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T.F. Developer Crafts Bill to Help Builders

The proposal would reduce tax on undeveloped property, cutting developers a break for lots that sit vacant.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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TWIN FALLS • Brad Wills has a wealth of vacant lots to sell.

Those lots, located in west Twin Falls' partially finished Fieldstone Subdivision, have sewer lines, water lines and roads, but no houses. But because of that infrastructure, the Twin Falls developer has to pay a higher property tax rate for the lots than

if they lacked improvements.

To solve the problem, Wills has spent more than a year working on legislation that would allow developers to apply for a reduced property tax rate on vacant lots. That legislation passed the House earlier this month and the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee on Wednesday. It's heading to the Senate floor soon.

There are several different ways a parcel of land is assessed, but

Wills broke it down into four basic stages: stage one, for agriculture or forestry land; stage two, for platted land with no agriculture or forestry use and no infrastructure; stage three, for vacant land with infrastructure improvements, like sewer lines and roads; and stage four, land with completed structures. Each stage is taxed at a progressively higher rate.

The problem, Wills said, is that if developers can't sell their vacant lots with infrastructure improvements, they are stuck paying those higher stage three taxes for years,

although the land isn't using services like sewer and water. In the economic downturn, that's been especially painful, Wills said, as some developers have been sitting on vacant lots for years.

That makes developers wary of moving ahead on those infrastructure improvements. To get around the higher tax rate, some developers plant winter wheat on the improved lots so they remain classified as ag land.

"You leave the improvements there," Wills said. "You turn it back into farmland, and farmland has its

own exemptions." The problem with that, Wills said, is it shifts the tax burden onto other taxpayers.

Consider, too, that Idaho doesn't tax other kinds of inventory before it's sold, said Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls. Hartgen, who is sponsoring the bill, said these vacant lots are no different.

"They're like goods being held for sale," Hartgen said.

Wills met with the Idaho Association of Counties, the Idaho State Tax Commission, real estate representatives, county commissioners

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Taking a Break for a Good Cause



(ABOVE) University of Idaho junior Aubry Silkworth, left, works with fellow students on Thursday to prepare hot peppers for making tamales at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome. Eleven students from the school are spending their spring break participating in the college's Alternative Service Break and volunteering in the community. Some of the students spent time working at the Jerome County fairgrounds, while others completed projects around the church on Thursday. (RIGHT) University of Idaho students make tamales while volunteering Thursday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome.

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Gooding Could See Hospital Merger

North Canyon Medical Center is looking to join a larger health system — possibly St. Luke's, which just recently acquired Jerome's hospital as well.

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GOODING • Another hospital merger may be coming to the Magic Valley.

Gooding's North Canyon Medical Center has decided it should integrate with a larger health system, but it's unclear yet which one, said David Butler, the hospital's CEO.

"In the next few years, it's going to be very difficult for independent hospitals to survive," Butler said while speaking Thursday at a Gooding Chamber of Commerce luncheon. "We want to do what's best to keep this place open."

St. Luke's Health System holds the strongest possibility. The health system is currently in a joint partnership

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Wendell High Seeks Ways to Fund Gym Repairs

BY JULIE WOOTTON
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WENDELL • Wendell School District faces a dilemma: how to pay for major repairs to its high school gym.

Without enough extra money in the operating budget to cover the nearly \$500,000 it would take to fix the gym, the school board is talking about funding options. That could include taking a facilities levy issue to voters.

Superintendent Greg Lowe said a decision hasn't been made, but it could be a one-time levy issue only for gym repairs.

"We're just kind of looking at how important it is and what to do," he said.

The high school gym was built in the 1970s and is a separate building from the newer, main high school campus.

It could cost \$385,000 to put in a new heating and air conditioning system, while a new roof could cost about \$112,000.

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Kimberly City Administrator Resigns

BY DAVE WILKINS
For the Times-News

KIMBERLY • Kimberly City Administrator Polly Hulsey has resigned, city officials have confirmed.

Hulsey submitted a letter of resignation Wednesday in which she stated she would step down April 2, Mayor Tracy Armstrong said.

"Polly has a lot of excellent qualities," he said. "With her resume, I don't think she will have any trouble finding an administrative position. She has done a lot of good things for the city of Kimberly?"

Hulsey could not be reached

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Council, citizens debate administrator's role. See **A2**.

Thursday for comment. Her resignation followed a debate over the need for her position at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

"If Polly ran into any kind of road block, it's that her vision for growth is something the citizens aren't quite ready for," Armstrong said.

Hulsey, the former city clerk, was promoted to the position

of administrator about four years ago, when the job was created. She earned about \$80,000 a year in that position.

Armstrong said Hulsey can't be blamed for her salary level, that the City Council at the time approved it based on her performance and that it was nothing she expected.

Still, some members of the community have openly questioned the need for such a position and whether the city could afford to pay that kind of salary.

Looking ahead, Hulsey's duties could be split among other city staff or the City Council

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and developers from across the state. Though there were concerns from the Idaho Association of Counties on reducing counties' tax revenue, the association worked with Wills to reduce some of their worries, he said.

"It's taken a year for me to start from scratch to investigate ... and come up with the best solution," Wills told the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee on Wednesday.

Instead of moving the tax burden elsewhere, the legislation has counties reduce their new construction tax

rolls. The reduced tax rate would apply only to land held by developers, and those developers would have to submit an application. The proposed law would apply to both commercial and residential properties.

The full Senate will consider the legislation soon. If it passes, it heads to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter to be signed into law.

At the Wednesday Senate committee meeting, Chairman Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home, praised Wills for putting so much work into the bill.

"I just want to tell you that whether I disagree or agree with your concept, I'm very proud of the work you have done," Corder said.

Merger

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with North Canyon.

The possible merger follows the latest hospital trend across the nation and state. Under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, health care systems are required to reduce costs while improving their quality of care. However, the rising costs of technological upgrades and shrinking private and public reimbursements have hospitals worried.

That worry has translated into hospital mergers. In Idaho, St. Luke's merged with Jerome's St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in late 2011. St. Luke's is also eyeing a possible integration with Elmore Medical Center in Mountain Home.

Ideally, a hospital merger allows a smaller medical center to tap into a larger health system's resources — getting more affordable employee benefit plans, or cheaper electronic records systems. However, mergers can also produce staff redundancies, which can lead to layoffs.

Butler said his hospital will consider several health systems before making a final decision.

"St. Luke's could be one possibility," he said. "But

before we did anything, we would ask what would the marriage look like? What would be different?"

For the time being, North Canyon's finances are finally looking positive. Hospital executives believe a merger could secure financial security in the long term.

In 2010, the hospital opened a new facility and introduced a new medical electronic system. The events crippled North Canyon's finances, said Tim Powers, chief finance officer.

In 2010, the hospital had a negative profit margin of almost 12 percent, Powers said. By the end of the 2011 fiscal year, the number had jumped up to a positive almost 9 percent.

"It took a year and a half to figure out the new system," he said. "It was tough. We had to really work on getting a better reimbursement rate and looking at our cash flows. We're in a much better place now."

Butler also agrees that North Canyon is in a much better place than several years ago.

"This is a challenging time to be in health care," he said. "We're not going to be able to offer everything. ... But we don't just simply want to survive in this area, we want to thrive."

Kimberly Council, Citizens Debate Administrator's Role

BY DAVE WILKINS
For the Times-News

KIMBERLY • The Kimberly City Council heard arguments for and against employing a city administrator Tuesday, capped by a closed-door discussion of the position's duties.

The council is in the process of writing an official job description for the job, created about four years ago.

Some residents questioned the need for a city administrator, while others expressed strong support for the position, which until Wednesday was held by Polly Hulsey.

Resident and former councilwoman Lee McKinlay said Kimberly has seen tremendous progress since the position was created, she said.

"Our city administrator has been very diligent in learning the process of grant

writing, and has succeeded in bringing funding to the city over and above what our annual budget allows for projects," McKinlay said.

Some residents questioned whether the city could afford the position. Hulsey was paid an annual salary of about \$80,000.

Resident and former councilman Tom Coonts acknowledged Hulsey as a dedicated city employee who "has done some great things."

But the grants she has brought in don't cover the total costs of most projects, he said. A \$500,000 state economic development grant will pay for most of a downtown revitalization project, but the city must still come up with about \$290,000 on its own.

Hulsey also found herself on the hot seat during a discussion about recent change

orders made during construction of the new City Hall.

Some council members were clearly miffed that adjustments to the work plan had apparently been handled entirely by the city staff and Starr Corp. — the general contractor on the project.

Councilman Brandon Hoobler said he requested months ago that any change orders be brought before the council for approval.

"Five change orders later, it hasn't happened. The work is done and now we are receiving the change orders," he said.

The project, originally budgeted at \$543,000, will come in under budget even with the change orders, Hulsey said.

"There is no additional spending that has taken place on City Hall," she said.

The new building, a re-

Kimberly

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could decide to hire another administrator, Armstrong said. The council was in the process of creating an official job description for the administrator's position prior to Hulsey's resignation.

"The council is considering some options," Armstrong said. "Between now and (April 2) we will spend some time to come up with the best plan for this scenario."

model of the old Rock Creek Fire Station at 242 Highway 30 E., is completed except for some small finish work. The council's Tuesday meeting was its first held there, and a grand opening is scheduled for 2 p.m. March 27.

At the conclusion of Tuesday's meeting, the council met behind closed doors to discuss a proposed resolution that would define the duties of the city administrator.

One Hospitalized in Wrong-way Crash Near Eden

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EDEN • A Twin Falls woman suffered minor injuries when she hit a semitrailer while driving the wrong way on Interstate 84, according to Idaho State Police.

ISP responded to what was originally reported as a two-vehicle crash at 2 p.m. Wednesday near Eden.

When a trooper arrived on scene, he found one of the drivers in the initial crash, Becki Carlson, left the scene in her 2001 Nissan Sentra by driving the wrong way on the freeway.

Police say Carlson, 42, of Twin Falls, struck the side of a 2005 Freightliner truck hauling a trailer, driven by Baldev Singh-Dhaliwal, 43, of Abbotsford, Canada.

After striking the westbound truck Carlson's vehicle crashed into the median

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TWIN FALLS • Running for public office in this year's election cycle?

The *Times-News* invites all south-central Idaho candidates seeking election this year to a political open house at 4 p.m. today. The event will allow candidates to learn more about pre-election coverage plans of the *Times-News* and Magicvalley.com, and

to find out how to get their message out through a variety of advertising options.

The event will begin with an informal drop-in gathering at 4 p.m., followed by a 4:30 p.m. presentation by City Editor Eric Larsen and Advertising Representative Mike Christensen.

Candidates running in all south-central Idaho legislative and county races are encouraged to attend and

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Where: *Times-News* annex, 311 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls

When: 4 p.m. today; presentation starts at 4:30 p.m.

Information: Susan Nickell, 735-3227

share their contact information with the *Times-News*.

Those unable to attend are encouraged to contact Larsen — 735-3246 or elarsen@magicvalley.com — to share news items, or Christensen — 735-3261 or mchristensen@magicvalley.com — for advertising information.

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Wendell

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Wendell school officials want to know how residents feel about the potential fix, and Lowe encourages people to call the district office (536-2418) with feedback.

For the past few years, the Idaho State Department of Education hasn't provided money to school districts for facility maintenance. The situation has left districts to find other funding sources — such as levy issues — for building repairs.

"We're concerned about adding taxes to our community," Lowe said.

The school district's more immediate priority, though, is working to renew a supplemental levy for general operating expenses. That won't affect current tax rates.

During the May 15 election, the district will most likely ask voters to renew a two-year, \$155,000 annual supplemental levy. The school board hasn't voted on the amount yet.

Lowe said the levy — which has been in place since 2006 — is essential to the district's operations.

School districts have four chances each year to get a levy issue on the ballot — in March, May, August and November.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

WEDNESDAY ARRAIGNMENTS
Andrea Jean Severe, 33, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, driving without privileges, \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial April 24.
Jerry Bronson-Dakota Ortega, 22, Jerome; petit theft, recognition release, public defender appointed, pretrial April 24.
James Joseph Johnson, 31, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$1,500

bond, public defender appointed, pretrial April 24.

THURSDAY ARRAIGNMENTS
Diana Fern Severa, 45, Filer; failure to purchase or invalid identification, possession of paraphernalia, recognition release, public defender appointed, pretrial April 24.
Diana Fern Severa, 45, Filer; possession of a controlled substance, public defender appointed, pretrial March 23.
Theron Ward, 45, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary March 23.
Acencion J. Rush, 18, Boise; petit theft, recognition release, public defender appointed, pretrial April 24.

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Theron Ward, 45, Twin Falls; failure to register as a sex offender, \$50,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary March 23.
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Downtown T.F. Streets to Close for St. Patrick's Day Parade

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TWIN FALLS • Twin Falls police have a few reminders for people who plan to attend Saturday's St. Patrick's Day Parade — other than to remind you to wear green.

The noon parade will stage in the 500-600 block of Main Avenue East, and end at Main's intersection with Dierkes Street North. The parade route will be closed to traffic from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Other things to remember:

- Don't throw candy from floats, or you'll be escorted from the parade if caught.

- Park two to four blocks away to avoid congestion and walk to the parade route. But remember not to block home or business driveways. Those who require special assistance to attend the parade can contact police or a volunteer at any intersection.

- The 100 block of Main Avenue North will be closed until 1 a.m. Sunday for ongoing St. Patrick's Day events.

Information: Sgt. Dennis Pullin, 735-7297.

Twin Falls Trailer Thefts Puzzle Owners

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • A 20-foot trailer might seem like a difficult thing to steal, but Chuck Pratt said it took thieves about five minutes to take his enclosed Haulmark trailer from a job site on Cheney Drive.

Pratt, who lives in Paul, owns Pearl Masonry. The 20-foot work trailer was parked on the construction site for First Federal bank near the Twin Falls Walmart until it was taken at about 9:30 p.m. March 11.

Though video surveillance was set up at the scene, Pratt said it's difficult to make anything out.

"All we have is headlights coming in," he said. "It looks like little stars."

About five minutes later, Pratt said, a couple taillights faded into the distance.

Though it's hard to tell, Pratt said he thinks the vehicle that towed his trailer and tools away was a small pickup. He hopes someone driving along Pole Line Road that night might have seen a small pickup hauling a long trailer and thought it was strange.

"Somebody might have noticed color or type of vehicle," Pratt said.

Pratt said he's distrib-

uted flyers and put a classified ad in the *Times-News* including a picture and \$1,000 reward for clues leading to the arrest and conviction of the trailer thief. He also visited a few pawn shops asking around if anyone had tried to sell a trailer like his.

He found the owner of Snake River Pawn shop had a car trailer stolen from behind the store just a few weeks ago.

The owner, Jim Shirley, said he had stored the 22-foot trailer behind the building for years. Shirley said he didn't check on the trailer daily, but estimated it was taken about three weeks ago on a Sunday afternoon.

"I guess I have to build a fence to store something like that," he said.

Twin Falls Police Lt. Craig Stotts said from March 2011 to now, 11 trailers of any type were reported stolen in the city. He recommended those who have a trailer to get wheel locks and a lock for the trailer's hitch to make theft more difficult.

Twin Falls County sheriff's spokeswoman Lori Stewart said two trailers were reported stolen out in the county. One was taken from a business and returned the next day, she said.

Twin Falls Man Accused of Breaking Neighbor's Nose over Dog Argument

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • A Twin Falls man has been charged with felony aggravated battery for allegedly punching his neighbor twice, breaking the man's nose.

Police arrived at a home on Hailee Avenue for a call about a battery in progress shortly before 5 p.m. Monday. Police say they found a man bleeding profusely from his nose, which was later found to be broken.

The man's wife told police their neighbor, Alan Bryan Fife Jr., had punched her husband and ran away.

