point halftime lead.

NIC's Kwame Bates made a floater with 1:16 left in regulation to tie the game at 48 — the first time the score had been tied since midway through the first half — as North Idaho closed regulation on an 8-0 run.

Fabyon Harris hit a jumper with 4:22 to play to put the Golden Eagles up 48-40, but CSI's offense went stagnant, settling for jump shots instead of attacking the rim like it did in the first half.

The Golden Eagles, however, started overtime on a 7-0 run, capped by a 3 from Harris to push the Golden Eagles up 55-48 with 2:50 left.

A Bates jumper ended the CSI run and NIC pulled to within four, but Gerson Santo and Harris hit their free throws down the stretch and No. 7 CSI clinched the regular season SWAC championship and No. 1 seed in the Region 18 Tournament in Salt Lake City March 8-10.

CSI (25-3, 11-2 SWAC) led 30-20 at halftime, but North Idaho (21-7, 7-6) continually chipped away at the lead. Petar Jokismovic hit a 3 with 6:15 remaining to pull the Cardinals within five at 45-40.

Antoine Hosley hit a scoop layup to make the score 48-44 and a Michael Middlebrooks dunk made the score 48-46 before Bates' floater.

CSI plays USU-Eastern Utah in Price, Utah, on Thursday to start the final weekend of the regular season.

North Idaho plays Colorado Northwestern Thursday and is tied with Salt Lake for third in the SWAC standings.



Harris

North Idaho Defeats CSI Women

TIMES-NEWS

North Idaho had a go-to player in the final minutes of the game.

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team didn't.

Cardinal freshman Katie Buskey scored 26 points, most coming in the second half, to lead North Idaho over CSI 69-63 and clinch the Scenic West Athletic Conference championship.

The Cardinals will be the No. 1 seed in the Region 18 Tournament March 8-10 in Salt Lake City, while CSI is currently settled into the No. 3 position with two games to play.

"That was a battle tonight. We didn't play bad, except for some key turnovers there late. North Idaho had more energy tonight than when they played at our house," said CSI head coach Randy

Rogers. "It's a tough place to play, it's a tough place to win. We've had two of their closest games here at home."

CSI lost a tight game in January 67-66 and like that matchup, the Golden Eagles couldn't stop the guard penetration of Buskey and Korina Baker.

A Buskey layup put North Idaho up 62-55 with about two minutes remaining, but Candace Prestwich hit her second 3 of the night out of timeout to pull the Golden Eagles within four.

Buskey, however, cleaned up an offensive rebound on the ensuing possession and made the put-back and free throw to complete the three-point play. Mechela Barnes hit a 3-pointer of her own after an NIC basket to bring the score to 67-63 with 20 seconds left, but



Carthen

the comeback attempt ended there after a CSI turnover.

"When we needed shots late, we didn't get them and Buskey stepped up and had a big game. Give them credit,"

Rogers said. "They hurt us with their dribble penetration. They ran that same offense they've always run, and we didn't switch screens when we needed to switch."

Chakala Carthen tried to will CSI (15-13, 7-6 Scenic West) to the win, scoring 20 of her team-leading 22 points in the second half. She also grabbed nine boards.

Mechela Barnes scored 20 points and Baker had 15 points and six assists for North Idaho (22-4, 11-2).

The Golden Eagles are at USU-Eastern Utah on Friday.

Six Local Hoopsters Selected for All-Star Game

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • Participants for the boys and girls 2012 Idaho state high school all-star basketball games were announced Friday by the North Idaho College athletic department, headlined by Twin Falls guard Eric Harr and Jerome forward Jake Hollifield, who were the only two boys selected from the Magic Valley.

The ninth annual statewide all-star games event is for high school seniors, with the North team consisting of players from District 1 and 2, and the South team consisting of players from the rest of the state.

The girls team has four selections from the area: Katelyn Peterson, Camas County; Sydney Webb, Declo; Moriah Dill, Dietrich and Kaitana Martinez, Wood River. Mar-

tinez's teammate, Haylee Thompson, was selected as an alternate.

Players were chosen by a selection committee of sports writers and broadcasters from throughout the state. The committee selected 12 players, two alternates and coaches for the four teams.

The games are scheduled for March 17 at North Idaho College.

I Work Out: Rockies CF Fowler Adds 13 Pounds

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. • Colorado Rockies center fielder Dexter Fowler spent his off-season undergoing a physical transformation.

He worked out with teammates Jason Giambi and Troy Tulowitzki along with a trainer for two months in Las Vegas. Fowler worked on his explosiveness, lifted weights more and ate healthier.

He enters spring training 13 pounds heavier than a year ago, but he also lost 4 percent of his body fat. He's listed at 6 feet, 4 inches and 190 pounds.

"It was good to be with some teammates to challenge each other," Fowler said. "It'll help my explosiveness, my jumps, my durability, my endurance."

Fowler's added strength has made an impression on his manager.

"(He) looks better physically than he's ever looked since he signed his name on a sheet of paper to become a professional player," manager Jim Tracy said. "That's leadership by example."

off hitter, is looking to carry a strong second half from 2011 into this season. After the All-Star break, he hit .288 with a .381 on-base percentage and stole 10 bases. Before the All-Star break, he batted .238 with a .340 on-base percentage and stole two bases.

Fowler, who turns 26 on March 22, said he just relaxed and made adjustments at the plate that allowed him to see the ball better.

After spending time on the disabled list with an abdominal strain, he was optioned to Triple-A Colorado Springs on June 20 to work on his swing. He played 24 games in the minors before returning to the Rockies and producing a better second half.

"I believe things happen for a reason," Fowler said. "My ability has always been there. It's just a matter of clearing my head and going on from there."

Despite the slow start to last season, Fowler tied a career high for batting average (.266) and set career highs for triples (15), RBIs (45) and runs (84) in his third full ma-

jour league season.

"Just build on that and go on from there," he said. "Ending the season, I was in a good place."

After Fowler spent time in the minors in 2010 and 2011 while he struggled with his offense, Tracy hopes the outfielder can flourish in the big leagues the way he did late last season.

"Have we had to go back to the drawing board a little bit? A couple times — 2010 we went back, and went back again last year. Now hopefully school's over and we can move forward and allow him to take what he's physically done to himself and pick up where he left off," Tracy said. "If all these things unfold in that matter, Dexter Fowler has a chance to have a pretty special season."

One area where Fowler is dangerous is on the basepaths. While working out with Tulowitzki and Giambi in the offseason, Fowler honed his explosiveness by training with sleds. He stole a career-high 27 bases in 2009, but finished with just 13 in 2010 and 12 last season.

Heartbreak for Hansen in Close Play-in Loss

BY PATRICK SHELTRA
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MOUNTAIN HOME • By any measurement, this was a classic high school basketball game.

By Hansen's perspective, this was a classic case of heartbreak.

The Huskies came up a few points short in a high-scoring affair, losing 88-84 to Liberty Charter despite 31 points from sharp-shooting sophomore Seth Williams. Instead of a trip to the Class 1A Division I state tournament next weekend, it's heading home time for the Huskies.

"I'm not blaming anybody," Hansen coach Mike Pfeifer said. "There's nothing to blame. These kids battled, they battled hard all year long. I couldn't be prouder."

In the end, it was Liberty Charter center Dominic Hulse who was the difference. The 6-6 junior got his Hansen counterpart, sophomore Devon Fitzsimmons, in early foul trouble and often found himself being guarded by players a half-foot shorter. He finished with 30 points, almost exclusively from 5 feet from the basket or the foul stripe, where he was 10 of 14.

"Fitzsimmons got into foul trouble and that was difficult for them," Patriots coach Seth Stallcop said. "It was certainly a difference-maker."

After Fitzsimmons fouled out with 3 minutes to play, Liberty Charter built its lead to 10 before Hansen made its last push, going on a 9-2 run to get within three at 79-76.

Hulse made 1 of 2 free throws with 24 seconds left to allow Hansen, trailing by just three, a chance to tie the game. But a turnover under the basket with 15.3 seconds left proved fatal, with Ryan Linford scoring the last of

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Mike Pfeifer,
Hansen coach

his 17 points from the line to give his team a five-point lead.

Pete Veenstra hit a 3 with 6 seconds left, but a baseball pass to a wide open Jonah Terberry was good for the final points as the buzzer sounded. He finished with 24 points.

"That was tough, a hard-fought game," said Stallcop, whose team improved to 22-2 and earned a date with undefeated Genesee in the first round of the state tournament.

While the Patriots were strongest in the paint and in the open floor, Hansen's backcourt of Williams and Devon Spearing (21 points) was phenomenal. It wasn't until the Patriots were able to limit Williams' touches late (just five fourth-quarter points) and keep Spearing from driving into the key and getting to the line (9 of 15) that they were able to pull away late and get the win.

Hansen closed its season at 12-12, one win short of becoming the first Husky team in seven years to reach state in any sport.

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LIBERTY CHARTER 88,

HANSEN 84
Hansen 19 24 16 25-84
Liberty Charter 23 18 21 26-88
HANSEN (84)
Spearing 21, Williams 31, Arevalo 4, Veenstra 12, Urie 2, Fitzsimmons 12, Cummings 2. Totals 32 14-23 84.
LIBERTY CHARTER (88)
Gangwer 8, Terberry 24, Fowler 2, Linford 17, Cille 3, Hulse 30, Washburn 2. Totals 30 22-31 88.
3-point goals: Hansen 6 (Williams 3, Spearing 2, Veenstra), Liberty Charter 6 (Terberry 4, Gangwer, Linford). Team fouls: Hansen 25, Liberty Charter 19. Fouled out: Fitzsimmons.

"Our guards were draining 3s left and right. It was unbelievable. You kicked it out to them and it seemed like it was in (the basket already). They were just on fire."

Jake Hollifield, Jerome basketball player

Jerome

Continued from Sports 1

Conversely, the little things hurt the Knights. Bokan's carrying violation with 31.3 seconds left and Bishop Kelly down four was "interesting," according to coach Larry Crump, as were a few moving screens that were called offensive fouls.

"I'd like to have a couple of those back," Crump said. "But they shot the ball so well. They're well coached. ... We didn't shoot well and they shot lights out. If those guys shoot like that, they'll be playing for the championship."

Indeed, Jerome's first-half offense belonged in an art gallery. Hollifield scored the Tigers' first six points, and when Bishop Kelly (18-7) started sagging on the 6-6 senior, that left the perimeter wide open. Leavitt hit all four of his 3s in the first half, part of the Tigers' 7 of 11 marksmanship. Even by cooling off in the second half, the Tigers still shot 8 of 17 from 3 for the game.

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was in (the basket already). They were just on fire."

Leading 34-25 at halftime, Jerome knew a run was coming from the Knights, and Luke Meyers scored six of his 10 points in a quarter-closing 10-4 run that got his team within two points heading into the final quarter.

Bishop Kelly's only second-half lead came on Spencer King's layup with 4 minutes, 32 seconds left in the game to make the score 47-46. But Geist snuck in the lane, rebounded a Hollifield miss and scored on the ensuing possession to give Jerome (20-5) the lead for good. It remained a one-possession game until his free throws with 40.4 seconds left.

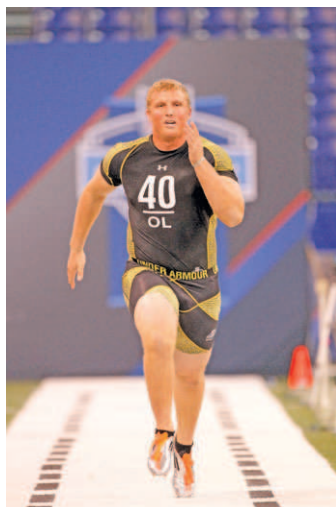
Jerome opens the state tournament with an 8 p.m. date against Rigby Thursday at Borah High School.