Police found Fife, who they say told them he hit the man after he saw him swinging golf clubs at his dogs.

According to court records, Fife told police he let his dogs, a bulldog and a pit bull, out of their kennel while he cleaned it. When he went to retrieve the dogs, Fife said he believed the man he punched was hitting the dogs with a golf club.

Court records state the victim of the alleged battery and his wife said the dogs had been aggressive in the past and one had bitten one of their children.

The man told police the dogs started coming at his family aggressively, so he threw a basketball at them, court records state. When the pit bull kept coming at him, the man said he started swinging a golf club at the dog to get it to leave.

Fife was taken into custody and transported to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to receive treatment for injuries allegedly sustained when the alleged battery victim's 15-

year-old daughter hit him with the golf club.

He was later taken to the Twin Falls County Jail and held on \$10,000 bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 23.

Burglars Damage Downtown T.F. Businesses

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • Three Main Avenue South businesses experienced damage to doors and windows and two had cash taken between March 10 and 13.

The first, High Country Bakehouse at 144 Main Ave. S., was hit March 10. Owner Aaron Adams said he got a phone call from the owner of the Vita Bella salon, which is just next door. She told him it looked like someone had broken through a side window to the restaurant.

Adams said he arrived at his business about the same time police did and found a thief had completely smashed in a window and taken cash from the register.

Despite feeling worried and on guard, Adams said he feels lucky more damage wasn't done.

"They could have trashed the place," he said.

Twin Falls Police Lt. Craig Stotts said the cost to replace the window was about \$600. Adams said he replaced the glass with a laminate substance that wouldn't shatter when hit.

But that didn't stop thieves from trying to break in again.

Tuesday morning, Adams arrived at work a little before 4 a.m. to start baking bread when he noticed his new window was damaged.

The burglars weren't able to make entry that time, Stotts said.

On March 11, both Vita Bella Salon and the Aracely's boutique, at 148 Main Ave. S., were also struck by burglars.

At the salon, Stotts said officers responded to an alarm indicating motion in the rear of the building. Adams said he spoke with the salon owner and learned someone had tried to break in the back door.

Police originally responded to Aracely's for a vandalism call, which was later changed to burglary. The

thrift shop sustained window damage and some cash was taken from the register.

Stotts said only three prior burglaries had been reported on the block this year, making the area a pretty unusual target before last weekend.

For Adams, the burglaries mean extra security, including family and friends taking turns watching the Bakehouse at night and even arming himself.

"I've never even hit someone," he said, adding he wouldn't hesitate to protect his business.

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Idaho Senate Convenes Ethics Probe after Dems' Complaint

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press

BOISE • Senate President Pro Tem Brent Hill will convene an ethics investigation into whether a lawmaker properly disclosed a potential conflict of interest on numerous hotly-debated natural gas drilling-related bills moving through the 2012 Legislature.

Sen. Monty Pearce, R-New Plymouth, was charged by minority Democrats with not disclosing possible financial benefits from oil and gas exploration companies that have leased his property in Payette County during more than a dozen hearings and floor sessions in which measures affecting the in-

dustry were considered.

According to Senate rules, "if a senator has a conflict of interest under applicable law, such conflict must be disclosed to the presiding officer in writing or to the body. Upon disclosure of any such conflict, the senator may vote."

Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis confirmed the investigation. Hill didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Minority Leader Edgar Malepeai and other Democrats contend Pearce's omissions on numerous energy and natural gas-drilling related measures debated by the Legislature this year warrant his removal as Resources

Committee chairman while the investigation is under way.

"As a consequence of these potential lapses, we request that an ethics investigation be conducted immediately to determine whether Senator Pearce repeatedly violated" the Senate disclosure rule, wrote Malepeai, D-Pocatello.

Pearce insists he did nothing wrong, pointing out that he did disclose during Senate-floor debate on Wednesday over House Bill 464 that he had leases dating back to the 1980s for oil and gas. Pearce's latest leases in western Idaho are to Snake River Oil and Gas, one of the main



Pearce

companies behind the 2012 legislation.

House Bill 464, one of the most-disputed measures of the session, would curb local governments' ability to regulate oil and natural gas drilling.

It's been sent to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter for signature.

Interviewed Thursday, Pearce said this call for an ethics panel was a partisan-motivated effort to sully his reputation.

He also contends Senate rules don't require him to disclose potential conflicts during committee hearings, only during floor votes when he's required to tell the lieutenant governor of potential conflicts before voting.

"This is political," he said.

"As a landowner, the only measure where I could have a conflict was House Bill 464, and on that bill, I made the proper declaration. In short, I met the spirit and letter of Senate rules. I look forward to clearing my name and receiving an apology from those who made these baseless allegations."

In the Democrats' complaint, they say Pearce should have offered the disclosure on other energy-related measures, too.

Some senators immediately came to Pearce's defense, with Davis, R-Idaho Falls, describing him as one of the least self-interested lawmakers he's encountered during 14 years in the Senate.

"This is one of the straight arrows," Davis told The AP Press.

The Democrats' demand for an investigation came one day after an activist opposed to House Bill 464's provisions that wrest virtually all control of gas drilling projects from local governments sent an email to members of both parties.

Alma Hasse, a Democratic House candidate in Pearce's district for next November's election, on Wednesday requested information about how to file a complaint against Pearce.

"I am astounded that our District 9 senator did not feel that he had to disclose this very obvious conflict of interest," wrote Hasse.



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Jazz singer Mildred Bailey performs in April 1947 at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Bailey was known as 'Mrs. Swing,' one of the great white jazz singers of the 1930s and 1940s.

Idaho Tribe Touts 'Mrs. Swing's' Indian Roots

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press

BOISE • In jazz history, Mildred Rinker Bailey goes down as one of the great white singers of the 1930s and 1940s.

But Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe officials are hoping to set the record straight: She was actually one of them.

Bailey's mother was a Coeur d'Alene member, her father of Swiss-Irish stock.

Now, the tribe has introduced a resolution in the Idaho Legislature honoring Bailey, who died in 1951.

It's hoping to win the attention of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Hall of Fame in New York City.

Tribal Chairman Chairman Chief J. Allan says Bailey should be acknowledged there for helping blaze a trail for better-known singers like Ella Fitzgerald.

Bailey's niece, Julia Rinker-Miller of Los Angeles, sees the tribe's effort as helping her aunt return to her Indian roots.

Emmett Women Face Charges of Shoplifting

BOISE (AP) • A mother and daughter who have been jailed since February after police say they were caught stealing high-end sunglasses from a store now face more charges after detectives found thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise in a storage unit the women rented.

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Idaho Senate OKs Anti-bullying Bill

BY ALEX MORRELL
Associated Press

BOISE • Lawmakers approved a plan Thursday to toughen up on bullies in Idaho public schools and to make the state's 115 school districts take a more active role in policing students who harass, abuse and threaten their classmates.

The Senate voted 25-8 to pass a bill that would require educators to undergo professional training on bullying and to intervene if they witness a student being harassed.

The legislation would also make schools responsible for monitoring and diffusing bullying at any school function and in cyberbullying cases that threaten a student's learning environment.

Sen. Nicole LeFavour, D-Boise, contends that tougher school policy is urgently needed to better protect Idaho students who are picked on and who may be a suicide risk.

"We want every student in our school and every student in our state to be safe," said LeFavour, the sponsor of the bill.

Efforts to curb bullying have surged nationally in the

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wake of recent youth suicides.

In Idaho, the state Department of Education receives weekly calls from angry parents who can't get schools to stop their children from being harassed, according to LeFavour.

"It is one of those issues that whatever young people you talk to in the state right now, they'll say it is a problem," said LeFavour, who is not seeking re-election but has championed civil rights during her eight years in the Senate.

Even with the overwhelming support in the Senate Thursday, the bill's trip through the chamber was anything but smooth. It's been amended several times and has drawn harsh criticism by some GOP lawmakers.

Opponents had worried that mandates to crack down on bullying may be inappropriate for homeschool settings, prompting lawmakers to attach specific exemptions for homeschool students.

Critics also argued that the

professional development mandates could create a financial burden for schools and force teachers and administrators to address an issue some lawmakers believe is not that big of a problem in Idaho.

Sen. Sheryl Nuxoll, R-Cottonwood, opposed the bill and suggested whether supporters were "making a mountain out of a molehill" in some instances.

Nuxoll said it should be up to local school districts — not the state — to decide and enact anti-bullying measures.

Elsewhere in the country, though, bullying has kept a high profile: A federal lawsuit was recently settled over gay and lesbian students being bullied in a Minnesota school district, President Barack Obama is slated to deliver an anti-bullying message Sunday before the airing of Cartoon Network bullying documentary "Speak Up," and a feature-length documentary called "Bully" is due in theaters later this month.

Sen. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, endorsed the bill,

saying it could potentially save schools money if it prevents lawsuits from upset parents whose children have been harassed.

"It would be pretty minimal if it prevents a lawsuit," Brackett said. "At times that is the only recourse that parents feel they might have."

The legislation must still get approval from the House.

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POCATELLO (AP) • Two high school debate teams in eastern Idaho have to give back their newly won state tournament trophies after officials discovered a glitch in the computer scoring system.

The *Idaho State Journal* reports both Blackfoot and Bonneville high schools took division top honors during the State Debate tournament in Meridian last weekend. Blackfoot was named the state champion, and Bonneville took third.

But the Idaho High School Activities Association told the schools earlier this week there was a computer error. When the scores were re-tallied, Blackfoot lost its championship status by three points, and Bonneville dropped to third place.

Blackfoot coach Cherie Clawson says the mistake was heartbreaking for her team. Association assistant director Julie Hammons says her group is still trying to determine just what caused the error.

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Grandstanding or Gold Standard?

Group questions value of some proposals in Idaho Legislature.

BY CLARK CORBIN

Post Register

BOISE • Carrie Scheid and her friends have a term for some of the nonsensical legislation she believes is polluting the political process – Bad Idaho Legislative Efforts or BILE.

Scheid, the former head of the Idaho Falls Arts Council, tracks the Legislature and provides timely updates to about 180 members of an email group called Moderate Idahoans Discussing Diverse Legislative Efforts or MIDDLE.

Why, Scheid wonders, when there are nearly 65,000 unemployed Idahoans and public schools and Medicaid programs have absorbed three years of budget cuts, did lawmakers devote two days last week to hearings that would designate gold and silver as a form of currency in Idaho?

“There has always been grandstanding in politics, and we all know that, so you expect some of it,” Scheid said. “But it struck me that some of this stuff is so over the top that I have to shake my head and wonder why we are wasting time on these things when we have so many important issues we need the Legislature to help us with.”

Rep. Phil Hart, a Republican from Athol, doesn’t agree with Scheid’s assessment of House Bill 578, the alternate currency bill he pushed.

“(This bill) is actually forward-looking in terms of trying to anticipate what might happen in the future and really provides a lifeboat to the state of Idaho should we have problems with the federal reserve system,” Hart said.

The bill in question also includes a clause that would make gold and silver coins exempt from sales, capital gains and other taxes. Hart is involved in a legal battle over unpaid federal taxes, and Scheid suspects the tax aspect of his bill is the true motivation for Hart’s support.

The gold standard isn’t the only bill critics view as self-serving or pointless.

Scheid also blasted Senate Bill 1305, pushed by Sen. Jeff Siddoway, R-Terretton, which would allow ranchers whose animals have been molested to use live bait, such as dogs, and employ helicopters and powered parachutes to kill wolves.

MIDDLE emails also decried a bill pushed by Rep. Joe Palmer, R-Meridian, that would turn off parking meters situated near the Capitol. After that bill was introduced, the Idaho Statesman reported Palmer’s son, Ty Palmer, had his car towed in January

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Carrie Scheid, former head of the Idaho Falls Arts Council, who tracks the Idaho Legislature

for failure to pay parking tickets.

Finally, Scheid also opposed the creation of a specialty license plate including the words “In God We Trust.”

Scheid’s issue with the bill is that money from the sale of the plates would have supported the American Heritage Foundation, which was co-founded by former U.S. Rep. Bill Sali, who pushed the bill.

David Adler, director of the University of Idaho’s McClure Center for Public Policy Research, said political grandstanding is nothing new.

“The motives are purely political,” Adler said. “They are pandering to interest groups or advancing the interest of key supporters, which legislators from time to time believe is necessary if they want to keep the support they enjoy among their constituents or win additional support.”

But Adler said grandstanding is different from failing to address key con-

cerns in the state.

Both Adler and Scheid said lawmakers should have worked to create a state-run health insurance exchange – an issue that was supported by the Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce and the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry.

Adler also said lawmakers should have concentrated on restoring more of the recent cuts to public schools and higher education.

He said lawmakers are making a mistake by supporting a \$35 million bill to provide tax cuts for the wealthiest when they could use that money for education.

“As citizens we have every right to expect governmental official will address the most pressing challenges confronting us,” Adler said.

“Oftentimes, government officials fall short of that expectation, and the failure to move on establishing health care exchange is a perfectly good example of government officials failing to perform their duties.”

F&G Fails to Halt Bill to Expand ATV Hunts

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BOISE • Backcountry trails on Idaho’s federal lands would open to all-terrain vehicle-riding hunters, under a measure passed by the House over Department of Fish and Game objections.

Thursday’s 48-21 vote sends it to the Senate.

Currently, Fish and Game’s rules require hunters in a third of Idaho’s hunting units to steer clear of off-road vehicle trails.

This bill lifts restrictions, something ATV users say will remedy con-

fusion over where they can ride.

Rep. Judy Boyle said such closures have been unnecessary since 2005, when the U.S. Forest Service banned cross-country ATV travel.

She argues Fish and Game’s rules exceed the agency’s statutory authority.

Fish and Game commissioners opposed this measure, however, arguing it hurts their ability to shield game from overharvest.

Rep. Linden Bateman contends the rule provides refuge for wildlife.

Fish & Game Report: Wolf Numbers Down

COEUR D’ALENE PRESS

COEUR D’ALENE • The 2011 annual summary of wolf monitoring in Idaho shows wolf numbers are down for the second consecutive year, reports Idaho Fish and Game.

Biologists documented 101 Idaho wolf packs at the end of 2011.

The population at the end of 2011 was estimated at 746 wolves, down from a high of 856 at the end of 2009. At the end of 2010, the population estimate was 777 wolves. The 2010 annual report was compiled by the Nez Perce Tribe.

“Thanks to Idaho’s hunters and trappers, we’ve made good progress in getting the wolf population under control and into better balance with prey species, such as elk, but we’ve still got a ways to go,” said Jim Unsworth, Idaho

Fish and Game deputy director.

Since the beginning of this year, 145 wolves were taken by hunters and trappers, 14 were taken in a Lolo Zone aerial control action, nine were taken in other Wildlife Service control actions around the state and one died of parvovirus. That makes an additional 169 dead so far in 2012.

There were 24 documented border packs that established territories overlapping the Idaho state boundaries with Montana, Wyoming and Washington.

Of the 63 packs known to have reproduced, 40 packs qualified as breeding pairs by the end of the year.

In Idaho, wolf packs ranged from the Canadian border south to Interstate 84, and from the Washington and Oregon borders east to the Montana and Wyoming borders.

Steep Rise in Memory Chip Demand May Help Micron

IDAHO STATESMAN

BOISE • Skyrocketing demand for memory chips that store and hold data – led by the growth in tablets – could be good news for Micron Technology Inc.

IHS iSuppli, a semiconductor research firm, forecasts that the need for NAND flash memory chips – used to store information such as pictures, movies and music after devices are shut off – will increase tenfold over the next three years. Moreover, NAND flash is a staple in solid-state drives that are faster and less prone to failure than mechanical hard drives found in most computers. They are receiving increased attention as the next generation of hard drives in many devices. “It’s the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow,” said Mike Howard, and IHS semiconductor analyst and former Micron employee.

Growth of NAND has been spectacular. In 2009, iPads didn’t exist. Shipments of the device are expected to reach 285 million in 2015. “It’s crazy growth,” Howard said. The need for NAND is expected to keep growing as consumers want more devices and more storage room on them.



A bald eagle takes flight from a tree overlooking the Kootenai River near Bonners Ferry in March 2006.

WSU Scientists Save Poisoned Bald Eagle

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SPOKANE, Wash. • Scientists at Washington State University were able to save a bald eagle that was found in Idaho suffering from lead poisoning, and this week, they released the majestic predator back into the wild.

The bald eagle was found in a ditch along a road near Orofino, Idaho, in late January, and was unable to stand, said Nickol Finch, head of the exotics and wildlife unit at WSU’s veterinary teaching hospital in Pullman.

Finch named the bird Sauder, after the Idaho fish and game biologist who rescued him. The bird was given intravenous fluids and chelation therapy, which binds the lead so it can be eliminated through the kidneys.

The eagle improved enough to be released on Monday near where he was

found. “He’s one of the lucky ones,” said Finch, who noted that a golden eagle with lead poisoning had died a few days before at the hospital.

Scientists theorize that eagles get exposed to lead by eating from the carcasses of animals that have been shot or eating fish that contain lead fishing weights, Finch said.

Numerous scientific studies, including one at WSU that spanned 18 years, show that lead shot and bullet fragments in animal carcasses can be ingested and lead to poisoning in birds, Finch said.

In addition to acute poisonings, lead exposure in wildlife can cause chronic symptoms of illness. For instance, Finch said eagles can grow thin, struggle to lift their wings, collide with cars and even become prey themselves.

“We almost always get lead-poisoned birds between the months of November and late February,” she said, because eagles at those times are feeding on the remains of large animals shot by hunters.

“In most cases, we’ll treat them for lead poisoning, regardless of the symptoms,” Finch said. “The lead may have made an eagle too weak to move out of the way of a moving car and so it gets hit. We try to cover all the bases.”

The notion of bullet-caused lead poisoning is controversial, as some hunting groups contend the problem is not widespread.

In 1991, the federal government banned the use of lead shot in waterfowl hunting across the nation. In 2007, California prohibited lead bullets in parts of the state where the endangered California condor lives.

Post Falls Officers Who Shot Fugitive Identified

COEUR D’ALENE (AP) • Two Post Falls police officers and an Idaho State Police corporal fired shots at a fugitive who died Monday morning after a chase in which he struck the corporal with his car, officials in northern Idaho said.

ISP Cpl. Michael Thomas Keys along with Post Falls officers Aaron Ogle and Bradley Johnson shot at Justin Earl Nicholas Todd, 33, at about 2:40 a.m. Monday in Hayden, Kootenai County officials said Thursday.

Keys, Ogle, Johnson and another ISP trooper were pursuing Todd on a felony warrant early Monday. The 20-minute chase ended when Todd skidded to a stop in a yard in Hayden. The officers were approaching Todd’s car when investigators say he backed up and struck Keys, prompting the gunfire.

Investigators are waiting for the full autopsy results

before releasing any information about how many times Todd was hit by gunfire. Toxicology results also are pending.

Investigators said Wednesday that Todd’s car had recently been painted from blue to white and officers found six cans of black spray paint in the car. Sheriff spokesman Maj. Ben Wolfinger said Todd might have planned to use the spray paint to change the color of the vehicle again.

Officers also found a wig, a brass knuckles/stun gun combination weapon, a knife and three cellphones along with drug paraphernalia and a police scanner that was tuned to local law enforcement frequencies.

Todd had an extensive criminal history, with 23 previous bookings as an adult and 25 warrants charging him with a variety of crimes from methamphetamine trafficking to felony eluding.

Idaho’s Infrastructure Doesn’t Make the Grade

COEUR D’ALENE PRESS

COEUR D’ALENE • A new report on the condition of Idaho’s infrastructure finds the state’s aviation, dams, bridges, drinking water systems, energy, highways, railroads, schools, transit and wastewater systems have much room for improvement.

Thursday, the Southern Idaho Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) released the 2012 Report Card for Idaho’s Infrastructure, and gave the state a grade of C-.

“The vast majority of Idaho’s infrastructure lacks proper maintenance funding and is poorly equipped to deal with the increasing demands it’s faced with as the state continues to grow. While grades for aviation, road and bridge infrastructure have improved, funding remains inadequate to meet future capacity and funding needs,” states the news release announcing the unveiling of the report.

It is the first report of its kind in Idaho.

“As civil engineers in the state of Idaho, we have a re-

sponsibility to safeguard the life, health, property and welfare of the public,” said Scott M. Wood, president of ASCE Southern Idaho. “We believe it is part of this responsibility to provide the public, including our elected leaders, with critical information about the current state of our infrastructure.”

The study is a state-focused report similar to the national ASCE’s Report Card on America’s Infrastructure, which reviewed the nation’s infrastructure and gave it an overall rating of D-.

The report is designed to

highlight the condition of Idaho’s infrastructure so the public and policy makers can make informed decisions on funding.

Industry experts from public agencies, private firms and non-profit groups led this Report Card effort. More than 25 civil engineering experts compiled issue briefs of 11 different infrastructure categories over the last 18 months. To arrive at grades for each area of infrastructure, volunteers examined the physical condition, capacity and future need, and studied funding sources

At a Glance 2012 Idaho Report Card

The following are the grades on the 2012 Idaho Report Card:
Aviation: C
Bridges: D+
Dams: C
Drinking Water: C+*
Energy: C+
Local Highways: C-
Rail Freight: C+, Passenger: D-
Schools: C-
State Highways: D+

Transit: D
Wastewater: B-
*Drinking and Wastewater grades are based on survey results.

On the Net:

To view the 2012 Report Card for Idaho’s Infrastructure, visit the ASCE Southern Idaho Section website at <http://sections.asce.org/sis/>

and trends that impact maintenance and upgrades. In nearly every area, lack of funding was cited as a reason for poor physical conditions. Of the infrastructure

areas, bridges, state highways, transit and passenger rail rank the lowest in the state of Idaho, with local highways and schools not far behind.

OPINION

“Why is it that poll numbers indicate people are interested in ending the war in Afghanistan? It’s because we’ve been there for 10 years, and people get weary.”

President Barack Obama on the increasingly unpopular war in Afghanistan and the administration’s view that the withdrawal of troops be modeled after the one in Iraq

OUR VIEW

Revenue Good, Tax Bad?

The other day, Congressman Mike Simpson stopped by the *Times-News* to discuss — among other things — the need he sees for Congress to “trim” \$4 trillion to \$6 trillion dollars from federal spending over the next 10 years. His reason for shooting for this higher number rather than a \$1.5 trillion target also under discussion in Washington? Simple: because he thinks it would force both Republicans and Democrats to abandon their favorite “sacred cows” and consider cutting both social programs and defense spending. It would force them to consider reductions in entitlements, capping tax deductions for home mortgage or charitable contributions, and not extending tax cuts.

In other words, the only way to semi-permanently solve our federal budget situation is to consider both revenue increases and expense cuts.

The Idaho state Legislature doesn’t seem to grasp this two-pronged approach. Twice in the last several weeks, the Legislature — no, make that the House — no, make that the 18 members of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee — has said an abrupt “no” to increasing revenue through raising taxes on cigarettes or collecting tax on Internet purchases that Idahoans are already required to pay, ending the conversation before anyone outside the committee could chime in. Curious.

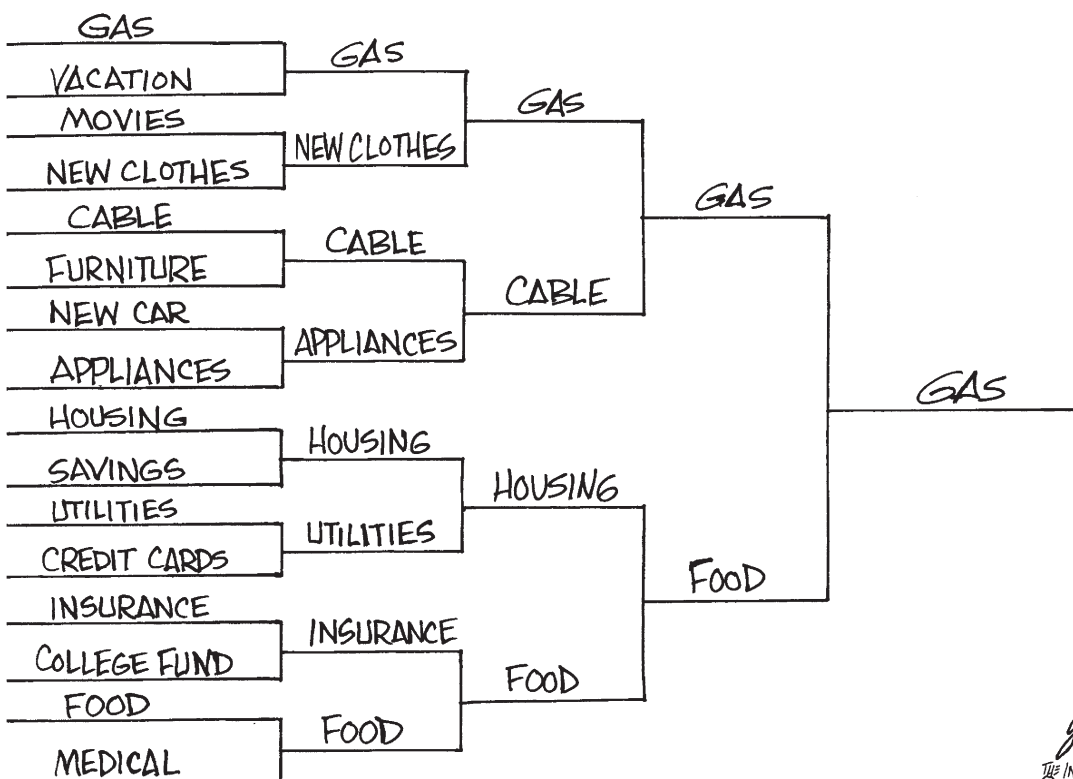
Even more curious was some of the testimony that went on during each “debate.” Heidi Low of the American Cancer Society cited statistics that indicated more than 12,000 Idaho teens would never begin smoking if they paid an additional \$1.25/pack tax on cigarettes. Low’s argument was countered by that of Rep. Dick Harwood, R-St. Maries, who dismissed the dangers of smoking by using his mother — who he says has smoked for 82 years — as an example. “Just because you smoke doesn’t mean you are going to be ill,” Harwood said.

So it’s easy to see why the Revenue and Taxation Committee sided with medical expert Dick Harwood rather than more suspect medical authorities such as the American Cancer Society or the Surgeon General.

And then there’s that same house committee’s inability to “get comfortable” with collecting an Internet tax we’re already required to pay. Many who voted against the proposed Streamlined Sales Tax said they weren’t against the concept itself, but rather the wording of the proposed bill. Well, House members, it’s been six years that you’ve been kicking this around: don’t you think it’s time to create a bill with wording that increases your comfort level?

Finally, why do 18 people get to keep making — or avoid making — these same decisions? What about giving all 105 elected members of the Legislature a chance to voice their opinions of increasing state revenues? We understand the committee structure that we have in a representative democracy, but when 18 men and women can’t find language they’re comfortable with after six years, maybe it’s time to let the bigger group have a chance.

MARCH MADNESS



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THEIR VIEW

Fly a Little Easier

The following editorial appeared in *The Seattle Times* on Thursday:

Well, look at that. The Transportation Security Administration is testing a more common-sense way to handle air travelers age 75 and older.

Forget all those horror stories about TSA agents accidentally fondling colostomy

bags and making senior citizens reveal their diapers. TSA announced it is pondering new methods to speed low-risk passengers through screening. Hallelujah.

Four airports will test new procedures for treating older passengers in a more dignified way. Travelers 75 and older will not have to remove their shoes or light jackets to clear security at Chicago’s

O’Hare International Airport, Denver International, Orlando International and Portland International.

Anyone following air-travel incidents knows senior citizens as a group are very low risk, much like children 12 and under. Passengers in that age group do not have to take off their shoes either.

Obviously, the first granny who tries to go

through security, knowingly or unknowingly, carrying a harmful item will kill this idea in an instant.

But good for TSA for moving forward with what is now understood about this group of passengers. Older people are part of the vast ocean of individuals trying to clear security while hoping to experience minimum indignities.

The pilot project in four cities is smart and timely policy. If it works — it should — this new approach should spread quickly to the rest of the country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Watch Out for Cyclists on Roadways

I first would like to pass along my condolences to the friends and loved ones of Lona Hymas Smith, the cyclist that was killed Friday, March 9, on Highway 30 west of Burley.

Above all the talent and accomplishments that this woman achieved, first and foremost she was a human being that was well within her right to be riding a bike on a public highway and with that right, state law gives her and other cyclists the right to ride two abreast as is safely possible on the right side of the road with traffic. I realize this incident is still under investigation as to who was at fault. That being said, my condolences also go out to Mr. Burt, the individual that was driving the pickup truck that struck Mrs. Smith. I am sure he is going through great agony right now and will for the rest of his life as a result of this tragic accident.

For those of you that pass cyclists on the roadways and give them at least three feet when you pass, thank you!

Those of you that think it’s funny or cute to see how close you can get as you pass, shame on you! Please share the road. After all, cyclists, who are also motorists, pay the same taxes on that road as you do and have just as much right to be there as you do, even though they are traveling much slower. I guarantee

that you would not want a death or serious injury on your conscience due to a lack of consideration for cyclists on the road by simply turning the steering wheel a fraction of an inch giving room as you pass.

We are very fortunate in this the Magic Valley that we have very good roadways to get outdoors and enjoy training and exercise on our bikes.

As club officers of Southern Idaho Cycling Klub, we urge and plead with you to be courteous and cautious as you approach and pass cyclists on the roadways wherever you may be. After all haven’t we all ridden a bicycle at one time or another in our lifetime? Some of us still love the thrill of riding bikes and hope all cyclists are as respectful of your hobbies and interests as we would like you to be of ours. Please share the road.

RICK DAYLEY
Burley
(Editor’s note: Rick Dayley is the president of the Southern Idaho Cycling Klub. The letter also was signed by Ron Hansen, vice president, and Dan Lloyd, treasurer, both of Burley.)

Sheriff May Be Asking for Too Much Money

It was great to see such a good turnout at the Republican caucus.

I wanted to speak with our current sheriff regarding the budget. To my amazement, I learned that he had left the caucus prior to going into the auditori-

um, not staying for the voting. I did have the opportunity to speak with Jack Johnson, who is running for sheriff of Twin Falls County on the Republican ticket. Jack was very articulate and knowledgeable with his answers to my questions regarding the sheriff’s department budget.

I was surprised to learn that the current sheriff has over-requested on his budgets by more than \$700,000 while he has been in office. Those with families or small-business owners in our county will not receive a refund nor will this amount be credited to the sheriff’s next budget. I also learned that he does not manage his budget but pays someone on his staff to do it for him.

It’s all well and good that our sheriff gives money back, but it looks to me like he’s asking for more than he knows he will ever need and then gives money back in order to make himself look good.

MEGAN NELSON
Twin Falls

Wind Farms Doing More Harm Than Good

I traveled to Boise on Feb. 22 to speak in favor of the wind farm moratorium bill, sponsored by Rep. Erik Simpson of Idaho Falls. I was disappointed that Power County Building Administrator Robert (Bob) Steinlicht was at the Capitol to speak on the side of the multinational wind corporations who do

not want a moratorium.