JEROME 60,

BISHOP KELLY 52
Jerome 17 16 8 18-60
Bishop Kelly 18 8 15 12-52
JEROME (60)
Espinoza 5, Leavitt 16, Geist 10, Kennedy 5, Gratzler 3, Hollifield 21. Totals 21-46 10-13 60.
BISHOP KELLY (52)
Brady 4, Johnson 13, Bokan 1, L. Meyers 10, Bruce 4, Simmons 10, King 4, J. Meyers 6. Totals 21-40 8-12 52.
3-point goals: Jerome 8-17 (Leavitt 4, Geist, Espinoza, Kennedy, Gratzler), Bishop Kelly 2-10 (Simmons 2), Rebounds: Jerome 27 (Hollifield 14), Bishop Kelly 22 (Johnson 7), Assists: Jerome 15 (Espinoza, Leavitt, Geist, Kennedy 3), Bishop Kelly 13 (Bokan 4), Turnovers: Jerome 7, Bishop Kelly 10. Total fouls: Jerome 10, Bishop Kelly 14.



Boise State offensive lineman Nate Potter runs the 40-yard dash at the NFL football scouting combine in Indianapolis, Saturday.



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Numbers Don't Lie For Kellen Moore

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INDIANAPOLIS • Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore won 50 games in college, the most in Football Bowl Subdivision history, and ranks in the top five in FBS history for TD passes, yards passing, pass efficiency rating and completion percentage.

The numbers don't lie about Moore's productivity.

They also don't seem to matter to NFL scouts, who are more concerned with his height. Moore said he measured in at exactly 6-foot, a critical number, and less than 200 pounds Friday at the combine.

Moore would rather the scouts focus on what he's able to do on the field.

"There's a lot of ways to evaluate a quarterback," he said. "Some evaluate it and put a lot of emphasis on that. That's fine. Smile, and move on."

And he compares himself to another quarterback that was supposed to be too small to play in the league — Drew Brees of New Orleans.

"I love watching the way he plays, the way he moves in the pocket," Moore said. "He's constantly moving, doing a tremendous job of finding lanes and throwing the ball down field."

SOONER TIME: Oklahoma won the unofficial track meet at the NFL's scouting combine Saturday.

James Hanna ran the 40-yard dash in 4.49 seconds, the fastest time by a tight end. Another Sooner, Donald Stephenson, had the fastest time among offensive linemen with a 4.94.

Stephenson and Southern California's Matt Kalil accomplished a rare feat for linemen, completing the sprint in less than five seconds. Kalil's 4.99 could help cement his spot as the No. 1 offensive tackle in the April draft. Only five offensive linemen finished in less than five seconds in the previous two years.

Stephenson, a 6-foot-6, 312-pound tackle, also had the best vertical jump by a lineman (35½ inches) and

the longest broad jump (9 feet, 6 inches).

IN THE MARKET: Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum still likes Mark Sanchez as his starting quarterback.

He also made it clear this week that Sanchez needs to improve in 2012.

"We're fortunate he's our starter," Tannenbaum said. "You look at the balance of his three years, four road playoff wins, there's a lot of good there. With that said, he has to play better. He has to play more consistent."

And the Jets will consider their options this offseason, possibly even Peyton Manning if he becomes a free agent.

Coach Rex Ryan said Thursday he would consider bringing in a veteran free agent or perhaps drafting another quarterback, but he, too, has been supportive of Sanchez, who has come under increasing scrutiny inside and outside the organization.

"We will do always what's in the best interest of our organization," Ryan said. "For us, that means we are going to be prepared. We're going to look at any possibility that is out there, that, is perceived otherwise, we will look at all the possibilities."

GOLDEN CHILD?: Saturday wasn't the first time Oklahoma State defensive end Jamie Blatnick was asked whether he was related to 1984 Olympic gold medal-winning wrestler Jeff Blatnick.

Apparently, it's been a joking matter for years in Blatnick's family.

"My dad (Anton) says I am," Blatnick said when asked if he and the Olympian were related. "Honestly, I don't know. I might be. Why not? I don't think there are very many Blatnicks. My dad has newspaper clippings up in the top of his closet of when he won the Olympic Gold. It's just one thing he showed me a long time ago — 10 or 15 years ago. I guess I could look into it — ancestry.com. But I'm not going to pay for it."

TOP 25 COLLEGE HOOPS ROUNDUP



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Missouri guard Michael Dixon (11) holds his head while Kansas guard Travis Releford waves a towel in celebration following an NCAA college basketball game in Lawrence, Kan., Saturday. Kansas defeated Missouri 87-86 in overtime.

Kansas Wins Border War

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LAWRENCE, Kan. • Kansas and Missouri kept their storied rivalry alive just a little bit longer.

Tyshawn Taylor and Thomas Robinson made it a memorable ending for Kansas.

Robinson kept the game going with a three-point play in the closing seconds of regulation, and Taylor's two free throws with 8.3 seconds left in overtime gave the fourth-ranked Jayhawks an 87-86 victory over No. 3 Missouri on Saturday in their final scheduled regular-season matchup.

The Tigers, who blew a 19-point second-half lead, never got a potential winning shot off in the closing seconds. They will head off to the Southeastern Conference next season with a bitter taste in their mouths.

NO. 1 KENTUCKY 83, VANDERBILT 74

LEXINGTON, Ky. • Freshman Anthony Davis scored a career-high 28 points on 10-of-11 shooting, and No. 1 Kentucky won the Southeastern Conference regular season title for the 45th time.

The Wildcats (28-1, 14-0) have won 51 straight at home and are on a 20-game winning streak overall. But Kentucky trailed at halftime and needed a late surge to put away the scrappy Commodores.

NO. 2 SYRACUSE 71, CONNECTICUT 69

STORRS, Conn. • Fab Melo's follow-up dunk with 31 seconds left lifted No. 2 Syracuse over Connecticut on Saturday night and clinched the Big East regular season title for the Orange.

NO. 5 DUKE 70, VIRGINIA TECH 65, OT

DURHAM, N.C. • Austin Rivers scored 23 points and Seth Curry added 19 for Duke.

Miles Plumlee added 15 rebounds and two free throws with 9.6 seconds left

for the Blue Devils (25-4, 12-2), who made 6 of 8 foul shots in the final minute of overtime to win their sixth straight and remain atop the Atlantic Coast Conference standings.

NO. 6 MICHIGAN STATE 62, NEBRASKA 34

EAST LANSING, Mich. • Draymond Green had 20 points and 10 rebounds to help No. 6 Michigan State beat Nebraska on Saturday night for its seventh straight victory.

NO. 7 NORTH CAROLINA 54, NO. 25 VIRGINIA 51

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. • Tyler Zeller scored 20 points, including a critical dunk with 13.3 seconds left and the shot clock winding down, as North Carolina swept the season series.

NO. 9 GEORGETOWN 67, VILLANOVA 46

WASHINGTON • Freshman Otto Porter had 15 points and six rebounds in his second start of the season and Jason Clark had 15 points and six rebounds for Georgetown.

GEORGIA 76, NO. 12 FLORIDA 62

ATHENS, Ga. • Freshman Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 18 points and Gerald Robinson added 15 as Georgia snapped Florida's three-game winning streak.

NO. 13 BAYLOR 70, OKLAHOMA 60

WACO, Texas • Former College of Southern Idaho guard Pierre Jackson scored 18 points, including the tiebreaking 3-pointer that started Baylor's game-deciding spurt.

The game was tied for the 12th time before Jackson's 3 put the Bears (24-5, 11-5 Big 12) up 49-46 with 10:48 left. That started a 13-2 run that was capped by consecutive 3-pointers by Brady Heslip, who had 16 points.

NO. 14 MURRAY ST. 80, TENNESSEE ST. 62

NASHVILLE, Tenn. • Isaiah

Canaan scored 16 of his 24 points in the first half, and No. 14 Murray State routed Tennessee State on Thursday night, avenging the Racers' lone loss this season.

TCU 83, NO. 18 NEW MEXICO 64

FORT WORTH, Texas • Amric Fields scored eight consecutive points for TCU in a 48-second span in their tiebreaking run and the Horned Frogs upset another ranked team at home, beating No. 18 and Mountain West leader New Mexico.

NO. 19 WICHITA ST. 81, DRAKE 58

WICHITA, Kan. • Ben Smith scored 18 points to lead Wichita State.

Garrett Stutz added 15 points and Toure Murry chipped in 14 for Wichita State (26-4, 16-2), which had already clinched the Missouri Valley regular season championship.

ST. JOHN'S 61, NO. 20 NOTRE DAME 58

NEW YORK • Moe Harkless had 22 points and nine rebounds to lead St. John's to its first win over a ranked team in 11 games this season.

D'Angelo Harrison added 15 points for St. John's (13-16, 6-10 Big East), while Amir Garrett had 11, including the drive that gave the Red Storm a 61-58 lead with 8.9 seconds to play.

NO. 21 UNLV 68, AIR FORCE 58

LAS VEGAS • Chace Stanback scored 21 points to lead UNLV.

Stanback scored 13 points in the first half for UNLV (24-6, 8-4 Mountain West), including his first three 3-point attempts. He had eight rebounds and finished 5 of 7 from 3-point range.

SAINT JOSEPH'S 82, NO. 22 TEMPLE 72

PHILADELPHIA • Langston Galloway scored 22 points while Carl Jones and Ronald Roberts each added 18 to lead Saint Joseph's.

Daytona 500

Continued from Sports 1

Patrick, who walked away from a violent crash in Thursday's qualifying race.

Her car is owned by Stewart, the defending NASCAR champion who goes into Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500 with a disappointing 0-for-13 record in "The Great American Race." Stewart has been reminded every day since arriving in Daytona about his inability to win the big race here.

"It's not a good feeling to not have that tally in the win column," Stewart said. "Everything else we have pretty much accomplished in this sport that we want to accomplish. It's the biggest race of the year. Everyone wants to win that race. I won't say that it is not a complete career if you don't win it, but there is a lot of priority on this."

He has a tremendous opportunity once again.

Stewart, who closed last season with five victories in the final 10 races to win his third NASCAR title, has given no indication he's slowed down one bit during over the offseason. He lost the exhibition Budweiser Shootout last week when Kyle Busch passed him at the finish line, but rallied to dominate his qualifying race on Thursday.

The victory in the 150-mile race gave Stewart the third starting spot in the Daytona 500. And unlike years past, when he's hung around the back of the pack and waited to make his move, he's given every indication he wants to race hard Sunday.

His performance during SpeedWeeks, he believes, has made him the driver everyone should want to work with on the race track.

"I want those guys to see that we've got strength," he said. "I think it's an advantage to do that at this point of the game, showing that guys around you are going to hopefully want to be around you, and know that you've got a car that can stay up there, so they want to stay with you."

The irony is that Stewart has always been one of the strongest drivers at Daytona. His 17 victories at the track rank second only to the 34 tallied by the late Dale Earnhardt.

But like Earnhardt, it's the big race that's eluded Stewart. It took Earnhardt 20 tries to win the Daytona 500.

Hall of Famer Darrell Waltrip needed 17 attempts to win the Daytona 500. Mark Martin has never won this race. Neither have former NASCAR champions Terry Labonte, Bobby Labonte or Kurt Busch, a three-time runner-up and the guy who pushed Newman past Stewart in 2008.

"It's the race that can define a driver's career," Busch said. "It's a priority because of the prestigious value and what it can do long-term and the immediate impact. Like the Super Bowl, this race is our spectacle."

Stewart, meanwhile, has six top-10s in his 13 starts. But he's the only driver in NASCAR history with three or more championships who has never won the Daytona 500.

"I wouldn't trade three championships to win Daytona," said Stewart, who was also winless in his five Indianapolis 500 attempts.

"We've been leading late in these races, and so I feel like the law of averages, we're going to get one eventually. There have been a lot of them that have slipped away and slipped through our fingers. But we've had good luck here; we just haven't had that good luck during the 500 yet. So we'll just keep digging."