Idaho has put off, for far too long, a realistic evaluation of the true costs of wind farms. These turbines are causing power rates for you, the homeowners and irrigators, to increase. They are fueling the push for transmission lines — including Gateway West and MSTI — across Power, Cassia and other Idaho counties. The wind farm building frenzy has been fueled by the tax subsidies these companies receive and by the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act, which forces utilities to purchase electricity produced by these wind projects.

At the hearing, John Eaton of the Idaho Realtors Association spoke of the decline Idaho Realtors have seen in property values surrounding wind farms. I can now see turbines out every window of my home and hear them every time I step outside. My quality of life, my property value and my electricity rates have been negatively impacted by the Rockland Wind farm.

Unlike wind corporations and participating landowners, I receive no profit from wind turbines. It is the building administrator’s job to enforce the county’s regulations, not to take political sides. I don’t appreciate my tax dollars funding the Power County building administrator’s trips to the Capitol and his endorsement of future wind projects.

RAYMA CATES
American Falls

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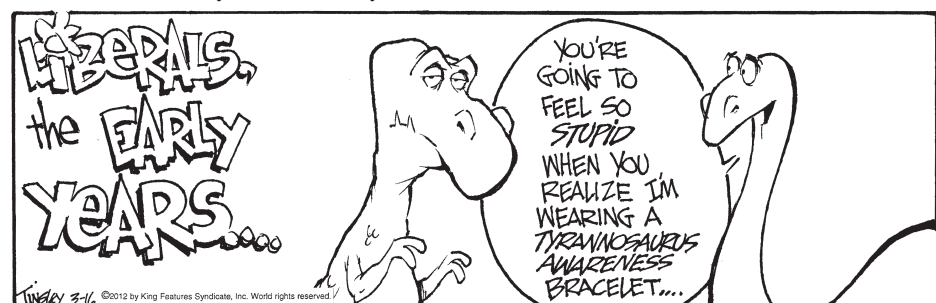
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Feds OK Killing of California Sea Lions in Columbia River

BY MANUEL VALDES
Associated Press

SEATTLE • The federal government gave states the go ahead Thursday to resume the killing of California sea lions that feast on threatened and endangered salmon in the Columbia River.

NOAA's Fisheries Service said that Washington, Oregon and Idaho agencies can kill up to 92 animals annually for the next four years. But the agency expects only 25 to 30 sea lions will actually be killed.

"We don't take enjoyment in removing these animals," said Steve Williams, deputy administrator of Oregon Fish and Wildlife's fish division.

Since 2008, Oregon and Washington have killed dozens of sea lions that cross as many as 140 miles to feed on salmon migrating upriver to spawn in the spring as they hit the bottleneck of fish lad-

ders over Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River east of Portland.

But the practice has been opposed by animal rights groups. In 2010, the Humane Society won a court order stopping the killing in 2010, but this decision allows it to resume.

"This hardly seems like a situation that requires fatal management," said Sharon B. Young, marine issues field director for the Humane Society of the U.S.

The states were accompanied by tribes who use the Columbia for salmon.

"The tribes have always recognized that there is a balance between salmon and sea lions that needs to be managed. NOAA's decision takes an important step in restoring that balance," said Paul Lumley, executive director for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, in a statement.

Previous efforts to control the sea lions included shooting them with rubber bullets, chasing them with boats and scaring them with flares. Nothing worked for long.

According to NOAA, the number of salmon eaten by the sea lions peaked in 2010 at 6,000. Last year that number dropped to 3,600, or 1.5 percent, of the total number of returning fish. Biologists say that the fish sea lions eat the most were spring Chinook or steelhead, and almost a third of those fish are from stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Williams said those estimates are a bare minimum. The issue, he said, goes farther down to the mouth of the Columbia river. He said biologists can only observe the sea lions from specific points.

The sea lions are killed with an injection, although the states are allowed to use guns, Williams said.

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Attorney John Henry Browne answers questions from the media in June 2011 outside U.S. District Court in Seattle. Browne said Thursday that he's been asked to represent the American soldier accused of killing 16 civilians in Afghanistan.

Lawyer: Afghan Slaying Suspect Loath to Deploy

BY GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE • The U.S. soldier accused of slaughtering 16 Afghan civilians last weekend had twice been injured during tours in Iraq and was reluctant to leave on his fourth deployment, a Seattle lawyer said Thursday.

"He wasn't thrilled about going on another deployment," said the lawyer, John Henry Browne. "He was told he wasn't going back, and then he was told he was going."

Browne, a well-known Seattle defense attorney who once represented serial killer Ted Bundy, said he has been asked to represent the soldier, a 38-year-old staff sergeant from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, near Tacoma.

The soldier lives in the Seattle area

and asked to be represented by Browne when he was taken into custody, the lawyer said. Browne said he has met with the staff sergeant's family, and unless the soldier is returned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord in the next few days, he will travel to meet the soldier wherever he is in custody.

Browne declined to release the soldier's name, which the Army has withheld, but said he has two young children, ages 3 and 4.

"Everybody is worried about the safety of his family, and I am honoring that," Browne said.

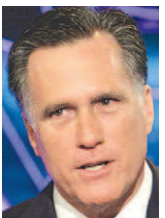
Browne said he has a limited amount of information about his prospective client. He described the soldier as highly decorated and said he had twice been injured during deployments to Iraq,

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Romney Campaign Scales Back Expenses

BY STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico • The long and increasingly messy Republican presidential contest is starting to hit Mitt Romney where it hurts most: his wallet.



Romney

New signs of financial stress are emerging in Romney's campaign, which has built a wide lead in delegates thanks in part to the might of his bank account and multistate operation. As rival Rick Santorum's surprising strength keeps extending the nomination battle, Romney has scaled back expenses, trimmed field staff in some cases and begun to count more on free media coverage to reach voters. And he's still relying on an allied super political action committee to supplement his spending on expensive TV ads.

This week, the former Massachusetts governor was forced to spend two days privately courting donors in the New York area, even as his Republican rivals were wooing voters ahead of pivotal elections in places like Illinois, where he hasn't been in four months, and as President Barack Obama was stockpiling cash for the fall general election fight.

On Wednesday, Romney had five finance events in New York, all packed, raising about \$3 million, with more set for Thursday. So the news is hardly all bad. Wednesday "was the best day we've had so far," said New York Jets owner Woody Johnson, who accompanied Romney to multiple events, including a donor breakfast in New York City.

But it's less encouraging for the campaign that the money is badly needed to re-fill coffers that had sunk close to their lowest levels since Romney launched his presidential effort last year.

It's unclear if he will tap his own personal wealth.

The former financial executive, whose personal wealth is estimated between \$190 million and \$250 million, loaned his 2008 presidential campaign \$42 million. Top aide Eric Fehrstrom says Romney has not loaned his campaign any new funds this cycle and has "no plans" to do so.

Raising money to get through a protracted primary fight is clearly not how Romney wanted to be spending

Please see ROMNEY, N2



'Fearless Felix' Chases Record

Felix Baumgartner prepares to jump during the first manned test flight for Red Bull Stratos over Roswell, N.M. on Thursday.

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Skydiver Makes Practice Jump for Supersonic Leap

Felix Baumgartner is believed to be only the third person ever to jump from 13.6 miles up and free fall to a safe landing, and the first in a half-century.

BY MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

Skydiving daredevil Felix Baumgartner is more than halfway toward his goal of setting a world record for the highest jump.

Baumgartner lifted off Thursday for a test jump from Roswell, N.M., aboard a 156-foot helium balloon. He rode inside a pressurized capsule to 71,581 feet — 13.6 miles — and then jumped. He parachuted to

a safe landing, according to project spokeswoman Trish Medalen.

He's aiming for nearly 23 miles this summer. The record is 19.5 miles.

"The view is amazing, way better than I thought," Baumgartner said after the practice jump, in remarks provided by his representatives.

Thursday's rehearsal was a test of his capsule, full-pressure suit, parachutes and other sys-

tems. A mini Mission Control — fashioned after NASA's — monitored his flight.

Baumgartner reached speeds of up to 364.4 mph Thursday and was in free fall for three minutes and 43 seconds, before pulling his parachute cords, Medalen said. The entire jump lasted eight minutes and eight seconds. She stressed that the numbers are still unofficial.

With Thursday's successful test, Baumgartner is believed to be only the third person ever to jump from such a high altitude and free fall to a safe landing, and the first in a half-century.

Please see SKYDIVER, N2

Taliban Talks Off; Karzai Tells NATO to Pull Back

Karzai also says he wants Afghan forces to take lead for security in 2013, in an apparent move to push U.S. toward an earlier exit.

BY DEB RIECHMANN
AND AMIR SHAH
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan • The American campaign in Afghanistan suffered a double blow Thursday: The Taliban broke off talks with the U.S., and President Hamid Karzai said NATO should pull out of rural areas and speed up the transfer of security responsibilities to Afghan forces nationwide in the wake of the killing of 16 civilians.

The moves represent new setbacks to America's strategy for ending the 10-year-old war at a time when support for the conflict is plummeting. Part of the U.S. exit strategy is to transfer authority gradually to Afghan forces. Another tack is to pull the Taliban into political discussions with the Afghan government, though it's unclear that there has been any progress since January.

Although Karzai has previously said that he wanted international troops to transition out of rural areas, the apparent call for an immediate exit is new. Karzai also said he now wants Afghan forces take the lead for countrywide security in 2013, in what appeared to be a move to push the U.S. toward an earlier drawdown.

A statement released by Karzai's office said that during his meeting with visiting U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, the president "requested that the international forces come out of Afghan villages and stay in their bases."

Karzai also said that the "Afghan security forces have the ability to provide security in the villages of our country," the statement said.

But a senior U.S. official said Karzai did not make any demands to have U.S. troops leave villages immediately. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to disclose details of a private meeting, said it's unclear that the U.S. would be able to pull all of its troops out of the villages even by 2013. He noted that the U.S. plans to continue counterterrorism operations and advising the Afghan forces around the country.

A rapid pullout from rural areas would have a devastating effect on U.S. ability to challenge the Taliban on the battlefield.

Spring Flooding? Not This Year, U.S. Forecasters Say

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WASHINGTON • The federal government's spring weather forecast offers no respite from warmer weather, but the country should get a break from the spring flooding that's hit the past four years.

The National Weather Service's outlook for spring, which arrived early with 577 warm temperature records broken Wednesday, predicts mostly warmer and drier-

than-normal weather, except in the Northwest. The current summer-like weather — with some temperatures as much as 35 degrees above normal — is expected to stick around through next week.

All or parts of 36 states are forecast to be warmer than normal April through June, with only Alaska, Hawaii, Washington and Oregon and the tip of Idaho forecast to be cooler than normal. Every state east of the Mississippi

River, except Wisconsin, and most of the Southwest should be warmer than normal this spring, the weather service predicts.

No place in the contiguous United States is forecast to be wetter than normal this spring. The seemingly snowless winter — the third least amount of snow in the US in 46 years — means there is less snow melting and flooding rivers. So only a small fraction of the country has an above normal

risk for flooding and no areas have a high risk of flooding this spring. Only the Ohio Valley and parts of Louisiana have elevated flood risk.

That's quite a change from last year when record flooding struck major rivers, including the Mississippi.

"The United States is getting a much needed spring break" from flooding, said National Weather Service Deputy Director Laura Furgione.

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U.S. Factories Help Job Recovery Endure in March Page N3.

OBITUARIES

Harvey William Lewis

March 14, 1929-March 14, 2012

JEROME • Harvey William Lewis, 83, of Jerome, passed away Wednesday, March 14, 2012, in Jerome.



He was born March 14, 1929, at the home of his grandparents south of Jerome, the oldest of seven children born to Francis Edgar Lewis and Mary Ellen Lamm Lewis. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1945 and served his country for six years. He married Velma Downing in 1950, and they later divorced. On May 27, 1954, he married the love of his life, Loretta Messenger, and they made their home in Jerome where they raised nine children. Harvey worked at many different jobs including retinning milk cans. He worked for the Jerome City Fire Department for 30 years and retired as assistant fire chief. Harvey's greatest passion in life was his wife, children, grandchildren and the outdoors. You could often catch him hunting or fishing on his days off. He was very proud of his moose hunt, especially when the antlers were scored in Boone and Crockett, and he often spoke of the sheep hunt he never got to do — the stories he could tell.

Harvey is survived by his sweetheart and partner of

nearly 58 years, Loretta Lewis; their children, Lyndia (Lowell) Townley, Charlotte (Rob) Evans, Jerry (Cenia) Wageman, John Lewis, Sandra (Doug) Allison, Kathy (Dugan) Schoessler, Judy (Rick) Wilcox, Gail (Michelle) Townley, Lane Lewis; two sisters, Velma Maddox and Ellen (Jerry) Johnson; two brothers, Gary Lewis and David (Seann) Lewis; 29 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and two great-grandchildren on the way.

In accordance with Harvey's wishes, there will be no formal funeral service. An open house in his honor will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Jerome Senior Center, 520 N. Lincoln in Jerome. In lieu of flowers, Harvey's family suggests that memorials be made in his name to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 6485 W. Interchange Lane, Suite 101, Boise, ID 83709, or to the charity of your choice.

"Dad, we were all so very blessed to have you in our lives. Thank you for all the good times and all the memories. Rest in peace. We Love You!"

Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Barbara Elaine Itano

May 17, 1943-March 14, 2012

CALDWELL • Barbara Elaine Itano of Caldwell passed away Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at home of natural causes surrounded by her loving family.



Barbara was born to Harry and Maxine Schwanz on May 17, 1943, in Stibnite, Idaho. The family later moved to Buhl, where she went to school.

Barbara is survived by her loving, compassionate and loyal companion, Frank; her five children, Rodney Towns of Kimberly, Idaho, Ricky Towns of Boise, Idaho, Karen Rasmussen of Boise, Idaho, Janet Quintana of Clovis, Calif., and Jerry Jordan of Buhl, Idaho; six grandchildren, Mitchell Towns, Cassidy Hansen, Sierra Ramsey, Austin Jordan, Colby Quintana and

Rebekkah Quintana; two great-grandchildren, Branae Elaine Towns and Janessa Marie Hansen; brothers, Eddie (Carol) Schwanz of Caldwell, Idaho, and Kenny Schwanz of Middleton, Idaho; and sisters, Karen (Don) McMurdie of Nampa, Idaho, and Judy Walsberg of Boise, Idaho; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins; and her guardian angel, Buddy. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Billie Jean Schwanz.

At Barbara's request, there will be no formal service. Cremation was under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell. Condolences to the family may be made online at www.flahiff-funeralchapel.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Dustin Zapata

TWIN FALLS • Dustin James Zapata, 21, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at home.

A celebration of life gathering for family and friends will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at the Kimberly City Park (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Evelyn Parke

BURLEY • Evelyn Parke, 82, of Burley, died Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at her home.

In keeping with Evelyn's wishes, no formal service will be held (Morrison Funeral Home in Rupert).

mussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Bessie Wageman Grace of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rosenau Funeral Home, 2826 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Jose Alcalá of Murtaugh, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Murtaugh School gym, 3426 N. 4500 E. of Murtaugh (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Daniel Acuña-Cosio of Jerome, celebration of life at noon Saturday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; rosary prayer service at 6 p.m. today at the Acuna residence, 604 N. 300 E. of Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Blaine J. Rasmussen of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Robert George Knoblauch of Lodi, Calif., and formerly of Rupert, celebration of life at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Wine and Roses in Lodi, Calif.

William "David" Freshour of Jerome, funeral at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Fred Vondell Shill of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service Monday at the mortuary.

Carlos T. Hahn of Home-dale, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone (Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise).

Ed Bright, memorial service at 11 a.m. March 24 at Ed's home, 360 Cleveland in Idaho Falls (Wood Funeral Home in Idaho Falls).