REGIONAL REOUNDUP

Wyoming Trumps Boise State

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LARAMIE, Wyo. • Francisco Cruz scored 16 points while Leonard Washington added a double-double of 15 points and 11 rebounds to help Wyoming snap a four-game losing streak with a 64-54 win over Boise State on Saturday.

Luke Martinez added 10 points for Wyoming (19-9, 5-7 Mountain West), which never trailed after taking an 8-6 lead on a 3-pointer by JayDee Luster.

Boise State (13-14, 3-9) was led by Kenny Buckner, who had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Anthony Drmic's 3-pointer drew Boise State within 39-36, but Cruz started a 13-4 run with two free throws and a layup, while Washington had a 3-pointer during the surge and hit a free throw to put Wyoming up 52-40 with 6:46 remaining.

Jeff Elorriaga's two free



Wyoming guard JayDee Luster, left, drives against Boise State's Tre Nichols (10) during an NCAA college basketball game on Saturday in Laramie, Wyo.

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throws cut the lead to 58-52 with two minutes left, but Wyoming made four straight free throws and Cruz hit a layup to account for the final margin.

UTAH 58, STANFORD 57

SALT LAKE CITY • Chris Hines scored 19 points, including the game-winning 3-pointer with 27 seconds

left, and Utah defeated the Stanford on Saturday to halt an eight-game losing streak.

The win provided a little salvation for the Utes (6-22, 3-13 Pac 12), who closed out the home portion of their inaugural Pac-12 campaign with a 6-9 record — their first losing mark at home in 38 years.

The game went down to the wire like the first meeting, which Stanford won 68-65 in Palo Alto, Calif.

Freshman Chasson Randle had a chance to win it for Stanford but missed a long 3-pointer at the buzzer.

BYU 76, PORTLAND 66

PROVO, Utah • Brandon

Davies scored 25 points and Brock Zylstra had 20 points and nine rebounds to lead BYU against Portland on Saturday.

Charles Abouo added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Cougars (24-7, 12-4 West Coast), who played without leading scorer Noah Hartsock (knee). BYU clinched the No. 3 seed in next week's WCC tournament and receives a bye to the quarterfinals.

SACRAMENTO STATE 70, IDAHO STATE 67

POCATELLO • Joe Eberhard scored 16 points and hit a 3-pointer with a second remaining.

Heath Hoffman added 15 points and nine rebounds for the Hornets (10-18, 5-11 Big Sky). Jackson Carbajal had 13 points and John Dickson 10.

Kenny McGowan had 30 points, made six 3-pointers and assisted on Melvin Morgan's jumper for the Bengals (9-19, 7-8) that tied the score with eight seconds left. Andre Hatchett added 13 points.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A few clouds today. High 37.

Tonight: Increasing clouds overnight. Low 23.

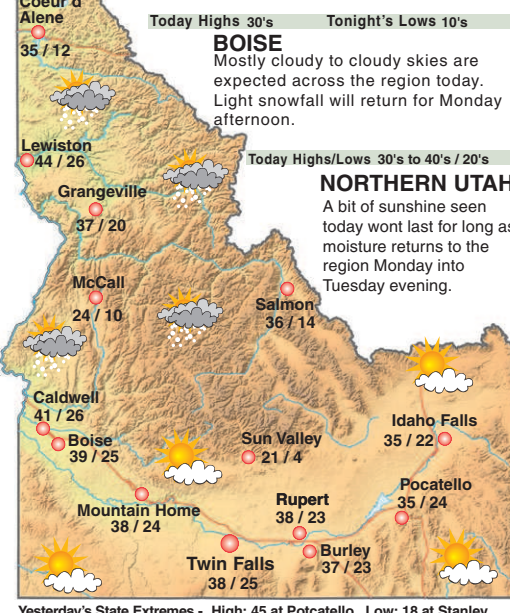
Tomorrow: Light snowfall is possible. High 35.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	42°	Yesterday's	0.04"
Yesterday's Low	30°	Month to Date	0.12"
Normal High / Low	46° / 24°	Avg. Month to Date	0.68"
Record High	65° in 1986	Water Year to Date	4.65"
Record Low	3° in 1962	Avg. Water Year to Date	4.39"

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Mostly cloudy skies will continue through the day today. Snowfall will return to the region Monday and stay through Wednesday.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
A few clouds	Partly cloudy skies	Mostly cloudy, snow showers	A partly cloudy day	Snow returns to the region	More snowfall is expected
High 38°	Low 25°	36° / 23°	39° / 28°	41° / 28°	36° / 28°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure		Sunrise and Sunset		
Yesterday's High	36°	Yesterday's	0.02"	Yesterday's High	86%	5 pm Yesterday	30.02 in.	Today	Sunrise: 7:19 AM	Sunset: 6:23 PM
Yesterday's Low	32°	Month to Date	0.38"	Yesterday's Low	30%	Today		Monday	Sunrise: 7:17 AM	Sunset: 6:25 PM
Normal High / Low	46° / 25°	Avg. Month to Date	0.83"	Today's Forecast Avg.	54%	Tuesday		Monday	Sunrise: 7:16 AM	Sunset: 6:26 PM
Record High	68° in 1986	Water Year to Date	4.63"	Record Low	7° in 1964	Avg. Water Year to Date	5.27"	Wednesday	Sunrise: 7:14 AM	Sunset: 6:27 PM
Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday										

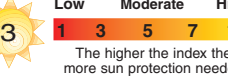
Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 9:09 AM	Moonset: 11:33 PM
Monday	Moonrise: 9:40 AM	Moonset: none
Tuesday	Moonrise: 10:17 AM	Moonset: 12:31 AM

Today's U. V. Index



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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	39 25 pc	39 22 ls	41 22 pc
Bonnets Ferry	36 11 ls	36 6 pc	36 6 ls
Burley	37 23 pc	35 19 ls	38 19 pc
Challis	32 12 pc	32 12 ls	34 12 pc
Coeur d'Alene	35 12 ls	35 10 pc	35 10 ls
Elko, NV	33 14 mc	35 12 ls	38 12 pc
Eugene, OR	46 28 mx	45 31 pc	47 31 r
Gooding	36 24 pc	33 21 ls	37 21 pc
Grace	26 14 pc	32 15 ls	29 15 ls
Hagerman	41 27 pc	38 25 ls	43 25 pc
Hailey	25 12 pc	29 12 ls	29 12 pc
Idaho Falls	35 22 pc	36 23 ls	36 23 ls
Kalispell, MT	34 15 ls	32 4 ls	31 4 pc
Jerome	36 23 pc	35 21 ls	37 21 pc
Lewiston	44 26 ls	44 25 pc	47 25 mx
Malad City	31 21 pc	36 22 mx	35 22 ls
Malta	34 22 pc	33 21 ls	36 21 pc
McCall	24 10 ls	27 4 ls	27 4 pc
Missoula, MT	38 22 ls	38 16 ls	35 16 pc
Pocatello	35 24 pc	36 24 ls	37 24 ls
Portland, OR	45 30 mx	46 32 pc	45 32 r
Rupert	38 23 pc	35 21 ls	39 21 pc
Rexburg	29 15 pc	31 17 ls	30 17 ls
Richland, WA	48 27 sh	46 27 pc	48 27 r
Riggins	27 17 mc	25 13 ls	30 13 pc
Salmon	36 14 ls	38 11 ls	37 11 pc
Salt Lake City, UT	40 32 pc	49 32 sh	40 32 ls
Spokane, WA	38 20 ls	37 19 pc	38 19 ls
Stanley	24 -3 ls	27 -4 ls	26 -4 pc
Sun Valley	21 4 pc	27 4 ls	25 4 pc
Yellowstone, MT	21 -7 ls	25 0 ls	23 0 ls

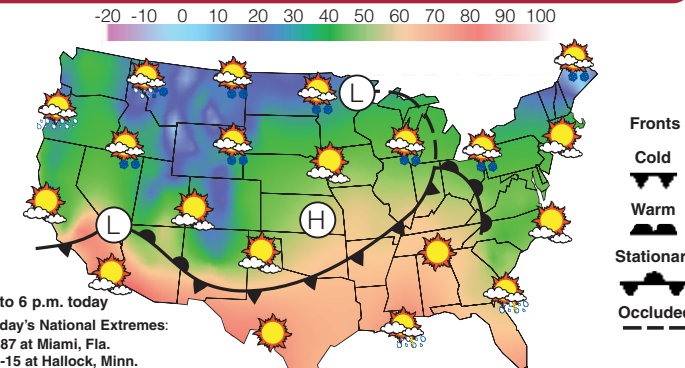
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	60 41 pc	62 47 pc
Baltimore	45 32 su	56 35 pc
Birmingham	59 43 pc	64 51 pc
Boston	38 28 su	47 34 pc
Charlotte, SC	55 48 sh	63 53 sh
Chicago	46 35 pc	43 33 pc
Cleveland	39 33 pc	44 30 pc
Denver	46 22 pc	45 29 pc
Des Moines	48 24 pc	37 29 pc
Detroit	38 33 pc	41 27 pc
El Paso	75 50 su	76 49 hz
Fairbanks	15 -4 ls	10 -18 ls
Fargo	28 7 sh	16 11 pc
Honolulu	79 68 sh	79 68 sh
Houston	65 56 pc	69 62 sh
Indianapolis	52 32 su	52 33 su
Jacksonville	56 57 sh	70 60 th
Kansas City	60 33 su	47 46 pc
Las Vegas	67 47 pc	57 38 sh
Little Rock	64 41 pc	62 49 sh
Los Angeles	64 50 pc	60 41 sh
Los Angeles	62 42 su	67 51 pc
Miami	80 74 sh	82 76 sh
Milwaukee	42 29 mc	37 28 pc
Nashville	59 38 pc	64 44 pc
New Orleans	63 52 r	68 61 sh
New York	46 35 su	53 36 pc
Oklahoma City	61 44 pc	60 51 sh
Omaha	50 23 pc	41 34 pc

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	86 74 pc	86 74 pc
Athens	60 46 pc	57 39 sh
Auckland	67 55 sh	71 55 sh
Bangkok	91 79 th	99 79 th
Beijing	43 28 pc	47 30 pc
Berlin	41 29 sh	43 33 pc
Buenos Aires	38 22 ls	37 57 pc
Cairo	67 46 sh	71 51 pc
Dhahran	68 60 sh	68 59 pc
Geneva	39 23 ls	40 23 pc
Hong Kong	67 64 sh	68 68 sh
Jerusalem	60 46 sh	67 51 pc
Johannesburg	81 57 th	77 50 pc
Kuwait City	64 51 pc	68 54 pc
London	54 42 pc	55 45 sh
Los Angeles	62 42 pc	67 51 pc
Mexico City	69 48 sh	71 48 sh
Moscow	29 19 pc	24 15 ls
Nairobi	84 55 pc	83 55 sh
Oslo	35 29 pc	35 34 ls
Paris	51 36 pc	53 45 pc
Prague	38 28 ls	40 31 ls
Rio de Janeiro	87 70 pc	88 68 sh
Rome	59 42 pc	56 42 pc
Santiago	86 55 pc	87 57 pc
Seoul	36 23 pc	39 27 pc
Sydney	85 69 pc	86 68 sh
Taipei	61 59 sh	63 58 sh
Tokyo	44 31 pc	43 35 pc
Vienna	43 29 ls	41 29 pc
Warsaw	38 28 ls	35 24 ls
Winnipeg	15 -3 ls	9 -2 pc
Zurich	34 7 ls	34 9 pc

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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NBA

Utah's Jeremy Evans Wins Slam Dunk Contest

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ORLANDO, Fla. • His nickname is the Human Pogo Stick and Utah's Jeremy Evans set out to put some bounce back into the Slam Dunk Contest.

Evans endeared himself to the fans with a mix of props and creativity, and they voted him the winner of one of the marquee events of the NBA's All-Star Saturday festivities.

Evans, who got into the competition as a replacement for injured New York guard Iman Shumpert, earned 29 percent of the 3 million votes cast by fans. He beat out Houston's Chase Budinger, Indiana's Paul George and Minnesota's Derrick Williams for the Jazz's first-ever trophy in the contest.

In a departure from past dunk competitions, fans were given complete voting power and cast their ballots by text message after each of the four participants competed in three one-dunk rounds.

Evans dunked with a camera on his head, slammed two basketballs while jumping over a seated assistant and donned a Karl Malone jersey while dunking over mailman-dressed comedian Kevin Hart.

Budinger got just as many cheers from the Amway Center fans as Evans, and some in the celebrity-filled crowd sighed when the winner was announced.

Budinger got his loudest cheer when he donned a Cedric Ceballos jersey and imitated his 1992 blindfolded dunk, completing it with a reverse slam.

Kevin Love knows something about dunking. He does most of his dirty work inside for the Minnesota Timberwolves, but he got to show off his outside touch on Saturday night.

Love beat out Oklahoma City star Kevin Durant to win the 3-Point Shootout.

The former UCLA star was consistent throughout, but had to survive a tiebreaker in the first round and sweat out the last few shots from Durant to pull out the 17-14 victory in the final.

Love is in the middle for a breakout year for Minnesota, averaging 25 points and 9.9 rebounds a game. But he also has connected on 49 of 143 3-point attempts for the Timberwolves.



Celebrities lined the court for the appetizer before Sunday's NBA All-Star game, and the first event saw the continuation of the good vibes that New York Knicks sensation Jeremy Lin has brought to the Big Apple recently.

With Knicks super fan Spike Lee looking on, Team New York had the touch from the outside and won the Shooting Stars event. Former Knicks star Allan Houston nailed his third attempt at a half-court shot to give his team consisting of current Knicks guard Landry Fields and Cappie Pondexter of the WNBA's New York Liberty the victory.

San Antonio point guard Tony Parker then won the Skills Competition. Parker was the only one of six participants to break 30 seconds in the first round (29.2) and this time of 32.8 in the final run on the obstacle course was better than Boston's Rajon Rondo (34.6) and New Jersey's Deron Williams (41.4).

Love was tied for third after the opening round of the Shootout and beat Miami's Mario Chalmers 5-4 in a tiebreaker. Defending champion James Jones led all shooters in the opening round with 22 and Durant was next with 20.

Orlando's Ryan Anderson just missed eliminating both Love and Chalmers, totaling 17 after missing his final 2-point money ball.

Love and Durant both had 16 in Round 2 to advance to the finals, with Jones posting 12.

Houston, Fields and Pondexter completed the shooting course in 37.3 seconds in the final round. It was better than the 47.6 posted by the Team Texas trio of former Houston Rockets star and TNT analyst Kenny Smith, current Rocket Chandler Parsons and Sophia Young of the San Antonio Silver Stars.

Team Orlando and Atlanta posted the slowest times of Round 1 and were eliminated.

The speedy Parker put together an impressive display on the skills obstacle course, which involves participants moving through a dribbling circuit, successfully throwing chest passes through a hanging tire and driving for a layup. Williams, the 2008 winner, holds the record for the skills' course at 25 seconds, but had trouble completing a pass in the final round on Saturday.

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Utah Jazz's Jeremy Evans jumps over teammate Gordon Hayward for his attempt during the NBA basketball All-Star Slam Dunk Contest in Orlando, Fla., Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012. Evans earned 29 percent of 3 million text message votes cast by fans to win the competition.

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The City of Twin Falls is in the process of applying for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. These funds are being sought to partially finance industrial infrastructure improvements.

The hearing will include a discussion of the application, scope of work, budget, schedule, location, benefits of the project, and how ICDBG funds will eliminate conditions of slum and blight. The application, related documents, and the ICDBG Application Handbook will be available for review.

The hearing is scheduled for **Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at Twin Falls City Council Chambers - 305 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.** Both written and verbal comments will be accepted prior to and at the public hearing.

The hearing will be held in a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Special accommodation will be available, upon request, five (5) days prior to the hearing in a format that is usable to persons with disabilities. For more information, contact Carleen Herring, at (208) 732-5727 x 3010.

Travis Rothweiler, City Manager
City of Twin Falls, Idaho

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Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and the Levy Election Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, adopted on January 16, 2012, notice is hereby given that a Supplemental Levy Election will be held in the District on March 13, 2012, beginning at the hour of 8:00 a.m. and closing at the hour of 8:00 p.m. on said date, for the purpose of taking a vote upon the following question, to wit:

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, Idaho be authorized and empowered to levy a Supplemental Levy, as permitted by law in Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, in the amount of \$1,200,000 (One Million Two Hundred Thousand and no/100 Dollars) each year for 2 (two) years for a total of \$2,400,000 (Two Million Four Hundred Thousand and no/100 Dollars) for the purpose of financing all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the schools of the District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014? Said election shall be held at the official Polling Places:

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- 3 - Heyburn 1 Heyburn Fire Station 21st & K St, Heyburn
- 4 - Heyburn 2 Heyburn City Office 941 18th St, Heyburn
- 5 - Paul Paul City Office Hwy. 27, 1/2 mile S. of Paul
- 6 - Pioneer Rupert Elementary School 202 18th St, Rupert
- 7 - Rupert 1 Rupert Civic Building 7th & F St, Rupert
- 8 - Rupert 2 Rupert Civic Building 7th & F St, Rupert
- 9 - Rupert 3 Rupert Civic Building 7th & F St, Rupert
- 10 - Rupert 4 Rupert Civic Building 7th & F St, Rupert
- 11 - Rupert 5 Rupert Elementary School 202 18th St, Rupert

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Jerome Co: Hazelton City Hall, 246 Main St, Hazelton

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Lincoln County Courthouse 111 W B St, Suite C, Shoshone

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Patty Temple, County Clerk

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

101 Lost and Found

FOUND black cow on Feb. 2nd in the Tuttle area. Contact Randy at 208-490-2491.

FOUND Blue Heeler type puppy in SE Jerome. Has bobtail. 208-293-2776

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Today is Sunday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2012. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Feb. 26, 1962, after becoming the first American to orbit the Earth, astronaut John Glenn told a joint meeting of Congress, "Exploration and the pursuit of knowledge have always paid dividends in the long run"

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:
In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba.

In 1861, Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., received its initial funding from its namesake, businessman Matthew Vassar.

In 1870, an experimental air-driven subway, the Beach Pneumatic Transit, opened in New York City for public demonstrations.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

In 1940, the United States Air Defense Command was created.

In 1942, "How Green Was My Valley" won the Academy Award for Best Picture of 1941, beating out nine other films, including "The Maltese Falcon" and "Citizen Kane"

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1970, National Public Radio was incorporated.

In 1987, the Tower Commission, which had probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

In 1992, Armenian forces attacked the village of Khodzhal, resulting in the deaths of 613 Azerbaijanis, according to Azerbaijani authorities. (Armenian forces did not deny the attack, but have said the death toll is exaggerated.)

In 1993, a bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

Ten years ago: Former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling, at times combative, insisted during a Senate hearing that he knew nothing about manipulation of company books and denied misleading Congress as alleged by some lawmakers and Enron officials. Pharmacist Robert R. Courtney pleaded guilty in Kansas City, Mo., to watering down chemotherapy drugs. (Courtney was later sentenced to 30 years in prison.) Gunmen killed 11 minority Shiite Muslims praying in a mosque in Pakistan.

Five years ago: Iraq's Shi-ite vice president, Adel Abdul-Mahdi, narrowly escaped death as a blast ripped through a government meeting hall just hours after it had been searched by U.S. teams with bomb-sniffing dogs; at least 10 people were killed. The Iraqi Cabinet approved draft legislation to manage the country's vast oil industry and divide its wealth among the population.

One year ago: In a statement, President Barack Obama said Moammar Gadhafi had lost his legitimacy to rule and urged the Libyan leader to leave power immediately. Space shuttle Discovery arrived at the International Space Station, making its final visit before being parked at a museum.

206 Farm

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GENERAL
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- #42: Telephone/Cable
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- #43: Trucking

207 General

GENERAL
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Get Up and Go, Lorain, Ohio

ANSWER: I would advocate opening this hand at any vulnerability. I like my weak-two suits non-vulnerable to hold two of the top four cards — this suit qualifies because with the spade ace, my playing strength is as expected. I'd consider it a dead minimum at unfavorable vulnerability, but I'd still do it.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Is there anything to be said for balancing over a strong no-trump with a five-card major, even in a relatively flat hand? Would vulnerability (or your status as a passed hand) affect the odds?

Balancing Act, Worcester, Mass.

ANSWER: It is MUCH safer to balance over a strong no-trump than a weak no-trump. Partner won't take you so seriously and look for gold by inviting game. Equally, if nonvulnerable, you do not run the risk of going for 200. I'm most aggressive when both sides are nonvulnerable, but far more cautious when both sides are vulnerable. I would not advocate balancing with a five-carder in a balanced hand, but two-suiters or the like should try to balance. This is especially so as a passed hand, where partner won't expect too much.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Where does the modern expert community stand on the double of a four-of-a-major opening or overcall: penalties, optional or takeout?

Red Flag, Dodge City, Kan.

ANSWER: I think most people treat a double of four hearts as primarily closer to takeout than penalties. In response to that double, with four spades one tends to bid the suit, or with extra shape in a two- or three-suited hand, one strains to act. The position is less clear facing a double of four spades. The double might be described as optional, meaning responder acts if he believes they can make what they bid. A balanced weak hand rates to pass and hope.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At rubber bridge I held ♠ A-9, ♥ Q-10-7, ♦ K-J-2, ♣ A-5-4-3-2 and responded two clubs to one spade. Over my partner's two-heart rebid I tried two no-trump, forcing, and now my partner bid three diamonds. What should I have done now?

Lucy Locket, Lakeland, Fla.

ANSWER: Your partner has suggested length (possibly only three cards) in diamonds. In context, your side might make slam in a major. I'd start by giving preference to three spades, and if my partner bids three no-trump, I might advance with a four-club bid. I wouldn't be surprised if six hearts was best, though.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
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Student Teacher, Manhattan, N.Y.

ANSWER: "Five Weeks to Winning Bridge" by Sheinwold is a great book to learn from, but the Audrey Grant series of teaching books is far and away the best educational tool. Contact ACBL and they will help with details.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, email him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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PEOPLE + COMMUNITY

Putting the 'Kitsch' back in Your Kitchen • P3

Not Giving Up

Add the Words activists in Magic Valley say they are determined to continue the campaign, though any 2012 legislative action is unlikely.

BY NATALIE DICOU
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TWIN FALLS • Gay rights activist Cody Hafer cycled through a range of emotions Feb. 10 when the Senate State Affairs Committee killed legislation that would've added protections for gay, lesbian and transgender people to the Idaho Human Rights Act.

"I was honestly heartbroken at first, and then I slowly moved to being quite angry, and now I'm kind of just determined to keep fighting for the rest of the legislative session," said Hafer, of Twin Falls, one of the leaders in the campaign known as Add the Words.

Despite the setback, activists haven't slowed their efforts to add "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to Gem State human rights protections.

Please see **ADD THE WORDS**, P6



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Add the Words campaign supporters Jim Shaff, front, James Tidmarsh and Jay Knutson, right, hold signs along Burley's Overland Avenue in the cold Feb. 4. The group's effort to have 'sexual orientation' and 'gender identity' added to Idaho's human rights protections died in a Senate committee this month, but local supporters intend to keep their message alive.

'A Change for Good'

By teaching shop skills or talking lowriders, a Jerome businessman is mentoring teens tempted by gangs, crime or toxic friends.

BY BLAIR KOCH
For the Times-News

JEROME • When Marcos Lopez and Jerome patrolman Jon Lenker converse today, they're likely to talk about fundraisers or a kid needing attention.

But when the two met a few years ago, it was loud music — "the bass line, really," Lenker said — that prompted the pair's first conversation, after Lenker gave Lopez a warning and explanation of the city's noise ordinance.