SERVICES

Herbert Joseph "Herb" Lage of Wendell, memorial service with military honors at 11 a.m. today at the American Legion Post 41 Hall, 610 W. Main St. in Wendell (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

H. Scott Brown of Boise and formerly of Filer, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 7960 W. Northview St. in Boise (Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise).

Thomas Gerald Reynolds of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Mildred "Ollie" Bolte of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Lloyd Gardner of Hillsboro, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11:30 a.m. April 28 at the Singing Hills Christian

Church, 3025 Southeast River Road in Hillsboro, Ore.; visitation follows (Duyck and VanDeHey Funeral Home in Forest Grove, Ore.)

Antonio Vaquera of Twin Falls and formerly of Declo, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Morrison-Payne Funeral Home, 321 E. Main St. in Burley, and one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

Phillip W. Washington of Rupert, memorial graveside service with urn placement at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery (Morrison Funeral Home in Rupert).

Ruth Hurd of Boise and formerly of Jerome, memorial at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise; light lunch follows at Cloverdale.

RaNae Griffin Smith of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Acequia LDS Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Ras-

describe as a pretrial confinement facility in Kuwait. Officials have anonymously described him as a father of two who has been in the military for 11 years. He has served three tours in Iraq and began his first deployment to Afghanistan in December.

A congressional source, speaking on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the information, told The AP that he was with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team before being assigned to a village stability operation near the villages where the attack took place.

Browne recently represented Colton Harris-Moore, a youthful thief known as the "Barefoot Bandit" who gained international attention for stealing airplanes, boats and cars during a two-year run from the law. Browne and his co-counsel, Emma Scanlan, helped Harris-Moore reach state and federal plea deals, then persuaded a state judge to give him the low end of the sentencing range: seven years in prison.

Skydiver

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"I'm now a member of a pretty small club," he said.

When the 42-year-old Austrian known as "Fearless Felix" leaps from 120,000 feet in a few months, he expects to break the sound barrier as he falls through the stratosphere at supersonic speed. There's virtually no atmosphere that far up, making it extremely hostile to humans, thus the need for a pressure suit and oxygen supply.

The record for the highest free fall is held by Joe Kittinger, a retired Air Force officer from Florida. He jumped from 102,800 feet — 19.5 miles — in 1960.

Baumgartner is out to beat that record. He plans one more dry run — jumping from 90,000 feet — before attempting the full 120,000 feet. The launch window opens in July and extends until the beginning of October.

For comparison, commercial jets generally cruise at over 30,000 feet.

Baumgartner has jumped 2,500 times from planes and helicopters, as well as some of the highest landmarks and skyscrapers on the planet — the Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking Rio de Janeiro, the Millau Viaduct in southern France, the 101-story Taipei 101 in Taiwan.

He's also plunged deep into the Earth, leaping face-first into a pitch-dark cave in Croatia.

Baumgartner considers that 620-foot-deep cave jump his most dangerous feat so far, soon to be outdone by his stratospheric plunge. His mission takes its name, Red Bull Stratos, from the stratosphere as well as the energy drink-maker sponsor.

"I like to challenge myself," Baumgartner told The Associated Press in a recent interview, "and this is the ultimate skydive. I think there's nothing bigger than that."

He's caught NASA's attention, even though space officially begins much higher at an even 100 kilometers, 328,084 feet or 62 miles.

Second African Video Stars Clooney in Sudan

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) • In the second YouTube video in a week to highlight an African conflict, George Clooney makes an illegal and dangerous trip to the southern reaches of Sudan, where the actor witnesses what an American activist said Thursday was likely a Chinese-made missile sail overhead.

Clooney's four-minute video highlights attacks on civilians in Sudan's Nuba Mountains, a region that U.S. officials say could soon suffer a severe hunger crisis. The video comes about a week after a YouTube sensation about Joseph Kony, the leader of the brutal Central Africa militia the Lord's Resistance Army.

In the Clooney video, which he wrote and directed, a man from the Nuba community is seen pushing Clooney to take cover after a rocket sails overhead. Mothers carrying children and young children lugging water jugs can be seen moving toward the rock caves.

Ryan Boyette, an American who lives in the Nuba Mountains, said Sudan's military has been launching large, Chinese-made rockets against civilians — not military forces with the rebel group known as the SPLM-N. Boyette said most of the rocket victims are caught off guard because they don't know the rocket is approaching.

Pro-regime Rally Marks Anniversary of Uprising

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

BEIRUT • A year into the Syrian uprising, it was not the opposition but the government of Bashar Assad that made a point Thursday of conspicuously marking the anniversary.

The raucous pro-Assad rallies Thursday in the streets of Damascus and other Syrian cities was the latest triumphant signal from a government widely described as besieged or doomed.

While four other Arab autocrats have fallen from power in the past 14 months, the tenacious Assad has managed to hold on

— despite a raging revolt that has swept large swaths of the nation and seen armed rebels occupy extensive territory, at least temporarily.

The overwhelming sense of fear that long blunted dissent in Syria has been dismantled, but Assad remains defiant.

Behind the sense of triumph evident Thursday on the streets of Damascus were recent battlefield victories in the restive provinces of Idlib and Homs, where government troops were able to drive out outgunned rebels who had for months occupied "liberated" territory.

Romney

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his spring. He had hoped to have wrapped up the nomination by now, giving him the freedom to raise money for the general election against Obama. The incumbent Democrat doesn't have a primary challenge, and already is well into running for re-election. He's spending 14 hours Friday raising money; the biggest event is to be with actor/director Tyler Perry and musician Cee Lo Green in Atlanta.

As Romney reloads for his GOP fight, his chief Republican rival, Santorum, is showcasing new fundraising success. The once-lopsided money race between the top two Republican candidates has never been closer. For the month of February, Romney boasted his second-best fundraising month ever, taking in \$11.5 million. Santorum, who has a vastly smaller organization to support, wasn't far off, with \$9 million.

For months, the former

Pennsylvania senator's campaign was marked by disorganization and a shoestring operation that largely depended upon passionate but inexperienced volunteers. Santorum has finally opened a national headquarters to replace the post office box that previously served that role. And he's added several paid staff.

Romney aides acknowledge they're looking at ways to reduce costs.

The campaign stopped conducting expensive polling ahead of the Michigan primary. Instead, it now counts on lower-cost voter ID phone calls, which aides contend are nearly as accurate as internal polls. Romney also stopped using the 150-seat plane that could accommodate the press after Super Tuesday and is instead flying with a small group of aides and Secret Service agents on a smaller and cheaper aircraft.

Further, his staff is pursuing what it calls creative ways to maximize free television coverage to supplement a flood of paid television advertising.

Slayings

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once suffering a concussive head injury and once a serious leg injury. Browne said the soldier is originally from the Midwest, but would not be more specific.

Some reports have indicated that alcohol may have been a factor in the shootings. Browne said that as far as the soldier's family knew, he did not have a drinking problem. He also said reports that there may have been marital problems were not correct.

"They've got a fabulous marriage," Browne said.

The soldier is suspected of going on a shooting rampage in villages near his base in southern Afghanistan early Sunday, killing nine children and seven other civilians and then burning some of their bodies. The shooting, which followed a controversial Quran-burning incident involving U.S. soldiers, has outraged Afghan officials.

The suspect was flown out of Afghanistan on Wednesday evening to what officials

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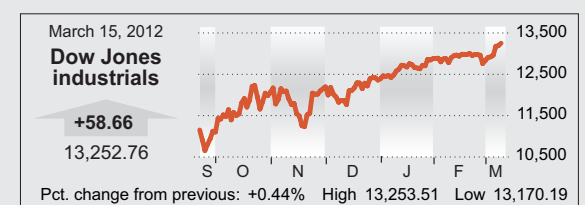
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THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

S&P Cracks 1,400 for First Time Since 2008

NEW YORK (AP) • The stock market cleared another barrier Thursday in its long recovery from the Great Recession: The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed above 1,400 for the first time since June 2008. The Dow Jones industrial average, driven higher like the rest of the market by more good economic news, set a four-year high. It climbed 58.66 points to finish at 13,252.76, its highest close since the last day of 2007. The S&P finished at 1,402.60, up 8.32 points. The Nasdaq composite index climbed 15.64 points to close at 3,056.37.



STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.80f	16	42.94	+14	-2.7	Keycorp	.12	9	8.54	+05	+11.1
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AmCasino	.50f	14	21.02	+09	+21.6	MicronT	8.83	+25	+40.4
Aon Corp	.60	17	49.03	+03	+4.8	OfficeMax	...	14	5.50	+05	+21.1
BallardPw	...	...	1.53	+04	+41.7	RockTen	.80	26	71.41	-.94	+23.8
BkofAm	.04	...	9.24	+40	+66.2	Sensient	.84	15	37.08	+45	-2.2
ConAgra	.96	15	26.58	+28	+7	SkyWest	.16	...	11.53	+22	-8.4
Costco	.96	27	91.46	+56	+9.8	Teradyn	...	14	16.84	+36	+23.6
Diebold	1.14f	17	39.03	+24	+29.8	Tuppwr	1.44f	18	63.44	...	+13.3
DukeEngy	1.00	17	21.13	-.02	-4.0	US Bancpr	.78f	13	31.68	+20	+17.1
DukeRtly	.68	...	14.40	+09	+19.5	Valhii	.50	28	52.62	-1.65	-13.0
Fastenal s	.68f	43	52.55	-.28	+20.5	WalMart	1.59f	14	61.23	+15	+2.5
Heinz	1.92	17	53.27	+45	-1.4	WashFed	.32f	15	16.84	+24	+20.4
HewlettP	.48	9	24.40	+06	-5.3	WellsFargo	.88f	12	34.07	+70	+23.6
HomeDp	1.16	20	49.20	-.27	+17.0	ZionBcp	.04	27	22.13	+55	+35.9
Idacorp	1.32f	12	40.88	+04	-3.6						

GRAINS & METALS REPORT

VALLEY BEANS

Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers. Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture: pintos, \$50; pinks, \$45; small reds, \$45-\$46; garbanzos, \$40-\$42 Ltd. Quotes current March 15.

VALLEY GRAINS

Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundredweight. Prices subject to change without notice. Barley, \$10.70; oats, \$9.30; corn, \$12.00 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given by Rangen's in Buhl. Prices current March 15. Corn, \$12.10 (cwt). Prices quoted by JD Heiskell. Prices current March 15.

INTERMOUNTAIN GRAINS

POCATELLO (AP) – Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report for Thursday. **POCATELLO** – White wheat 6.10 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 6.31 (up 23); 14 percent spring 8.07 (up 14); barley 9.38 (steady); hard white 7.01 (up 23). **BURLEY** – White wheat 6.10 (up 10); 11.5 percent winter 6.32 (up 23); 14 percent spring 8.03 (up 14); barley 9.50 cwt (steady); hard white 6.82 (up 23). **OGDEN** – White wheat 6.50 (up 15); 11.5 percent winter 6.45 (up 20); 14 percent spring 8.16 (up 12); barley 10.70 (up 15); corn 12.48 (up 16). **PORTLAND** – White wheat 7.14 (up 4); 11 percent winter 7.60-7.65 (up 24); 14 percent spring 9.63 (up 14); corn 284.00-284.25 (up 3.75). **NAMPA** – White wheat 10.00 cwt (steady); 6.00 bushel (steady).

VALLEY LIVESTOCK

TWIN FALLS – Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co. reports the following prices from the livestock sale held Wednesday, March 14. **Steers:** under 400 lbs., \$190-\$222; 400 to 500 lbs., \$179.50-\$205; 500 to 600 lbs., \$172-\$189.25; 600 to 700 lbs., \$159-\$173; 700 to 800 lbs., \$139-\$154.50; over 800 lbs., \$134-\$148.50. **Heifers:** under 400 lbs., \$134-\$225; 400 to 500 lbs., \$174-\$190; 500 to 600 lbs., \$142-\$167; 600 to 700 lbs., \$141-\$159.50. **Commercial/utility cows:** \$68-\$87. **Canners/cutters:** \$40-\$68. **Stock cows:** \$1,050-\$1,550. **Heiferettes:** \$92-\$106. **Butcher bulls:** \$80-\$98. **Feeder bulls:** \$74-\$87. **Holstein steers:** 205 to 500 lbs., \$126-\$141; 500 to 700 lbs., \$106-\$119. **Market trend:** Cows are steady; calves and feeders are steady to \$2 lower. **No Saturday sale, March 10**

BURLEY LIVESTOCK AUCTION

BURLEY – The Burley Livestock Auction reports the following prices from the sale held Thursday, March 15. **Steers:** 300 to 400 lbs., \$180-\$219; 400 to 500 lbs., \$170-\$214; 500 to 600 lbs., \$137-\$187.50; 600 to 700 lbs., \$145-\$173.75; 700 to 800 lbs., \$140-\$153; 800 to 900 lbs., \$125-\$140; over 900 lbs., \$116-\$126.50. **Heifers:** 300 to 400 lbs., \$169-\$193; 400 to 500 lbs., \$165-\$184; 500 to 600 lbs., \$151-\$176; 600 to 700 lbs., \$139-\$162; 700 to 800 lbs., \$123-\$141; 800 to 900 lbs., \$115-\$136; over 900 lbs., \$110-\$120.50. **Holsteins:** 300 to 400 lbs., \$120-\$125; 400 to 500 lbs., \$89-\$128; 500 to 600 lbs., \$85-\$126; 600 to 700 lbs., \$75-\$113; 700 to 800 lbs., \$75-\$104.50; 800 to 900 lbs., \$75-\$102; over 900 lbs., \$75-\$103.

Stock cows: \$950-\$1,350. **Slaughter cattle:** commercial/utility cows, \$70-\$79; canner/cutter cows, \$60-\$70; shelly/light cows, \$35-\$50. **Heiferettes:** \$90-\$110. **Bulls:** commercial/utility bulls, \$81-\$91; thin and trend, \$65-\$78. **Bull:** Head sold, 747.

JEROME – Producers Livestock Marketing Association in Jerome reports the following prices from the livestock sale held Tuesday, March 13. **Started bull and steer calves:** \$115-\$440 head. **Started heifer calves:** \$120-\$360. **Cutter/canner cows:** \$72-\$81. **Shelly/lite cows:** \$62-\$71. **Beef cows:** \$35-\$55. **Holstein heifers:** \$85-\$123. **Heiferettes:** \$89-\$113.50. **Slaughter bulls:** \$75-\$92.50. **Holstein steers:** 700 to 1,000 lbs., \$110-\$112. **Choice steers:** 500 to 700 lbs., \$147-\$183.50; 700 to 800 lbs., \$144-\$154; 800 to 1,000 lbs., \$134-\$147.5. **Choice heifers:** 400 to 600 lbs., \$158-\$179; 600 to 700 lbs., \$148-\$168.50; 700 to 800 lbs., \$133-\$145; 800 to 1,000 lbs., \$136-\$137.

INTERMOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK AUCTION – Twin Falls Livestock Auction on March 14. **Slaughter and feeder cows:** 56.00-77.00; bred cows 1200-1550/nd; slaughter and feeder bulls 70.00-98.00; heavy feeder steers 134.00-154.25; light feeder steers 119.00-189.75; stocker feeder steers 141.00-222.00; heavy feeder heifers 114.00-118.00; light feeder heifers 142.00-163.00; stocker feeder heifers 174.00-225.00; March 3; weaner pigs 35.00-45.00; fats feeders 55.00-95.00; sows 28.00-35.00; lambs 144.00-156.00; bucks 87.00; ewes 74.00-76.00; calves 45.00-215.00; goats 15.00-160.00. No remarks on either sale.