"In Compton you had to be in a gang for survival, so someone was watching your back, but you don't need that here. But there is still an appeal to live that lifestyle. You still want family and community, the cars, the music and acceptance."

Marcos Lopez



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(ABOVE) Jerome High School senior Maria Alvarado, 18, left, sands a 1962 Schwinn bike frame at Kora Car Audio in Jerome with the shop's owner, Marcos Lopez, 27. Alvarado is making a custom lowrider bike for her senior project and credits Lopez for the inspiration to focus on school and build skills. (BELOW) The original Schwinn stamp on a 1962 bicycle. Bikes of this brand and era — rebuilt and repainted — are popular in hip-hop culture.

"I pulled him over because his music was too loud," said Lenker, who spoke for this article personally, not on behalf of the police department. "We got talking about what he had going on ... We were both into helping and mentoring youth, and we've been helping each other out ever since."

Lopez, 27, owner of Kora Car Audio in Jerome, is known by some of the city's youth as an adult they can look up to. He helps with senior projects — this year he's teaching seniors how build lowrider bicycles — and provides odd jobs, training and mentoring to any teen willing to abide by a few rules.

Although soft around the edges, quick to smile and optimistic, Lopez carries a little tough attitude with him, a remnant of a time when letting his guard down could get

him beat up, or worse.

"I grew up in Compton, Calif., and was a prisoner in my home; it was a rough neighborhood, with shootings and fights. When I was in middle school I was shot in a drive-by," Lopez said, his index finger tracing a long-healed tear in his right thigh.

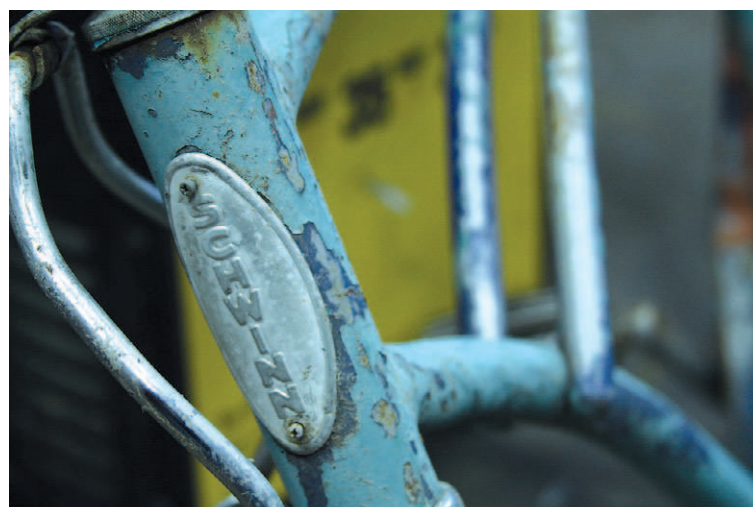
His middle school of 3,000 students had two school resource officers and six county sheriff's officers patrolling the grounds, he said.

"That was a rough neighborhood. This isn't. I see kids acting hard when they shouldn't even be worrying," he said. "In Compton

you had to be in a gang for survival, so someone was watching your back, but you don't need that here. But there is still an appeal to live that lifestyle. You still want family and community, the cars, the music and acceptance."

Instead of focusing on education, learning a trade and planning for the future, Lopez worries that teens drifting into a gang lifestyle will find themselves stuck in a cycle of violence and crime as adults. That's why his shop and heart are open to Jerome's kids and mentoring is a priority.

Please see **MENTOR**, P6



ASHLEY SMITH • TIMES-NEWS

Members of the Snake River Corvette Club pose next to their cars on Feb. 16 at Twin Falls' Centennial Waterfront Park.

Charitable Car Club

Sure, Corvettes are classy cars. But thanks to a focus on charity, these owners are classy themselves.

BY ANDREW WEEKS
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Link Up

TWIN FALLS • Ever since John Jenkins was a teenager, he's wanted to own a Corvette. He finally has one — a white, sleek 2000.

"It's my dream car," he said Feb. 16 at Centennial Waterfront Park, where he and other enthusiasts gathered to show off their cars to the Times-News. Jenkins and his wife, Mary, recently joined the ranks of about 70 other people in the Snake River Corvette Club.

The club, founded in 2000 by Larry Utley of Twin Falls, brings Corvette enthusiasts together to share their passion about the classic Chevrolet sports car. But it's not all about the cars.

Thinking about joining the Snake River Corvette Club? You don't need to own a Corvette to do so. To learn more about the club and its activities, visit Snakeriver-corvettes.com or log onto the Snake River Corvette Club's Facebook page.

The club helps raise money for many Magic Valley programs, including Coats for Kids and Camp Rainbow Gold, Utley said.

"We do a lot of charity benefits, mainly for kids," club member Steve Broadhurst of Jerome said.

Please see **CORVETTE**, P2

STORK REPORT

How To Avoid Ineffective Workouts

BY ALISON JOHNSON
Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)

Almost any exercise is good exercise. That said, some people waste time on routines that aren't best for reaching their goals, trainers say. Here are general tips from Shaun Knight, a certified athletic trainer in Virginia Beach, Va.:

Think about variety, not just time. Keeping your body guessing is the best way to torch calories. "If you ride an exercise bike at the same level for an hour, it may not be beneficial — es-

pecially given the time you're putting in," Knight says. "Your body will get used to it and start to think it's easy."

Add different elements. Instead of running at a steady pace for an hour, you might run for 20 minutes, bike for 20 minutes and run stairs for another 20. For strength-training, you could rotate between push-ups, squats and rowing machines.

Switch up intensity. Increase your speed or resistance for short bursts of time. Even if you're just walking on a treadmill, you can make

the incline steeper. **Focus on more than one muscle group.** Your abdominal muscles won't look great from crunches alone — you need a full-body aerobic workout too. You also won't effectively tone your legs just by using sit-down resistance equipment; instead, try a standing "cable column" machine that requires balance and works muscles from different angles.

Schedule time with a trainer. Even if you can afford just one session, you can learn correct form for

favorite exercises to prevent wasted energy and injury.

Understand your goals. If you want to lose weight, exercises that isolate one muscle group — biceps curls or calf lifts — won't be much help. But if you're trying to tone your arms or calves, those curls and lifts are important.

Shorten breaks. Resist the urge to rest for more than a minute or two between machines during circuit training. And cut socializing by putting on headphones until your workout is done.

Fathers' Work Schedules May Be Linked with Their Children's Weight

BY JEANNINE STEIN
Los Angeles Times

Working nonstandard hours can do a number on employees' health, but a study suggests it may also impact obesity levels in their children.

Australian researchers looked at how parents' odd work timetables affected the weight of their children. Study participants included 434 9-year-olds, among whom 22.8 percent were

overweight or obese.

A nonstandard work schedule was defined as always or often working shift schedules, working after 6 p.m., or working overnight or on weekends. The authors made the point that working odd hours is becoming increasingly common, especially in the service industry.

In 75 percent of two-parent families both were employed, and in single-parent families almost 75 percent

of parents were employed. In 32.5 percent of families mothers had irregular work schedules, in 39.4 percent of families fathers had nonstandard schedules and in 14.9 percent of two-parent families, both parents worked nonstandard schedules.

Researchers discovered that having a father who worked an irregular schedule was strongly linked with a child being overweight or obese, even after controlling

for such issues as household income and various lifestyle factors. A weaker association was seen between both parents having nonstandard schedules and the child being overweight or obese. No link was seen between the mothers' work schedule and obesity.

The authors said that a father's odd work schedule could put additional time stresses on families, which may mean having to make concessions at mealtime. It could also put added pressure on mothers, who are still the main caretakers of their children.

The study was recently published online in the International Journal of Obesity.

Corvette

Continued from People 1

Over the past 12 years, the club has donated around \$100,000 to charities, Utley said. They'll drive their cars to fundraisers and, at times, auction off a car to raise money. Con Paulos Chevrolet is the club's biggest sponsor, he said.

Club president Bud Flenniken said the club's work gives him "a real good feeling." So does his orange-gold Vette, which he takes out of his garage to drive only when the weather is decent.

Luckily, clear skies on Feb. 16 prompted him to ask other club members to show up at the park for photos.

Flenniken, like most club members, prides himself on

keeping his car shiny and clean. He said it's fun when members get together to go for a club ride — there's nothing quite like seeing a row of shiny Corvettes lining the highway, they said. One is planned this spring for Montana.

In June, the club will hold its annual Corvettes in the Park, where members show off their pride-and-joys at Twin Falls City Park. The

car show attracts people from more than just south-central Idaho. Utley said they've had some enthusiasts come from as far away as Oklahoma to be a part of the show.

Something a lot of people might not know about the cars: They get good gas mileage, averaging about 30 miles per gallon, Roger Howarth said — at least the newer models.

St. Luke's Jerome

Tennisen Raymond Daniel Stelling, son of Justin Stelling and Jessika Robbins of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 15, 2012.
Faith Mae Rasmussen, daughter of Nathan and Aliece Rasmussen of Shoshone, was born Feb. 16, 2012.
Adison Rae McClurg, daughter of Mike and Megan McClurg of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 17, 2012.

St. Luke's Magic Valley

Declan Roger Hall, son of Kailey Anne Hall and Charles Melvin Jackson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 3, 2012.
Olivia Antonique Tyler, daughter of Kailoni Dawn Menck Steward of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 6, 2012.
Devon Mitchell Booher, son of Ashley Autumn Robinson and Jeremiah Allen Booher of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 10, 2012.
Austin Cruz Delgado, son of Mallory Teal and Adrian Charlie Delgado of Eden, was born Feb. 12, 2012.
Phineas Jack Stanton, son of Kellie Michele and Scott Douglas Stanton of Hagerman, was born Feb. 14, 2012.
Madelyn Ann James, daughter of Elizabeth Claire and Kenneth Joseph James of Jerome, was born Feb. 14, 2012.
Nyxen Lee Leavitt, son of Mercedes Lyn and Rhett Dale Leavitt of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 15, 2012.
Matalyn Jean Hoskins, daughter of Amy Dawn Cantrell and Gary Morris Hoskins Jr. of Buhl, was born Feb. 15, 2012.
Kaylene Jean Deonne Leggitt, daughter of Shaylene Nichole Moser and Zachary Sean Leggitt of Jerome, was born Feb. 15, 2012.
Nataley Sandra Vasquez, daughter of Sinthia Ramirez and Atilano Vasquez of Murtaugh, was born Feb. 15, 2012.
Thatcher Don Royse, son of Cassie Leigh and Joshua Don Royse of Buhl, was born Feb. 16, 2012.
Sophia Leigh Dudley, daughter of Savannah Leigh Dudley of Jerome, was born Feb. 17, 2012.
Lola Ester Ruiz-Clark, daughter of Kathy Ruiz-Clark and David Anthony Clark of Jackpot, Nev., was born Feb. 17, 2012.
Aurie Jessica Simmons, daughter of Jessica Stuart and Justin Hal Simmons of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 17, 2012.
Max Ryan Frost, son of Amanda Lynn and Ryan Christopher Frost of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 18, 2012.
Raina Marie Faria, daughter of Amanda Lynette Sandal and Teo Brandon Faria of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 19, 2012.
Harper Mae Miller, daughter of Christine Marie and Timothy Sean Miller of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 19, 2012.
Nicholas Howard Peach, son of Natalie Dawn and Joseph Henry Peach of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 19, 2012.
Jayden Michael Hayes, son of Elizabeth Ashley and Joshua Murray Hayes of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 19, 2012.

NEXT WEEK

Where Misfits Fit

Misfits Anonymous Club is a way students with mental illnesses and social difficulties unite at the College of Southern Idaho; reporting by Natalie Dicou. Next Sunday in People



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. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For lunch take-out, 11 a.m. to noon daily: 734-5084.

Monday: Pork chops with mushroom gravy
Tuesday: Beef stew
Wednesday: Chicken enchiladas
Thursday: Bratwurst
Friday: Tilapia

Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Tai chi, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: AARP Tax preparation, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment
Ticket Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.
Painting class, 6 p.m.
Pinochle, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon and sweet roll sales, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: AARP Tax Preparation, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Painting classes, 3 and 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. Bus for lunch

pickup: 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday.

Today: Dinner, 1 p.m., pork chops
Monday: Potato soup
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.
Thursday: Hamburgers

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
AARP Tax Preparation, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m., with Hot Ball special
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.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: \$5. 326-4608.

Tuesday: Baked ham with applesauce
Wednesday: Chili dogs
Thursday: Creamed ham over baked potato

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles and games, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles and games, 11:30 a.m.
Bing, 1 p.m.; \$2
Thursday: Blood pressure checks, 11 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Foot clinic, 1:15 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Closed for remodeling.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding.

Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. 934-5504.

Monday: Chicken strips
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Sweet and sour meatballs
Thursday: Beef stroganoff over noodles

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.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$2, 12 and younger. 837-6120.

Monday: Baked cod
Wednesday: Chili and cornbread
Friday: Meatloaf

Jerome Senior Center

520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. 324-5642. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

Trans IV bus: 736-2133.

Monday: Meatball sub sandwich
Tuesday: Fish or chicken
Wednesday: Oven-baked chicken
Thursday: Meatloaf
Friday: Swedish meatballs over noodles

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Bunco, 12:45 p.m.
Chronic disease self-management, 1-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Energy Assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Let's Dance, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 5 p.m.
Bingo, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
Country Cowboys band SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Women's pool, 1 p.m.
LCR, 1 p.m.
YogaStretch, 5:20 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Scones and coffee, 8-10 a.m.
YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.
Freewill Baptist luncheon Hand and Foot, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Fiddlers
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Essential oil, 6-9 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. 825-5662.

Tuesday: Oven-fried chicken
Wednesday: Men's Bible study, breakfast, 7 a.m.
Bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: Hamburgers

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

Monday: Fried chicken
Thursday: Hamburgers

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors. 886-2369.

Tuesday: Chicken pot pie
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Friday: Chicken a la king

Monday: Quilting, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. 764-2226.

Tuesday: Soup buffet
Wednesday: Chicken
Friday: Salisbury steak

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$7, non-seniors. 788-3468.

Tuesday: Red wine braised beef
Wednesday: Steak fingers with barbecue sauce
Thursday: Pork chops
Friday: Chicken cacciatore

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Weigh Watchers, 5-6:30 p.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.
Thursday: Movie, 1 p.m.
Friday: Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.

Bring your good old stuff day exchange

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. 436-9107.

Monday: Beef tips over noodles
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe
Wednesday: Pork chops
Thursday: Cheeseburger
Friday: Smorgasbord

Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children 12 and younger; \$6, non-seniors. 878-8646.

Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Vegetable stew
Wednesday: Wings and legs
Thursday: Tuna casserole
Friday: Swiss steak

Monday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m.
Ask a Nurse, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Community bingo for age 18 or older; doors open 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m.
Blood pressure checks, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Wood carving, 6 p.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.



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(TOP) Dessert plates from Rosanna Inc.'s Petite Treat line available this spring. (ABOVE) York Wallcoverings' wallpaper design of kitchen utensils in white on black.

Putting the 'Kitsch' back in Your Kitchen

BY SARAH WOLFE

For The Associated Press

Kitchens have become so serious.

All that granite, dark wood and stainless steel. The heart of the home these days is more like a sleek and severe shrine to haute cuisine.

But kitchens don't have to be as stressful as an episode of "Top Chef." Designers are increasingly turning to retro, whimsical touches like coffee cup wallpaper, bright vintage dishware patterns, and colorful appliances and electronics to bring the fun back into this increasingly streamlined room.

"I think we're reaching back to simpler times, when America was kind of on track and things were looking up. ... It's something that hits an emotional chord," says Rosanna Bowles, founder and owner of the Seattle-based Rosanna Inc. tableware line.

Here are some fun and simple ways to put the "kitsch" back into your kitchen.

Wallpaper and Wallcoverings

Ditch the staid neutrals in favor of a fun wallpaper, says Gina Shaw, a designer with Pennsylvania-based York Wallcoverings.

The company's new Bistro 750 collection features a savory mix of fanciful fruit, cutlery, kitchen utensils and coffee cups in cheery colors like teal,

salmon and lime.

"We really wanted to create wallpapers that would work in today's kitchens, where families gather, eat, drink and socialize — a fun, bistro atmosphere," Shaw says.

Anthony Carrino and John Colaneri, hosts of HGTV's "Kitchen Cousins," introduced a retro feel in one of their recent kitchen makeovers by attaching paneling from Inhabit Living in a basket-weave pattern to the walls.

"After you install the panels, you can caulk the seams, sand them down a bit, put some primer on and add a big pop of color," Carrino says.

Appliances

Also big in kitchens right now are retro appliances that look like they belong in grandma's 1950s kitchen but run like their modern-day cousins.

Carrino and Colaneri brought some quirk to a country kitchen by installing a retro range and hood set from Colorado-based Big Chill, which offers fridges, stoves and even dishwashers in any color but stainless steel, accented by chrome trim.

"It looks like a classic car. ... It's like having a Bosch or Frigidaire with that kind of dependability but you've got that cool, retro feel to the whole thing," Carrino says.

Kitchenaid and some small manufacturers also

now make blenders, mixers and other appliances in funky colors like pistachio and tangerine to add panache to countertops.

Countertops

Speaking of counters, don't think you're relegated to granite, solid surface or laminate choices.

Try something fresh and unique like the Motivo embossed collection by California-based CaesarStone, which is primarily advertised as a wall treatment but which Carrino used as a surface for kitchen countertops.

"We saw it and bought it on the spot," he said. "We designed it into the first kitchen we could find. It is absolutely gorgeous."

The collection comes in lace and crocodile patterns, and adds texture to a space by combining matte and glossy finishes in an unusual way, Carrino said.

Dishware

Carry the kitschy feel to your cupboards and display shelves with dishes beaded in whimsical floral or bird patterns, and glassware in Depression-era hobnail or Mid-century Modern lines, says Bowles.

Even a quirky red polka-dotted cookie tray or serving piece, as featured in Bowles' new Flea Market Chic collection for spring, can dress up an otherwise traditional all-white table.

Those looking to save

money can look to family heirlooms, Bowles says. "Shop either your mother's closet or your grandmother's closet and you'll find amazing things," she notes.

Accents

Atlanta-based artist Jordan Sandlin and her husband, Jeff, have embraced the kitchen in their mid-century, split-level home by doing away with its old "buyer-friendly" neutral color scheme in favor of robin's-egg-blue cabinets, red Formica countertops, vintage light fixtures, and plenty of thrift store and estate sale finds.

A collection of screen-printed serving trays dating to the 1950s line the wall above the kitchen cabinets, while a recent find — an original, signed Charlie Harper print of two white eagles set against a light gray background — dresses up a barren wall.

A red-and-white, 1950s formica table, vinyl chairs, old bourbon bottles and vintage plates further separate their kitchen from today's pack of "granite-covered kitchen monstrosities," the couple says.

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Mourning 101: How to Pay Your Respects

BY JUDY HEVRDEJS

Chicago Tribune

There will be a time, many times actually, when a friend, co-worker or casual acquaintance will face the death of a loved one.

There will be mourning. There may be a visitation or memorial service, perhaps reflecting religious, family, cultural and regional traditions.

And you will wonder whether to attend one of these social gatherings — or you should — whether the deceased is a cousin you haven't seen in five years or a co-worker's parent whom you've never met.

"If it was your mother's (service), would you expect to see your co-workers? If you can answer 'yes' to that question, then you should go," says funeral director James Olson, a spokesman for the National Funeral Directors Association (nfa.org) and owner of the Lippert-Olson Funeral Home in Sheboygan, Wis.

Such gatherings "are about the living and giving them a chance to express their grief — or it may be an expression of joy for a life well lived. For the person who is mourning, it is very important to know there are people who support them," he says. "But it also gives the greater community an opportunity to share in that grief."

We had a few more questions for Olson:

Do I have to dress up? "Out of respect for the family, put a little effort into getting ready," he says, and wear something more than shorts and a T-shirt.

What do I do at the gathering? "Sign the guest book to let them know you're there," he says. "Then wait in line and express your condolences."

"You don't have to stay, (but showing up) at least lets the family know you were thinking about them in their time of need."

What do I say? "The best thing: 'I am truly sorry

for your loss." Also, if you can, Olson suggests mentioning something about the deceased: "I really loved your mother's garden and her beautiful flowers," or "I loved how your dad was always washing his cars."

"Keep it simple," he advises. "Stick to what you know."

Are there things I shouldn't say? Refrain from asking probing questions about the illness or death. A grieving family member may not want to keep repeating unpleasant details of her mom's final days.

Also, don't say things such as, "I know how you feel. I lost my mom too." Your loss is different from someone else's loss, and it's not about you. "At that particular moment, to be honest," Olson says, "someone doesn't want to hear about someone else's loss."

What about cultural/religious/regional differences? "It's my experience that families are not there at that time to judge you," says Olson, adding that the funeral director is usually present to provide guidance to visitors.

Can't I just fill in comments on the funeral home's website instead of making a personal appearance? Online guest books are conveniences, especially for those who live far away, Olson says, "but those (websites) shouldn't be the opportunity to opt out of attending a visitation or memorial service."

Do I have to go to the funeral? "Unless you're a family member or particularly close to the family, it's not expected," he says.

Anything else? Turn off your cellphone/smartphone. "There should be nothing more important than what we're there to do," Olson says, recalling a minister at a local church who, when someone's phone rang in the middle of a service, stopped and said, "That better be God calling."

At Home, Modern Botanicals Feel like Spring

BY KIM COOK

For The Associated Press

If you followed the spring fashion shows, you noticed floral motifs blooming all over the place.

Diane Von Furstenberg used feminine pastels. Peter Som used digital florals in over-saturated, intense pigments. Timo Weiland created watery digital prints that floated down the catwalk.

And inspiration from the runway often finds its way into our rooms.

So it's no surprise that in home decor this spring, botanicals are big. You'll find everything from restrained nature motifs to saucy florals, executed in painterly hues, photo prints and pop art graphics.

And while soft goods — bedding, pillows and so on — are where some of the best examples can be found, watch too for upholstered furniture, wallcoverings and tabletop items featuring botanical prints.

San Francisco interior designer Jennifer Bishop loves incorporating botanical patterns, and likes all the modern options.

"This isn't like the past where a botanical garden exploded on your bedspread, drapery and wallpaper," she laughs. "Used as accents, botanicals can become so striking."

Bishop often uses a multi-colored print as a launch point for a room's palette. She's a fan of needlework, mentioning Anthropologie's line of sewn lampshades.

She also likes the work of Florida artist Mindy Lighthipe, who makes watercolor, pencil, and pen and ink illustrations of unusual flora, such as exotic plants, insect-nibbled oak leaves and flowering kale. Lighthipe sells on Etsy.com.

Shrewsbury, Mass., designers Mitali Seth and Lovisa Shergill showed several interesting botanical print pillows at the recent New York International Gift Fair, including an evocative tree graphic.



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Anthropologie's floral needleworked lampshade.

"Before going to design school, my college major was botany, so nature always creeps into our collection," says Shergill. The "Trees" pillow was inspired by a scene outside their studio window. "The starkness of the branches against gray skies looked almost poetic," Shergill says.

There's a bolster in the line with a pretty oak leaf repeat, and several other pieces with unusual stylized prints.

Fans of contemporary style will also like the work of Chicago designers Robert Segal and Alicia Rosauer, who returned from four years in Finland with a decidedly Scandinavian aesthetic. For their Unison label, they've designed the Larch bedding set, with tree branches draped across duvets and pillowcases in either a rich bold plum or a subtle yet striking ash gray.