GOLD

Selected world gold prices, Thursday. **London morning fixing:** \$164.675 up \$2.50. **London afternoon fixing:** \$164.00 up \$3.75. **NY Handy & Harman:** \$164.00 up \$3.75. **NY Handy & Harman fabricated:** \$1779.84 up \$4.05. **NY Engelhard:** \$1651.47 up \$3.75. **NY Engelhard fabricated:** \$1775.31 up \$4.04. **NY Merc:** gold Mar Thu. \$1659.10 up \$16.60. **NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Thu.** \$1660.00 up \$23.00.

SILVER

NEW YORK (AP) – Handy & Harman silver Thursday \$32.240 off \$0.420. **H&H fabricated:** \$38.688 off \$0.504. **The morning bullion price for silver in London:** \$32.360 off \$0.480. **Engelhard:** \$32.420 off \$0.700. **Engelhard fabricated:** \$38.904 off \$0.840. **NY Merc silver spot month Thursday:** \$32.693 up \$0.546.

NONFERROUS METALS

NEW YORK (AP) – Spot nonferrous metal prices. **Aluminum:** \$0.9962 per lb., London Metal Exch. **Copper:** \$3.8408 Cathode full plate, LME. **Copper:** \$3.8920 N.Y. Merc spot Thu. **Lead:** \$2108.00 metric ton, London Metal Exch. **Zinc:** \$2048.00 per lb., London Metal Exch. **Gold:** \$1648.00 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). **Gold:** \$1659.10 troy oz., NY Merc spot Thu. **Silver:** \$32.240 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). **Silver:** \$32.693 troy oz., NY Merc spot Thu. **Platinum:** \$1677.00 troy oz., NY (contract). **Platinum:** \$1683.90 troy oz., NY Merc spot Thu. **n.q.** – not quoted **n.a.** – not available **r.evised.**

YOUR BUSINESS

Declo Student a Zions Bank Contest Finalist

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • Magic Valley residents can help Declo High School student Janet Cole win \$1,000 in Zions Bank's "Magic of Saving" video contest.

Cole's "Kingdom for Sale" video is one of five finalists for the award, which will go to an Idaho middle school or high school student who submits the most voted-upon video. If Cole wins, Declo High will receive a \$1,000 matching award. Lesser rewards and matches will be given to second- and third-place finishers.

Votes may be cast by visiting www.facebook.com/ZionsBank and clicking the "Magic of Saving" tab. Winners will be announced in early April.

According to a Zions Bank release, Cole's minute-long video uses humor to promote the importance of saving, telling the story of a peasant who manages to save enough to buy a kingdom with the help of the bank's online savings tools.

THE DIGIT

\$5 Billion

How much Cisco's planned acquisition of video tech company NDS will cost • Cisco Systems Inc. is buying digital video technology company NDS Group Ltd. to enhance the range of products it sells to pay-TV providers and to expand in emerging markets. The roughly \$4 billion purchase would be Cisco's biggest since it paid \$3.4 billion for Norwegian teleconferencing company Tandberg in April 2010. The networking gear maker has been working to turn its business around. It missed the early stages of the economic recovery and lost out to competitors when orders began to rebound. Cisco said Thursday that the NDS purchase will speed up the delivery of its Videoscape entertainment platform Cisco is putting a \$5 billion price tag on the planned acquisition. That number includes debt. NDS carried about \$1 billion in debt at the end of 2011, the latest available figure from its regulatory filings.

M.V. Farmers Seek Risk Management in Farm Bill

Forget direct payments, some say. Making sure producers are protected from weather or market-related disasters will be key.

BY CINDY SNYDER

For the Times-News

JEROME • With Congress revisiting the Farm Bill, which sets the nation's direction for food and farm policy, the process can seem familiar with discussions of target prices and base acres.

This year, the update — which happens every five years — is shaping up to be different than any past revision.

That's because each writing is shaped by the economic climate in play. Despite a faltering economy, the 2008 Farm Bill that's in play today included an \$11 billion spending increase over the baseline amount.

But today's wobbly economy is unlike any that Americans have seen in a long time. Even in good times, agricultural spending can be difficult to justify. But cries for spending cuts are particularly loud this year, as conservative Congress members call to reduce government spending and cut into the national debt.

"This farm bill is going to be different," Brandon Willis, senior advisor to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsak, told Magic Valley producers and Farm Service Agency em-

ployees during a Tuesday listening session in Jerome.

Ag spending will reduce — by as much as \$48 billion from the 2008 Farm Bill, he said. That means lawmakers and the nation's farmers and ranchers will need to decide how best to use limited funds to provide a safety net at time when many agricultural commodity prices are strong.

Corn, soybean and wheat growers tend to favor using programs that would pay growers when their margins are squeezed by high input costs or low prices. But Southern peanut, rice and cotton growers are arguing for a program based on target prices.

In the Magic Valley, risk management is the top priority. Producers want tools to manage the risk of unexpected storms that destroy crops or abrupt changes in the market that can cause catastrophic losses.

"Crop insurance is very important to us," said Hollister-area farmer Lance Griff. "I'd rather see direct payments cut than anything reduced in crop insurance."

But Griff is leery of proposals that would shift administration of the federal crop insurance program to the Farm Service Agency. The Risk Management Agency is now responsible for the program that offers subsidized crop insurance to producers through private insurers.

Dairy producers also shared their frustrations with the federal Milk In-

come Loss Contract (MILC) that compensates dairy producers when milk prices drop below a certain level. Annual payment is capped at 350 cows, and many Magic Valley dairies reach their payment limitation after a single month.

Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., has introduced a bill that would replace MILC with a dairy producer margin protection program that would include both milk and feed prices, and could also limit supply when milk prices are low.

Milk Producers of Idaho has voted to support the bill.

"We need risk management, we don't need direct payments," said Don Tabor, a dairy producer from Dietrich.

The U.S. Senate has begun hearings on the 2012 Farm Bill and is expected to complete its bill first, possibly even before the House begins work on its version. But the House may also decide to take up the Farm Bill to show it can pass bipartisan legislation.

Willis hopes farmers and ranchers will take time to think about what issues are most important — whether that's passing the operation to the next generation or surviving a market downturn — and how Farm Bill 2012 could best address those concerns.

"What is the purpose of the Farm Bill? Are the policies and programs in the Farm Bill answering the needs you have? That's up to you guys and Congress to decide," Willis said.

U.S. Factories Help Job Recovery Endure in March

BY CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON • A resurgent U.S. job market that has lifted the economy appears to be enduring.

Factories in the Northeast kept hiring in early March. And the number of people applying for unemployment aid fell back to a four-year low. The economy is adding jobs at a time when inflation remains relatively mild outside of higher gas prices.

The upbeat government reports Thursday reinforced the message sent by last week's encouraging job figures for February.

Good economic news drove stocks higher, too. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed above 1,400 for the first time since June 2008. The Dow Jones industrial average finished up for the seventh straight session at 13,252.76 — the highest close since the last day of 2007.

"More solid U.S. economic



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A George's restaurant employee David Lopez works on filling a customers order on March 3 in Waco, Texas. Fewer people sought unemployment benefits last week, adding to signs that the job market is strengthening.

data pointing to a gradually improving labor market, a bounce-back in manufacturing and no material ... inflation pressure," Robert Kavcic, an economist at BMO Capital Markets.

Applications for unemployment aid dropped to a seasonally adjusted 351,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That matched a

four-year low reached last month. The four-week average, which smooths fluctuations, was unchanged at 355,750, also a four-year low.

Applications have declined 14 percent since October. When applications drop consistently below 375,000, it usually signals that hiring is strong enough to lower the unemployment rate.

The steady decline has coincided with the best three months of hiring in two years. From December through February, employers added an average of 245,000 jobs a month. The unemployment rate has fallen to 8.3 percent, the lowest in three years.

The figures "indicate that the labor market is steadily, if slowly, improving," said Steven Wood, an economist at Insight Economics. "Another month of 200,000-plus payroll employment in March is likely."

U.S. factories in the Northeast are likely to contribute to those March payroll gains, based on two surveys conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The Fed banks said manufacturing in both regions is growing at a healthy pace in March. The Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index posted its highest reading since April 2011; the New York Fed index hit a 21-month high.

TWIN FALLS CHAMBER BUSINESS DAY NEARS

TIMES-NEWS

Business Day Schedule

Thursday at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls
9 a.m.: Business marketing seminar
10 a.m.: Lunch computing seminar
Noon: Luncheon
1-7 p.m.: Trade show
5:30-7 p.m.: Business After Hours event

TWIN FALLS • The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Business Day event Thursday at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center in Twin Falls.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., with two seminars, a lunch, a trade show, and one of the cham-

ber's Business After Hours events. The trade show is free and open to the public, while

there's a \$30 cost to attend the lunch. Speakers will be Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and Gynnie Gilliam, chief economic development officer for the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Chamber members can also reserve trade show booth space for a fee. To RSVP for the lunch or inquire about booth space, call 733-3974.

Heavy Demand Expected as iPad Goes on Sale Today

NEW YORK (AP) • Let the wild rumpus start.

The customary storefront crowds are expected to gather as Apple's latest iPad goes on sale today. Long lines are likely even though customers could have ordered the new tablet computer ahead of time for first-day home delivery.

The third version of Apple's iPad will be available in the U.S. and nine other countries beginning at 8 a.m. local time. The new model comes with a faster processor and a much sharper screen. It also boasts an improved camera, similar to that of the latest iPhone.

For many customers, visiting a store in person — instead of having

one shipped — offers consumers a chance to mingle with die-hard Apple fans.

Two years after the debut of the first iPad, the device's launch has become the second-biggest "gadget event" of the year, after the annual iPhone release. A year ago, thousands lined up outside the flagship Apple store on New York's Fifth Avenue. The device sold out on launch day, even though it didn't go on sale until 5 p.m.

Apple does its part to encourage a party atmosphere. In past years, the company's retail employees have provided bottled water, coffee, bagels and even cupcakes to people in line. They've cheered and clapped as customers entered and

left. Some customers bring lawn chairs and sleeping bags. Others dress as iPhones and iPads.

For some customers, standing in line will offer the only chance to get a new iPad on Friday. Apple quickly ran out of supplies it set aside for advance orders. The company was telling customers Thursday to expect a two- to three-week wait for orders placed through its online stores.

The new iPad is called just that: "the new iPad." Apple declined to give it a name like "iPad 3" or "iPad HD." That is consistent with its naming practice for iPods, MacBooks and iMacs, but a break with the way iPhone models are named.

At a Glance New iPad Launches Today

MODELS AND PRICES:

There are nine different configurations in the U.S.:

- Wi-Fi only, 16 gigabytes of storage, \$499
- Wi-Fi only, 32GB, \$599
- Wi-Fi only, 64GB, \$699
- Wi-Fi and 4G cellular connection, 16GB, \$629 (separate models for AT&T and Verizon Wireless networks)
- Wi-Fi and 4G cellular connection, 32GB, \$729 (separate models for AT&T and Verizon Wireless networks)
- Wi-Fi and 4G cellular connection, 64GB, \$829 (separate models for AT&T and Verizon Wireless networks)

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The prices are the same as the iPad 2's at launch. Apple is cutting the older version's prices by \$100.

AVAILABILITY:

Apple says the new iPad will be available at Apple's retail stores as well as Best Buy, Radio Shack, Sam's Club, Target and Walmart. AT&T and Verizon Wireless will also sell iPads, but only models with built-in cellular broadband modems.

Sales begin at 8 a.m. local time. — Associated Press

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It is spring break time. If your pets are missing while you were gone, please contact the animal shelter 208-736-2299 to locate them. Please have ID on your pets and responsible pet sitters.



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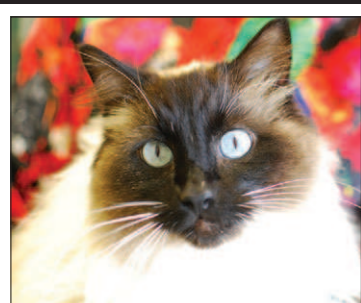
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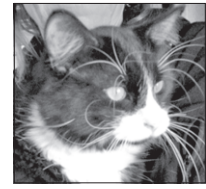


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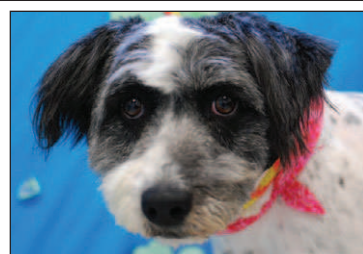


Olga

is a bashful Dachshund/Terrier X spayed female about 1 year old with long wiry hair that has really come out of her shell and seems to be quite a character.



Ken and Jill support the Animal Shelter and want to help find good homes for animals.



Journey

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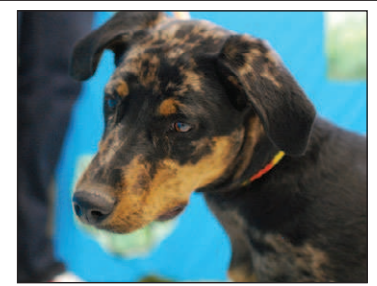


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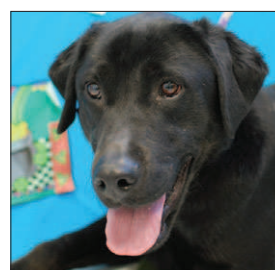
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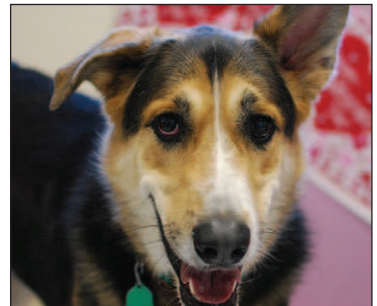


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Garbage Art

Volunteers hope their mural of recycled glass in Old Towne Twin Falls will win an art prize — and spur more recycling efforts.

BY BLAIR KOCH
For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS • Every bit of glass laid like a cobblestone walkway on the Twin Falls Mosaic is saved garbage that was headed to a landfill.

The mural in Old Towne has beer, Jagermeister and wine bottles. Medicine bottles and flower-pattern plates. A keepsake treehouse figurine. More beer bottles. Pieces of hand-cut glass, their sharp edges sanded before they were cemented on to the wall.



Rueda

and dumped into a cement mixer with water and sand. The machine rolled the mixture, working like a rock polisher and getting the glass pieces ready to affix into a yellow sun or blue sky.

“We actually started on the mural last year but couldn’t continue through the winter, but I’ve been collecting glass,” said Tara Rueda, 30, of Twin Falls, who is spearheading the effort. “So much glass.”

A mural design exists for the entire exterior wall of the Woody’s bar, but Rueda hopes to have the first 34-foot section complete in time for the Art &

Soul of the Magic Valley competition, which begins April 27.

“I’m really shocked that our community doesn’t have more of a recycling program, and that is really what this community art project is all about: raising awareness and motivating action and change,” Rueda said. “If we can show how much glass is simply on the wall and get people thinking about

Please see MOSAIC, E3

DRAWING COURTESY OF TWIN FALLS MOSAIC
(TOP) Artist Jenna Stone’s rendering of the Twin Falls Mosaic plan. The mural’s first phase is the tree, blue sky and green mountains.

Three Best Bets



Go All Green

Don’t expect the shamrocks and silliness to be confined to the parade floats as hundreds of people line Twin Falls’ Main Avenue for the **St. Patrick’s Day Parade**. Even the crowd goes a little crazy with goofy hats, face paint, green glasses and the occasional costumed pet. Because the day falls on Saturday this year — and most folks won’t be going back to the office — downtown might be rather Irish for hours after the parade rolls to its finish.



Virginia Hutchins
Editor’s Picks

Masters of Brass

The performance is guaranteed to be polished (it’s military), and the price is right (it’s free). Catch the

Air Force band **Travis Brass** either tonight in Rupert or Saturday in Twin Falls. You’ll hear a repertoire from traditional marches to jazz, ragtime and pop — from musicians with a particularly sharp edge on their skills. Hint: Call the venues now to reserve free tickets.