Pottery Barn offers several feminine options in a spring

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Jennifer Bishop, San Francisco interior designer

inspired by a 250-year-old, hand-blocked French textile.

You can wake up every morning in a French Impressionist painting with Urban Outfitters' Woodland Garden rug, duvet, drapery and shower curtain in a joie de vivre palette of paint-box colors.

Jason Berke, Target's bath design manager, says overseas scouting trips inspired the retailer's spring florals, which feature exaggerated-scale prints. "The feminine styles and detailing we encountered had a fun play on scale, and placement," he says.

As Jennifer Bishop points out, "Every room needs some form of life. I love to use plants, but if you've got a brown thumb, a botanic pattern just might be your answer."

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Jerome Historical Society's Exhibit Honors Boy Scouts

JEROME • The Jerome County Historical Society is displaying a Boy Scout exhibit at its museum, 212 First St. E., in honor of Boy Scout Month and the Scouting program.

The display includes an Air Scout uniform worn by John Cotton, Carroll Cone's father. The Air Scout program was in existence from 1941 to 1949 and was developed so that boys could learn more about aeronautics. The Army Corp and the Navy assisted with the program.

Also featured in the display is an Order of the Arrow outfit that belonged to Clair Ricketts. The uniform includes the drum and Native American headdress. Clair and his wife, Virginia, started the museum in Jerome.

The Boy Scout exhibit will be on display for six months. The museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, Oct. 1 to March 31, and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, April 1 to



Sept. 30. The museum is closed on holidays.

Admission is free. For appointments,

call Peg Roberson, 324-3604; Jeffrey Cook, 860-2613; or leave a message at the museum, 324-5641.

Of Frosty Windshields and Those Tinted White

My dad was involved in a wreck and the driver who hit him got a ticket for windows being frosty. A cop later showed up at our house and gave my dad a ticket for failure to yield. My question is, can they do that?

— Meggan



person have the right to have such dark window tint? What is going on in that car? OK, that's the end of the rant.

— Fred

Yes they can, and apparently they did. The other driver must not have been proven to be at fault, even with frosty windows that might have been a partial cause for the crash. That could be something for a civil trial though, since the citation would not usually play a part with a civil trial — unless the insurance companies decide who's at fault.

These types of arguments have been around for years. I usually hear them in a case where somebody stopped at a stop sign before proceeding and because the other car was speeding along the road without the stop sign, in their eyes, they should be at fault. The fact that the other driver had obstructed vision does not change any other fact of the case if your dad was required to yield the right of way.

The good news is that civilly, the courts might find that the other driver could be mainly at fault if the facts show that had the windows been scraped, the collision might have been avoided. In civil court, there is not always a 100 percent at-fault penalty like there is with criminal court.

This is just a rant, but we are pretty much angry in our town that there is a car that has every window covered in white something, including the front windshield and back windshield. I'm sure they can see out but nobody would ever be able to see in. It's kind of like a two-way mirror. I wanted to catch the license number but was unable to. Why does that

Fred, this is one rant I'm glad to share with everybody because it makes good sense. Windows on any vehicle can't have tint like you have described. The front window can't have any tint more than six inches from the top of the window down. The driver's and passenger's side windows can't have a tint darker than 35 percent. The back windows can be no greater than 20 percent tint.

Police departments have usually not had tint meters to check the percentage, and had to rely on a tint card that only helped if the tint was too dark.

My hope is that you live in Heyburn (we have tint meters) and can get us a license plate number because we would love get this ranting issue taken care of. If not, try to get the plate number and report this vehicle to your local police.

Officer Down

Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers. God bless these heroes.

- Detective David White, Clay County Sheriff, Fla.
- Sgt. Michael May, Monongalia County Sheriff, W.V.

They fought the good fight, now may they rest in peace.

Email your questions to policemandan@yahoo.com or look for Ask Policemandan on Facebook.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Applications Available

TWIN FALLS • Rotary District 5400, which encompasses southern Idaho and Ontario, Ore., will fund one \$27,000 Ambassadorial Scholarship for study abroad during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Scholarship applications, endorsed by a local Rotary Club, are due to the District 5400 Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee by May 18.

Application forms and program information are available at www.rotary5400.org, click on "Youth," "Students and Youth" tab and then "Scholarships."

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homeland to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home from abroad, scholarship recipients share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.

CRHS Students Earn Scholarships

TWIN FALLS • Cari Ray-Bourn, GEAR UP grant coordinator for Twin Falls School District, announced the names of Canyon Ridge High School students awarded GEAR UP Dual Credit Scholarships for the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University for the spring semester.

The individuals awarded funds are starting early on their college careers, while still in high school. The scholarship criteria was

based on GPAs, essay question answers, as well as past, present and future academic goals. Many students are taking up to nine college credits.

Scholarship recipients: (BSU), Carrie Clifford, Libby Hultman, Todd Reyes, Emily Brown, Jasmine Craig, Michelle Keyes and Sara Basham; and (CSI), Leisha Way, Josh Gonzalez, Brittney Gummow, Bhadri Rai, Allena Doyle, Parbati Magar, Hunter Pollard, Igor Jozelic, Neil

Kaupilla, Payton Kostecky, Focus Kabura, Tonya Alaniz, Samantha Jackson, Jose Santos, Eva Magana, Carrie Clifford, Courtney Bertoni, Azia Nutting, Austin Nixon, Sarah McClain, Emilee Butcher, Bruce Busch, Kayla Lee, Brian Hall, Cecilia Leon, Brianna Larson, Thapa Suren, Kimberly Zambrano, Brittany Griffith, Hanna Kern, Sarah Llamas, Aaron Burton, Kyle Wallis, Alyda Jaegerman and Meghan Miller.

Area Students Earn \$4,500 in Scholarships



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The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Agribusiness committee recently presented \$4,500 in scholarships during the KMVT AgriAction/Twin Falls Chamber's Agribusiness reception at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center. Scholarship recipients are pursuing an agricultural curriculum at an Idaho college or university. Pictured left to right are scholarship winners Will Billington, Heather Smith, Mark Dolecheck and Tanner Jordan Beymer, and Chamber Agribusiness Scholarship Chairman Gerald Orthel. Not pictured: Valene Lickley. Scholarship sponsors included Clear Springs Foods, College of Southern Idaho, D.L. Evans Bank, Idaho Power, Magic Valley Bank, Northwest Farm Credit Services, Robert Jones Realty, Magic Valley Rural Appraisers, Twin Falls Canal Co. and the Twin Falls County Fair Foundation. The Twin Falls County Fairgrounds was a reception sponsor.

IPT Accepting Entries

MOSCOW • Idaho Public Television is accepting entries from young writers and illustrators statewide in kindergarten through third grades for the 18th annual PBS Kids Go! Writers Contest.

Entry forms and contest rules are available at libraries and schools throughout the state or online at idahoptv.org/kids.

Stories can be fact or fiction, prose or poetry, and the artwork that illustrates the stories can include drawings, photos, collages or other media.

An IdahoPTV-selected judging panel will decide first-, second- and third-place regional winners for each grade level. Idaho winners will be awarded prizes at ceremonies in or near the winners' hometowns. All first-place winners from Idaho will be automatically entered to compete at the national level.

Entries must be received by April 1 and can be mailed

to Idaho Public Television, P.O. Box 443101, 875 Perimeter Drive MS3101, Moscow, ID 83844-3101. New this year, entries may be submitted online through idahoptv.org/kids.

Idaho winners will be announced May 1.

The contest is designed to promote the advancement of children's reading skills through hands-on, active learning, and encourages participants to celebrate the power of creating stories and illustrations by submitting their own original pieces.



Fundraiser to Benefit Local Club

TWIN FALLS • Members of the Twin Falls Modern Woodmen of America Chapter and the Jerome Youth Service Club will sponsor a fundraiser pancake breakfast to benefit Explorer Post 411, a local FIRST Robotics Team.

The breakfast will be from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill, 1587 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Money raised will be matched by Modern Woodmen's home office, up to \$1,500, through the fraternal benefit society's Matching Fund Program and will be used to purchase parts and supplies for the team's robots.

FIRST is a nonprofit organization devoted to helping young people discover and develop a passion for science, engineering, technology and math. The Matching Fund Program offers Modern Woodmen members a chance to show their support of a community cause, organization or individual in need by partnering with community organizations and holding fundraisers.

Information: Trachelle Fullmer at 948-5300.



The Birth Center team at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

CRMC Birth Center Receives Award

BURLEY • Cassia Regional Medical Center's Birth Center and Lab departments, through their collaborative efforts, achieved 100 percent perfect specimen collections in December 2011. The hospital received notice of the achievement from the Newborn Screening Program within the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Shawna Chandler, manager of Labor and Delivery, attributes their success to double-checking their documentation for accuracy and improving their transit times. Charles Clayton, lab manager, and Wendy Peterson, registered nurse in Cassia's Birth Center, met with Carol Christianson, a repre-

sentative for the state of Idaho, to work out a better plan for transporting the specimens within the allotted five-day time frame. The new system is working and they are providing this service to their newborn patients in a precise and timely manner.

Idaho law requires all babies born in Idaho to receive newborn screening, which identifies conditions that can affect a child's long-term health or survival. Early detection, diagnosis and intervention can prevent death or disability and enable children to reach their full potential.

Idaho collects two newborn screening specimens (formerly called the PKU

test), which test for 37 disorders. The first screen is usually done at 24 to 48 hours of life or right before discharge from the hospital. The second screen is done between seven and 28 days of age, usually at the two-week well-child check with the baby's pediatrician.

With a simple blood test, doctors often can tell whether newborns have certain conditions that could eventually cause problems. Even though these conditions are considered rare and most babies are given a clean bill of health, early diagnosis and proper treatment can make the difference between lifelong impairment and healthy development.

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BSA Announces New Venture Group

BURLEY • An open house for a new Venture crew will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at the Burley Presbyterian Church on the corner of 21st and

Burton streets. The Venture program is part of the Boy Scouts of America and is co-ed for youth ages 14 to 20. Outdoor adventure awaits.

SCOUT LEADERS PLAN MEETINGS

RUPERT • The Minidoka Scout District Leader Roundtable will meet Thursday at the East Minidoka Middle School.

A district commissioner's meeting starts at 7 p.m., followed by roundtable and Scout merit badge meeting at 7:30 p.m. Venture basketball details will be announced.

Scouts will continue working on their First Aid and CPR badges, finish Citizenship in the World and start on Weather.

Each Scout needs a blue card, a pencil and a ride home at 9 p.m.

Scout Leader Specific Training will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Paul LDS Stake Center.

Frings Accepted into Pharmacy Program

JEROME • Alexander Frings, grandson of Leonard and Marge Frings of Jerome, has been accepted into the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh for the fall term.

Frings is completing his

second year at the university and is on the dean's list. He is the son of Nick and JoAnn Frings. His father, a graduate of Jerome High School and Idaho State University, is currently on assignment as an engineer in England.

Rupert Kiwanis Club Donates \$300 to St. Nicholas Half Notes Choir



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The Rupert Kiwanis Club donated \$300 to the St. Nicholas Half Notes Choir. Under the direction of LaNell Griffin, the Half Notes have entertained the Kiwanis Club on numerous occasions with their Veteran's Day Patriotic Program and Christmas Program. The Kiwanis Club is dedicated to supporting children and developmental programs for our youth. A vibrant musical program is such a program and the Rupert Kiwanis Club is happy to support this talented group. Pictured left to right: Josie Garcia, Nathan Catmull, school Principal Diane Brumley, and LaNell Griffin.

Wynwood Chili Feed to Benefit O'Leary School

TWIN FALLS • The Wynwood Assisted Living facility, a Brookdale Senior Living Community, is providing a chili feed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 3 at Vera C. O'Leary Middle School.

The purpose of the event is to raise funds for resurfacing the school's track.

The Wynwood cooks and staff, along with the

help of other volunteers from the community, will be cooking and serving. Chili, cinnamon rolls, sodas or milk will be served.