Finally, on an Idaho Screen

Locals watched with interest as Buhl native Jaffe Zinn — whom TheFilmStage.com named in its “Top 10 Directorial Debuts of 2011” list — returned to his hometown in 2009 to film his moody, contemplative movie “**Magic Valley**.” But the locals haven’t seen the finished film until this weekend. “Magic Valley” will have screenings on Saturday and Sunday during the first **Sun Valley Film Festival**, with Zinn there to talk to the crowd.

For details, see the calendar inside.



TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO
Ken Wellard of Sandy, Utah, goes over a new song with Linda Merrill of Rexburg during the Hagerman Cowboy Poetry Gathering in 2011.

Hagerman’s Cowboy Poetry Gathering Draws Out-of-state Performers, Moves to Larger Venue

BY BLAIR KOCH
For the Times-News

HAGERMAN • Living in urban California, Christine Riker recalled an early childhood under the Texas sky, surrounded with horses and plenty of elbow room. Yearning for that kind of environment brought Riker to southern Idaho.

Two years ago, the Buhl resident attended the Hagerman Cowboy Poetry Gathering for the first time. Sitting among working cowboys and everyday people, Riker felt at home. She soon joined the Cowboy Poets of Idaho and started sharing poetry and artwork of her own.

“Everybody has a desire to express themselves but most don’t. It takes time to write poetry, and when you are busy raising and caring for family, going to work every day and living, many people don’t tend to their creative side,” Riker said.

Does yours need tending? The Hagerman Cowboy Poetry Gathering, now in its sixth year, will be March 23-24 at the Hagerman High School gymnasium.

As at last year’s gathering, Riker has donated artwork to be raffled. The money raised will go toward this year’s charitable causes: the Wounded Warrior program and American Legion’s Boys and Girls State.

“This year I have a watercolor painting, a re-creation of the Three Island Crossing in Glens Ferry of pioneers cross the river,” Riker said.

Please see COWBOY, E2



PHOTOS BY DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS
(TOP) Nikki Sandau, right, and Britney Hogan play mini golf at Laser Mania Family Fun Center on Wednesday in Twin Falls. With its bright colors and psychedelic feel, this 10-hole, 3-D course is a visual feast. **(BELOW)** Sandau plays mini golf at Laser Mania.

FORE!

MINI GOLF COURSES TO CHECK OUT

BY NATALIE DICOU
ndicou@magicvalley.com

TWIN FALLS • Love golf, but can’t hit a driver straight? Do your iron shots always hook into the trees as the other members of your foursome watch smugly from the cart? Does the thought of sand traps give you chills?

Why not just stick with putting? With low prices and no long fairways to walk, mini golf is a cheap and easy way to spend an afternoon.

Our guide tells you where to play the links mini-style in Magic Valley. Arrange a tee time today.

Laser Mania

1201 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls; 733-0773.

With its jaw-droppingly bright colors and psychedelic feel, this family fun center’s 10-hole, 3-D, black-light course is a visual feast.

Putt your way from room to room, enjoying impressive mural scenes enhanced by black light. Each hole is themed: There’s “Under the Sea,” “Dragon’s Lair,” “Honey, I Shrunk the Hole” and everyone’s favorite, “Magic Valley,” featuring a mural of the Snake River gorge and a BASE jumper gliding from the Perrine Bridge.

3-D glasses are optional. While wearing them, the walls jump out at

you and the ball is fuzzy.

“We tell everybody not to wear the glasses when they putt because it throws off depth perception,” said team lead Whitney Aguinaga.

No, you wouldn’t want impaired vision when you’re locked in a heated round of golf with your competitive girlfriend or brother.

Prices: \$5.75; for children 5 and younger, \$3.75. Laser Mania also has laser tag and an arcade.

Hours: 4-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 4-11 p.m. Fridays; and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Sundays. Hours expand during summer vacation and spring break.

NazzKart

302 Third Ave. S., Twin Falls; 733-7223.

NazzKart, more known for its indoor go-kart track, also offers a no-frills, 9-hole mini golf course. The favorite hole is No. 5, said manager Tyler Ford. It makes everyone feel like Rory McIlroy.

“Everyone gets a hole-in-one on it,” Ford said. “Your ball has to go through a tire. Most of the time it will.”

Bounce your ball off obstacles such as rubber go-kart tires and larger tires transformed into loops. As you navigate the course, watch go-karts whiz around the adjacent track or listen to the ping of metal bats at the nearby

batting cage. NazzKart also has several pool tables, a rock wall, ping pong, air hockey, shuffleboard and a bounce house.

Prices: Nine holes costs \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 8 and younger.

Hours: 2-10 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays; 2-11 p.m. Fridays; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays; and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays.

Anderson Camp

1188 E. 990 S., Eden (just off exit 182); 825-9800.

Its course doesn’t open until May, but Anderson Camp provides an option for the mini golfer who craves fresh air: an 18-hole outdoor course that offers plenty of shade in the summer.

Mini golfing might be seen as kids’ domain, but owner Carleen Miller said this year the facility will begin offering two monthly “date nights” — one for adults, 21 and older, and one for the younger set, ages 16-20.

A date-night package includes a stay in a cabin (or bring your RV), a round of mini golf, a pizza and after-hours access to the new 100-foot water slide (coming in May). What’s more romantic than that? Miller said prices for date night haven’t been determined yet.

Celebrate your holes-in-one at the snack bar and arcade or play games like

Please see MINI GOLF, E3



SUN VALLEY KICKS UP THE SPRING BREAK FUN WITH SOLFEST

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY • Sun Valley is set to rock and roll over spring break with three days of concerts, half-priced lift tickets for college students and some fun ski and snowboard competitions.

SolFest will kick off with a free party and live music by the Bermuda Cowboys, featuring Nashville songwriter and Male Horizon Award nominee Bryon Hildreth from Buhl, at 5 p.m. March 23 at Grumpy's Bar and Grill. And it will end with a Slide Glide and Ride Relay featuring tubing, cross-country skiing and downhill skiing or boarding by participants of all ages, at 11 a.m. March 25 at Dollar Mountain.

The prizes are nothing to sneer at: a one-night stay at the resort, a full-day lift ticket and a half-day lift ticket.

Rounding out the first night will be a Dan Cummins/Ryan Wingfield Comedy Show at 6 p.m. March 23 at the Boiler Room in Sun Valley, and a performance by Denver's Fox



KAREN BOSSICK FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

Rod Tatsuno was among those who switched from their ski boots to their dancing shoes Saturday at the base of Baldy. Sun Valley aims to put on an even bigger party during its three-day SolFest, March 23-25.

Street All Stars with its New Orleans vibe (\$5 cover) at 10 p.m. March 23 at Whiskey Jacques on Ketchum's Main Street.

March 24 will kick off with a free Sol Fest Poker Run, in which participants register at Apples Bar and Grill beginning at 9 a.m. They can ski around Baldy collecting cards in hopes that they can show the best poker hand.

night at 10 p.m. at Whiskey Jacques (\$5 cover).

The event is designed to attract people to town and fill hotel rooms, said Greg Randolph, general manager of Sun Valley Marketing Alliance.

"In the past we had great events in Sun Valley where we closed down Main Street for spring break parties. We're trying to reignite that to attract the youthful demographic," added Therese Magner, sales executive for Sun Valley Resort. "We're also trying to attract those in their 30s, 40s and 50s who have young kids whom they like to take to a concert. So we're offering stay-and-ski-free packages."

Big Mountain teleskier Conor Davis, who grew up skiing Baldy, recalled how he did aerial acrobatic maneuvers on skis at the SolFest celebrations Sun Valley held a decade ago.

"It'd be nice to see them bring that back again. But anything they can do to crank up the fun is good," he said.

"This is just the start," Magner said. "Next year we'll

shoot for the moon!"

Guests who stay at Sun Valley Lodge during SolFest can get two free lift tickets with a \$139 per-person double-occupancy offer (yes, that's \$278 for a room). A \$25 gift card will be given for each room booked for those who stay at least two nights and mention SolFest.

Children 15 and younger are

eligible for Kids Stay and Ski Free discounts.

The deals get even better come April 1. Sun Valley Resort is offering \$79 per-person double-occupancy rates with free lift tickets beginning April 1 through the end of the ski season. The rate is \$123 for single occupants.

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Cowboy

Continued from Entertainment 1

With attendance continuing to grow, gathering organizer Kenneth Wellard anticipates they'll meet their \$1,000 donation goal.

This is the first year the event will be held at Hagerman High School.

"We've simply grown out of the American Legion hall," Wellard said. "It's been standing room only."

Moving to a gymnasium will accommodate the 500 people expected to come, he said, up from the 300 who packed into the Legion hall.

Wellard said the cowboy poetry show continues to thrive because performers, even new ones to the scene, stick to the art form's traditional roots.

"The Hagerman show is a very local, grassroots kind of show," said past performer Ernie Sites of Utah. "The ballads, stories and poetry are all stuff everyone can relate to, whether you are a working cowboy or not. It's about the smell of the corral, a welder's spark and crackling of a campfire. That is part of everyone's heritage, more than any of us can imagine, and I think that is why it's so popular."

Wellard anticipates that the extra space in the gymnasium will allow a few vendors to set up shop. That's a part of the show likely to get even bigger in coming years.

"We've never had room for vendors in Hagerman, but we do have chain saw sculptors that will be set up and perhaps a few other booths," Wellard said. "The vendor presence will be

Authentic Poetry

What: Celebrate the West's tradition and cowboy culture at the sixth annual Hagerman Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

When: Evening performances are 7-10 p.m. March 23-24; day performances are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Hagerman High School gymnasium.

Who: Anyone interested in stepping up to the mic is welcome during the day, provided that performances are clean and within the 12-minute limit.

Admission: \$12 for evening performances; no charge for day sessions.

Nightly performer list:

• **March 23:** Stampede, West Haven, Utah; J.B. Barber, Genesee; Arden Gailey, Ovid; Kevin Inman, Graham, Wash.; Bob & Marrior Baird, Idaho City; Bobby Hunter, Emmett; David Anderson, Ogden, Utah; Don Shellman, Idaho Falls; Sam Mattise, Boise; Steve Porter, N.C.; Layle Bagley, Rexburg; Smith Family, Wendell.

• **March 24:** Tommy Patton, Gooding; Linda Merrill, Rexburg; Larry Shiflet, Boise; Wayne Nelson, American Falls; Ken Wellard, Sandy, Utah; Bill Chiles, Idaho Falls; Vern Woodbury, Mackay; Fall River Boys, St. Anthony; Garde Bowman, Idaho Falls; Sam Deleeuw, Ogden; Saddlestrings, Hooper, Utah.

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Arts on Tour Brings Boston Brass to T.F.

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TWIN FALLS • Boston Brass will perform the sixth show of Arts on Tour's 2011-12 season, at 7:30 p.m. April 4 in the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for students in high school and younger.

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The final performance of the Arts on Tour season will be Jeffery Broussard & The Creole Cowboys, on April 25.



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Wyatt Kelly, 4, mini golfs at Laser Mania for his birthday with his dad, Jason Kelly.

News Anchor, Biographer Headline August Lineup of Speakers

BY KAREN BOSSICK

For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY • Tom Brokaw and Walter Isaacson are among those who will speak at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference this summer.

The 17th annual conference will be Aug. 17-20 at Sun Valley Resort.

Brokaw, NBC news anchor from 1982 to 2004, will reflect on the national culture. Isaacson, who has written biographies of Henry Kissinger, Benjamin Franklin, Albert Einstein and Steve Jobs, will share his insights about how Jobs embodied the American spirit.

They will be joined by novelist Chad Harbach, author of "The Art of Fielding"; Amy Waldman, whose post 9/11 novel "The

Submission" focuses on the furor that erupts when a Muslim-American architect's design is chosen for a Ground Zero-like memorial; scientist E.O. Wilson; and Abraham Verghese, whose talk about his "Cutting for Stone" brought an audience to tears a couple of summers ago.

"It's going to be a great conference — just look at the lineup of speakers!" said Marcia Mode-Stavros, one of the directors.

Last year's conference featured an engrossing speech by David Brooks, who said Americans need to remind themselves that the rest of world is more group-oriented.

"Our definition of corruption is giving a job to our cousin. The Afghan definition of corruption is if you

have a job and don't give it to your cousin," he said.

Kathryn Stockett kept the audience in stitches as she described the writing and filming of "The Help" in her thick Southern drawl.

"In the South, manners always trump the law," she said.

Conference director Robin Eidsmo said the Sun Valley Writers' Conference owes its success to a literary board that "reads and reads and reads" so its lineup of writers is always timely.

Ketchum resident Carol Harlig, a longtime attendee, said she was impressed by the conference organizers' ability to attract speakers like Stockett, just as she became one of the most talked-about people in the nation, and Siddhartha Mukherjee, who was awarded a Pulitzer

Prize after being invited to the conference.

"And then to listen to some of the experts talk about the uprisings in the Middle East and go home that night and turn on the TV and learn about what was going on in places like Libya. This fills me up, nourishes me," Harlig said.

A conference pass for \$850 includes admission to all talks and intimate breakout sessions over four days. It also includes morning pastries and picnic lunches.

Individual tickets will be sold to a few sessions to be determined later. Conference organizers also make an effort to allow students and teachers to attend Sun Valley Pavilion lectures for free on a stand-by basis.

Information: www.sunvalley.com

Mosaic

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how glass is used and how it can be reused ... it's offering a different way of looking at something we use and see every day."

Graphic artist Jenna Stone designed in tandem with Rueda's inspiration.

"I'm not an artist, but I had the vision," Rueda said.

Rueda "didn't really provide me with a drawing," said Stone, 34, of Filer. But they knew the mural needed to be a landscape worthy of Twin Falls: a diverse, huge, beautiful yet conservative landscape.

"We wanted to be inclusive of everyone, with the idea that this is the community's mural and anyone can help create it," Rueda said.

"The idea is to make the outline simple, so when you stop by with your kids it's as easy as doing a paint-by-number," said Stone, explaining the dominating col-

More Info

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or patterns and easy design in each phase.

Rueda reached out to other friends, using their talent to get the project off the ground.

"I have a lot of background in advertising and (public relations) work," said Kim Ward, 25, of Twin Falls, who has contacted several area businesses to secure support and spread the word about volunteer opportunities.

More than an art project, Rueda hopes the mural will provide startup funds for an eco-friendly glass recycling business that would give part of its proceeds to area educators for classroom supplies.

The Art & Soul contest is offering \$30,000 in prize money, including \$10,000 for first place and \$5,000 for second.



(LEFT) The glass mural will be filled with fun, up-close details. Here, waves of glass bottles in a green mountain scene. (RIGHT) Volunteer Wyatt Williamson, 15, of Filer polishes glass pieces recently secured into the mural in Old Towne Twin Falls. Twin Falls Mosaic organizers hope a surge of volunteer help will complete the mural's first phase in time for the Art & Soul of the Magic Valley contest, which begins April 27.

"If this mural could win the \$5,000 that could be money needed to get the equipment for processing recycling glass. It can be used in concrete, landscape ... art supplies," Rueda said. "And there is no need to ship the glass out of state like other communities do as part of their recycling program. The glass can be processed and resold locally."

Rueda said more than 40 people have participated or donated to the mural in some way.

"I think it's really neat that this project brings the community together, not only to raise awareness about the need for recycling but in a way that the community can have ownership in the art," said volunteer Mindie Molli, 31, of Twin Falls.