Cost is \$5 for the three items or \$20 per family. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Wynwood Community, 1367 Locust St. N.

All proceeds will go towards the track.

BRIDGE NEWS

T.F. Duplicate Bridge Results

TWIN FALLS • The Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge Club recently released its results from Feb. 15.

Flight A: 1 Renee Bulcher and Peggy Hackley, 2. and 3. (tie) Edna Pierson and Riley Burton, Sue Skinner and Claire Major, 4. Beverly Reed and Betty Jeppesen, 5. Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankey.

Flight B: 1. Reed and Jeppesen, 2. Elaine Bowen and Patti Cooper.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Results

RUPERT • BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert recently announced the results of play for Feb. 14.

Flight A: 1. Edna Pierson and Sue Skinner, 2. Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey.

Flight B: 1. Marian Snow and Lila Buman, 2. Sheila

Hubsmitth and Mildred Wolf, 3. Shirley Harris and Marlene Temple, 4. Warren and Faun McEntire.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and information: Steve Sams, 878 7691, or Vera Mai, 436 4163.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Results

GOODING • Gooding Duplicate Bridge recently released its results for Feb. 17.

Section A: 1. Adelaide Gerard and Kathy Rooney, 2. Claire Major and Jodi Faulkner, 3. Bobette Plankey and Beverly Burns.

Section B: 1. Adelaide Gerard and Kathy Rooney, 2. Lucy Gustafson and Betty Jeppesen.

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. Information: Kathy Rooney at 934-9732.

INL AWARDS STEM GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

TWIN FALLS • The Idaho National Laboratory has awarded 11 grants worth nearly \$5,000 to fund science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) activities in Idaho schools, including in Twin Falls. Known as informal STEM support grants, the

funding supports hands-on activities for students.

This year's winners include Sawtooth Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), \$500 to help buy supplies for a science fair and to pay for a field trip to a science-related business or museum; and

Morningside Elementary School in Twin Falls, \$500 to purchase supplies so students can participate in a local, regional and statewide invention contest.

STEM education is a priority for the U.S. Department of Energy DOE, INL and Battelle Energy Alliance,

a nonprofit organization that operates the lab for DOE. INL's STEM education initiative provides professional development opportunities and resources for Idaho teachers and encourages students to develop their skills in science, technology, engineering and math.

Community Action Person of the Year



COURTESY PHOTO

Roy Prescott, a member of South Central Community Action Partnership's Board of Directors, was named the 2011 Community Action Person of the Year at the annual Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho's Legislative Breakfast. Several Magic Valley legislators were in attendance to help congratulate Prescott on his award. Through his 16 years of dedication, support, professionalism and strong leadership, he has helped brand SCCAP as one of the leading nonprofit organizations providing services to low-income families across the Magic Valley. Prescott has played a pivotal role in providing governance and empowerment for the growth of SCCAP by helping to carry out its mission. SCCAP is grateful for his leadership, dedication and, most of all, his commitment to helping people change lives. Pictured from left to right: Ken Robinette, SCCAP executive director; Prescott; and Alvin Chojnacky, SCCAP Board chairman.

Student of the Month Awards



COURTESY PHOTO

St. Nicholas School in Rupert presented the Student of the Month awards for February. Pictured left to right in the back row are Kylie, Donavon, Kaden and Maisie; in the middle, Tucker, Lorenzo, Rhayman, Riley and Ashlynn; and in front, Alina, Lilly, Preston, Kenadee, Garrett and Cesar.

Berger Named to Honor Roll

SHERIDAN, Wyo. • The University of Wyoming listed Mark A. Berger of Twin Falls on its 2011 fall semester provost's honor roll.

The honor roll includes undergraduates who have completed at least six but fewer than 12 hours with a minimum 3.5 grade-point average.

The family of Irma Lindsay invites you to join them as they celebrate Irma's 80th Birthday

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Obese Pets: Vets Say More than Half of Dogs, Cats Are Overweight

BY MARLA DICKERSON
Los Angeles Times

America's obesity crisis is spreading — to our pets.

About 53 percent of the nation's cats and 55 percent of dogs are overweight. And more than one in five of those fat animals is clinically obese, meaning at least 30 percent above normal weight.

That's the, um, skinny from a study released by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP).

While you're getting your head around the fact that this country boasts an organization dedicated to chunky pets, consider this: All that flab on Fluffy and Fido can cost you plenty.

That's because fat cats and dogs are much more likely to end up with expensive health problems, according to Dr. Ernie Ward, a North Carolina veterinarian and founder of APOP.

"The number of obese pets is growing," Ward said. "This is troubling because it means more pets will be affected by weight-related diseases such as arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure and kidney disease, costing pet owners millions in avoid-

able medical costs."

The trouble, Ward and other vets say, is us. Our pets aren't skipping the gym and raiding the fridge. We owners are overfeeding them. And we aren't getting off our duffs to give our pals enough walks and play time.

Then there's denial. About two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese, according to the Center for Disease Control. That has distorted our perception of what's a normal weight, even for our pets.

To help owners grasp the situation, Ward's organization has created a "pet weight translator" that puts the weight of cats and dogs into human terms.

Think love handles on your Pomeranian are cute? Every excess pound on a dog that small would equate to a 5-foot, 4-inch woman gaining 21 pounds, or a 5-foot-9 man putting 25 pounds of extra junk in his trunk, according to APOP.

The answer is not to buy a bigger doghouse or Sans-abelt collar, vets say. Instead, feed your furry friends less and exercise them more.

Bottom line: Your pets will be healthier and probably live longer. That's priceless.

Add the Words

Continued from People 1

Mistie Tolman, statewide Add the Words spokeswoman, said events such as silent protests will continue to be held two or three times a week in Boise until a bill is printed or the legislative session ends — whichever comes first.

"The legislators need to realize this isn't just about politics. They're playing with people's lives."

James Tidmarsh, Twin Falls' Add the Words leader

A Feb. 16 end-around attempt by Sen. Nicole LeFavour, D-Boise — to add the words by amending an unrelated bill on prison contraband — failed in the Senate. Further action on the issue in the 2012 session is unlikely, but Magic Valley activists say they'll keep campaigning anyway.

There will likely be an event in Twin Falls, but it hasn't been planned yet, Hafer said Feb. 20.

Hafer, a Twin Falls High graduate, has been on the front lines of Add the Words. He served as the statewide coordinator for the Day of Action on Jan. 28. Hafer helped organize rallies, vigils and protests in 13 Idaho cities, including Twin Falls, where more than 50 people met in front of the Twin Falls County Courthouse to hold signs and drum up support from passers-by.

Twin Falls father-daughter duo Brad and Jenn Siegel were there that day, waving signs that read "Gay rights are human rights" and "Closets are for clothes."

"It was encouraging to have many, many drivers honk in support," Brad said. "I witnessed no unkind gestures or comments. The same cannot



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Add the Words campaign supporter Ryan Jensen holds a sign along Burley's Overland Avenue on Feb. 4.

be said of our legislators, many of whom were unable to even have the courtesy to respond to constituents as to why they voted in the manner they did."

In addition to Day of Action events, Magic Valley residents set up an info table in Burley recently to spread their message.

"The legislators need to realize this isn't just about politics," said James Tidmarsh, another of Twin Falls' Add the Words leaders. "They're playing with people's lives. Something needs to be done."

Tidmarsh spent a couple of winter Saturdays standing by the Perrine Bridge, holding up

a big "Add the Words" sign.

"We feel this is way too important of an issue to back down and not keep fighting," Tolman said. "The outpouring of public support on this issue is bigger than we've ever seen it. We feel like it's moving at lightning speed and really slowly at the same time."

COMING UP

Marketing Local Foods

Moss Produce of Rupert won a \$300,000 grant from the USDA. See how the company plans to spend it; reporting by Natalie Dicou. Wednesday in Food



BLAIR KOCH • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

Maria Alvarado, 18, left, is pictured with T.J. Santos, 19, at Kora Car Audio in Jerome. Alvarado is building a bike at the shop — and learning fabrication, painting and welding skills — while Santos, a 2010 Jerome High grad, continues to pick up audio equipment technician skills while hanging out. Both teens look up to Kora owner Marcos Lopez and say he has inspired them to go further after high school.



BLAIR KOCH • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

Marcos Lopez, 27, enjoys riding his Lincoln Town Car low and slow through Jerome. Its custom paint, wheels, tinted windows and drumming bass line attract attention from a teen population who's into hip-hop and Chicano culture.

"I'd seen his classic cars and wanted to check them out," Avila said.

At the time, Avila said, he was a member of the BPS gang, or Brown Pride Surenos.

"I really liked the lifestyle, the pride thing, the cars and the way we dressed: zoot suits. But they were getting into a lot of trouble and anytime there was any trouble going on everyone always assumed I was a part of it," Avila said.

Sometimes he was.

"I didn't get into drugs. But I was fighting and stealing. Taking cars for joy rides," Avila said. "When I met Marc he was a very nice person and not judgmental. I started hanging out at the shop."

Lopez taught Avila how to install car audio equipment and, when the teen needed cash, showed him how to detail vehicles.

"I want to teach these kids skills, how to do something, so they have resources they can use later on in life," Lopez said.

Summer came and Avila found work on a local dairy. Milking cows isn't bad mon-

ey — a couple of thousand a month, enough to cover the basics for a single man, and the work is available, Avila said.

"I'm young. I had that money and I just wanted to party and hang out with my friends," said Avila, adding that during that time he stopped going to the audio shop and dropped contact with Lopez. "But I saw that it wasn't going to be a good thing."

Lopez's example made a difference.

"Marc has a family. He is all about his family, and that got me thinking about my future. What I was doing then was not going to be enough to raise a family," Avila said. "I had to make a change for good and permanently change the direction my life was headed."

He could have been as caught on the dairy as a cow in the stanchion. But he's since found employment that lets him focus on school, and he and his mom moved. After graduation he plans to move to Palm Springs, Calif., train to become a mechanic and one day restore classic cars.

"I don't want the drama of that lifestyle in the new neighborhood," Avila said.

Aspiring Designer

Like Avila, Maria Alvarado, 18, credits Lopez for inspiration. Alvarado, a Jerome High senior, is making a custom lowrider bike at the shop for her senior project but has known Lopez for more than a year.

"It's nice to have someone to talk to. Sometimes, if there is something you want to talk to someone about but not to your mom because it would freak her out, you can discuss it with Marcos, but he isn't in your face and pushy," Alvarado said. "Like if there is a party and all your friends are going to go he won't say, 'You can't go,' he'll ask if your friends are forcing you to go and how you feel about going. It helps you see your choices."

Alvarado has given up on toxic friends and focuses on school, raising her GPA from 2.3 to 3.0 in a year. She's now a cheerleader and involved in several school clubs. After graduation she plans to attend College of Southern Idaho and study interior design.

She knows how to weld, change a tire and replace sparkplugs. When her senior project is complete, her skill set will include fabrication and painting.

"I wish I would have changed paths earlier on because I'm doing really good," Alvarado said. "It feels really good."

Lenker is quick to applaud Lopez's involvement with Jerome's teens.

"We have so many parents who have to work all the time just to get by," Lenker said. "With our economy that literally means, in some households, parents working all hours of the day and night, long hours. They come home exhausted, just to go to bed only to get up and go to work the next day."

"But that leaves the kids raising themselves ... so it takes the support of people like Marcos and the community, organizations like Boys and Girls Club ... to step up," Lenker said. "Anytime you can get more community involvement, the better the outcome. When there is support for kids in their formative years, they're more successful later in life."

CLEANING CORNER

Question: A friend of mine asks everyone who comes into her home to take their shoes off before entering! Although I understand why she does this, some people take offense, or really don't feel comfortable walking around in their stocking feet. Before I start enforcing a similar rule in my home (cuz I don't like all the debris that gets tracked in either) I'm just wondering if you have a more "guest-friendly" solution.

"Avoiding de-shoeing!"

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