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MOVIE/TWIN FALLS
Family Movie Night with the showing of "Soul Surfer," 6:30 p.m. at Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. A true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and became a champion again. Free babysitting and nursery care provided. Children will watch the Disney movie "WALL*E." Free admission requires tickets, available at the church (9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Limited seating. Info: 733-3222 or vccofficesecy@msn.com.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS
Fabio Zini, acoustical and classical guitarist and composer, 7 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Theater. After college in Argentina, Zini began

teaching at Florida's International University and performing for conferences, cruise ships and at Walt Disney World. He has recorded four CDs and published a book, "The Ten Commandments of the Guitar." In 2007, he was named Flamenco Artist of the Year in Miami and nominated for a Latin Grammy award in tango. Tickets are \$20 per person, in advance at CSI Fine Arts box office and CSI Health Science and Human Service office, or at the door (if available).

PLANETARIUM/TWIN FALLS
Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "The Search for Life in the Universe" at 7 p.m.; and "U2" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for 7 p.m. show are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for 8:15 p.m. show are \$4.50 for all ages. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES/TWIN FALLS
Youth Options Extreme, for ages 12-16, at 7-11 p.m. at Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N. Open gym and game room with a variety

of activities. \$1 per person. 733-8720.



MUSICAL/TWIN FALLS
Dilettante Group of Magic Valley presents "Crazy for You, The New Gershwin Musical," 7:30 p.m. at College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium. (Picture: Daniel Gardner as Moose.) The musical opens in the 1930s at Zangler Theater in New York, where Bobby Child, the rich son of a banking family, is sent to Deadrock, Nev., to foreclose on a rundown theater but falls in love with Polly Baker, whose father owns the theater. Tickets are \$10 (no reserved seating), available at Kurt's Pharmacy in the Lynwood, Doug Stokes State Farm Insurance, CSI's box office, Twin Falls Center for the Arts or from cast members.

JAZZ/TWIN FALLS
Brent Jensen Trio, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Cucina Gemelli, 233 Fifth Ave. S., in the city's historical warehouse district. Featuring saxophonist Jensen, guitarist Michael Frew and bassist Adam Crofts. No cover. Info: Jensen, 420-7066.

DANCE/TWIN FALLS
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m. at the DAV

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MUSIC/TWIN FALLS
After Abbey with Beatles music and more, 8-11 p.m. at Anchor Bistro and Bar, 334 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. No cover.

COMEDY, MUSIC/TWIN FALLS
Comedy Night, 8:30-10:30 p.m. at Canyon Crest Din-

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PHOTOGRAPHY/TWIN FALLS
Ben Lustig's photography exhibit, "The Experience of Place Within The Idea of Landscape," on display through MARCH 24 at Jean B. King Gallery at Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 1-9 p.m. Saturdays. Free admission. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT/BURLEY
"The Way We Worked," a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit, on display through Saturday at Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave. Interactive audio and video, and cell-phone-based audio tour. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Free admission. 878-7708 or bplibrary.org.

ART/KETCHUM
"Urban Lifecycles" exhibition with artworks exploring urban growth, sprawl, decay and revitalization, on display through APRIL 13 at Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays in March. Free admission. Sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491, ext. 10.

ART/HAILEY
"Wide Open Spaces: Panoramic Photos of Idaho, 1900-1940" exhibit, on display through APRIL 20 at Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Hailey Center, 314 S. Second Ave. Panoramic photos of early 20th-century Idaho from College of Idaho's Robert E. Smylie Archives and the Library of Congress' American Memory Collection. Hours: 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays. Free admission. Sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491, ext. 10.

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"The Way We Worked," a Museum on Main Street exhibition, on display MARCH 24 through MAY 3 at Twin Falls Center for the Arts, 195 River Vista Place, Suite 101. Organized by the

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MUSIC/TWIN FALLS
DJ music, 9 p.m. to closing, at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S. No cover.

ROCK/CASTLEFORD
Milestone, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. for the St. Patrick's Day Party at Longhorn Saloon, 290 Main St. No cover.

COUNTRY, ROCK/DECLO
The Fugitives, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover.

MUSIC/GOODING
Bermuda Cowboys, 7-10 p.m. during dinner at Rowdy's, 227 Main St.

CELEBRATION/HAILEY
Annual St. Patrick's Celebration, 6-9 p.m. at St. Charles Church, 311 First Ave. S. Includes dinner, Celtic music by Boulder Brothers, dancing, crafts and games for kids, a raffle and bingo with prizes. Tickets are \$8 for adults or \$20 per family, at the door. Info: Marilyn Dunne Siegel, 720-6067, or Jack Peters, 720-3626.

MUSICAL/JEROME
Jerome Middle School presents the "Seussical Jr." musical at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 520 10th Ave. W. Doors open at 7 p.m. Directed by Marianne Boesiger and Darren Olsen. Based on the works of Dr. Seuss; music by Stephen Flaherty and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens, and \$12 per family of four, at the door.

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Dance with music by **Country Classics** band, 8

p.m. to midnight, at Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 S. \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Dinner available. 280-3365.

MUSIC/JEROME
Dogs on the Lam with Jerry Ramirez, 9 p.m. at Diamondz Bar and Grill, 220 W. Main St. Former front man Ramirez rejoins the band for this event. Includes drawings and giveaways. No cover. 644-1111.



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by glass artist Ginny Ruffner at Friesen Gallery, 320 First Ave. N. Tickets are \$10 for each film screening, \$90 for a three-day pass, \$150 for a VIP pass (includes

parties and events), or \$250 for a Snowplow pass (includes VIP access with reserved seating). Tickets and film schedule: sunvalleyfilmfestival.org.

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Calendar Deadlines



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EVENTS CALENDAR



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Ryker Harris, left, Kable Barnhart and Joseph Bosteder, playing cowboys, surround Tina Luttmer, playing Patsy, during a number in 'Crazy for You, the New Gershwin Musical.' The show is on stage in Twin Falls this weekend.

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DANCE PERFORMANCE/KETCHUM

Idaho Dance Theatre, 7:30 p.m. at nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St. The Boise contemporary dance company performs choreography works by co-artistic director **Marla Hansen**, "Life-spring," exploring water in its many forms; composer and musician **Joe Young's** original score utilizing Native American flutes, saxophone, percussion and world instruments; former IDT dancer **Lauren Edson's** "Silent Past" poetic dance to music of Michael Nyman and featuring **Sayoko Knodo** from Seattle; and premiering the latest works of co-artistic director **Carl Rowe**, former Ketchum resident during the 1980s, with "Freeze Frame" to music by Philip Glass, featuring IDT dancer **Caitlin Stanley**, a Twin Falls High grad. Reserved seating is \$20 for adults and \$12 for students, and premier seating is \$30 for adults and \$21 for students. Tickets at idahodancetheatre.org. 331-9592.

THEATER/OAKLEY

Oakley Valley Arts Council presents the musical comedy "Dear Edwina," 7:30 p.m. at Howells Opera House, 160 N. Blaine Ave. Directed by Kent Evensen. In this musical by Zina Goldrich and Marcy Heisler, 13-year old Edwina Spoonapple directs musicals out of her garage. The topic is letters written to her by neighborhood kids who need advice. Tickets are \$8, at 677-2787 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday). Oakleyvalleyarts.org.

ART/RUPERT

Art show with works by students of KriSan R. Hardcastle's art classes, 6 p.m. in the community event center of the Historic Wilson Theatre (northwest side of Rupert Square), before the U.S. Air Force Travis Brass performance. The display includes many works by children, plus photocopies of drawings done by adult students before and after a few lessons. Enter a draw-

ing for either a free art print by Hardcastle or a free art lesson. Free admission.



MUSIC/RUPERT

Travis Brass of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, 7 p.m. at the Historic Wilson Theatre. Presented by Project Mutual Telephone. The group is from Travis Air Force Base in California. The ensemble, with musical direction by Tech. Sgt. Christi McGowan, performs music ranging from traditional classics to popular music. Free tickets available at 436-2787. Limited seating.

MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Lip Service with '50s, '60s and '70s classics, 2-5 p.m. at River Run Lodge. No cover.

JAZZ/SUN VALLEY

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MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Pianist **Brooks Hartell**, 5-8 p.m. in the Sun Valley Inn's Lobby Lounge. No cover.

17 SATURDAY

STORYTIME/TWIN FALLS

Storytime Pottery, 10 a.m. at Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N., for ages 2-6 and their parents; includes St. Patrick's Day stories, snack and shamrock painting project. Cost is \$12. Preregistration suggested: 736-4475.

PARADE, PARTY/TWIN FALLS

St. Patrick's Day Parade at noon downtown. Starts in the 500-600 block of Main



Avenue East and proceeds to the intersection of Main Avenue North and Dierkes Street North. After the parade, a **street party** follows outside of O'Dunken's Draught House with Irish music and events, and the band **Front Porch Flavor** (pictured) plays 5:30-9 p.m. Bring canned food items for the fourth annual food drive or make a cash donation; proceeds donated to Friday Night Alive and St. Edwards food bank. Registration required for parade participants: O'Dunken's, 102 Main Ave. N., or 733-8114.

FUNDRAISER/TWIN FALLS

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center's St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage feed, 1-4:30 p.m. at 530 Shoshone St. W. The event is a fundraiser for the center. Cost is \$6 per person. 734-5084.

MUSICAL/TWIN FALLS

Dilettante Group of Magic Valley presents "Crazy for You, The New Gershwin Musical," 2 and 7:30 p.m. at College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 (no reserved seating), available at Kurt's Pharmacy in the Lynwood, Doug Stokes State Farm Insurance, CSI's box office, Twin Falls Center for the Arts or from cast members.

PLANETARIUM/TWIN FALLS

Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Dark Matters" with live sky tour at 2 p.m.; "Oceans in Space" with live sky tour at 4 p.m.; "The Search for Life in the Universe" at 7

p.m.; and "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for afternoon and 7 p.m. shows are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for 8:15 p.m. show are \$4.50 for all ages. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS

St. Patrick's Day celebration with Irish music and specials, starting at 5 p.m. at Elevation 486, 195 River Vista Place.

FUNDRAISER/TWIN FALLS

St. Patrick's Day dinner fundraiser, 6 p.m. at the Community Church of the Brethren, 461 Filer Ave. W. Irish meal, entertainment, auctions, games and giveaways. The event benefits a nonprofit organization in Twin Falls. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$25 per couple or \$35 per family of up to five. Reserve tickets: 733-3789.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS

DJ Hektic, 6-9 p.m. in Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S., followed by **DJ Rage** playing music videos in high definition on a 16-foot screen, with songs by Irish bands for St. Patrick's Day. No cover.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS

Magic Valley Arts Council concert series features **Travis Brass** ensemble from Travis Air Force Base, 7:30 p.m. at Twin Falls Center for the Arts, 195 River Vista Place. The brass group of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West has a diverse repertoire, from standard march or traditional brass compositions to jazz, ragtime and popular music. Tickets are free but must be picked up in advance at Twin Falls Center for the Arts (first-come, first-served). 734-2787.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS

Live music, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS

Jason Lugo Band, 9 p.m. in the lounge at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center,

330 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

ROCK/TWIN FALLS

Dirty Johnny, 9 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

ROCK/BLISS

Balanced Rock 'N Roll, 9 p.m. at Outlaws and Angels, 204 U.S. Highway 30.

MUSIC/BURLEY

Insane House Productions with DJ music, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. for a St. Patrick's Day celebration at Morey's Steakhouse, 219 E. Third N.

COUNTRY, ROCK/DECLLO

The Fugitives, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover.

COUNTRY/EDEN

Country Classics band, 6-10 p.m. for a St. Patrick's Day dance at Bills Trophy Club, 170 E. Wilson. No cover. 825-9910.

MUSIC/GOODING

Depends on Where band, 7-10 p.m. for a St. Patrick's Day party at Rowdy's, 227 Main St.

ART FESTIVAL/HAILEY

Wood River Arts Alliance Children's Art Festival at the Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road. Opening performance of "A Galaxy of Dance" by Idaho Dance Theatre at 9:30 a.m., followed by break-out sessions in dance, drama, movement, music and clay at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Also features an art show with submissions by Wood River Valley students. Registration required (starts at 8:45 a.m.). Free admission. Wwrtartsalliance.org.

MUSIC/JACKPOT

The Temptations Review, featuring Dennis Edwards, 7 and 9 p.m. in the Gala Showroom at Cactus Petes Resort Casino, 1385 U.S. Highway 93 in Jackpot, Nev. Tickets are \$30, \$35 and \$40, at Cactus Petes box office. Ameristar.com.

MUSICAL/JEROME

Jerome Middle School presents the "Seussical Jr."

musical at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 520 10th Ave. W. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens, and \$12 per family of four, at the door.

MUSIC/JEROME

Albion-based band **Canary Road**, 9 p.m. at Diamondz Bar and Grill, 220 W. Main St. No cover. 644-1111.

FILM FESTIVAL/KETCHUM, SUN VALLEY

Sun Valley Film Festival continues with film screenings at Sun Valley Opera

House and Magic Lantern Cinemas, 100 E. Second St., Ketchum. Features shorts films, television and web series, documentaries, feature dramas and comedies, along with children's programming. Free coffee-talk discussions with filmmakers and industry experts at 9 a.m. at Magic Lantern Cinema. "Magic Valley," a film shot in and around Buhl, screens at 7:30 p.m. at Sun Valley Opera House. "Magic Valley," directed by Buhl native Jaffe Zinn (pictured), features actor Scott Glenn, a 32-year Blaine County resident, as the fictional sheriff. The film examines a day in the life of small-town America. Zinn and producer Heather Rae field questions following the film. Tickets are \$10 for each film screening, \$90 for a three-day pass, \$150 for a VIP pass (includes parties and events), or \$250 for a Snowplow pass (includes VIP access with reserved seating). Tickets and film schedule: sunvalleyfilmfestival.org.

MUSIC/KETCHUM

Marcus Eaton Band, 10 p.m. at Roosevelt Grill, 280 N. Main St. \$5 cover.



THEATER/OAKLEY

Oakley Valley Arts Council presents the musical comedy "Dear Edwina," 7:30 p.m. at Howells Opera House, 160 N. Blaine Ave. (Pictured: Sadie Tribe as Carrie.) Tickets are \$8, at 677-2787.

FESTIVAL/RUPERT

St. Nicholas Church and School Basque Festival at Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200 W. Includes dinner, 6-8:30 p.m., and an auction at 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing to music by Wild Nights at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person; \$10 for children 12 and younger; or \$5 cover (without dinner).

DANCING/RUPERT

Halfway Dance for those taking lessons and all mainstream and plus dancers, hosted by River Reelers, at Round-a-Square Center, 215 W. 100 S. Pre-rounds at 7:30 p.m. and squares at 8 p.m. Bring finger foods. Info: Bradleys, 886-2808.



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Jerome Middle School is presenting the musical 'Seussical, Jr.' — based on the works of Dr. Seuss — tonight and Saturday.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cassie, Clayton and Cooper Beene show pieces they completed in Rupert artist KriSan R. Hardcastle's art classes. Students of Hardcastle will display their art at 6 p.m. tonight at the Historic Wilson Theatre in Rupert. "Many people don't understand that children's art is a particular class all by itself," Hardcastle says. "In the art world, it's just as important as realistic art or abstract art or impressionism. Children's art is gaining more importance all the time."

EVENTS CALENDAR

BOOK SIGNING/
RUPERT

Rachelle J. Christensen signs copies of her new book, "Caller ID," 2-4 p.m. at The Book Store, 515 Fifth St. Christensen's first suspense novel was awarded 2011 Outstanding Book of the Year from the League of Utah Writers.

MUSIC/RUPERT

Aaron Phillips with his "Psychonaut-Echoes" show, 9 p.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont Ave. Features a psychedelic laser and light show with synchronized videos, accompanied by Phillips' performance of music by Pink Floyd, Jeff Beck, Alan Parsons Project and Rush, along with some of Phillips' original music. No cover; suggested \$5 donation at the door.

MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Lip Service with '50s, '60s and '70s classics, 2-5 p.m. at River Run Lodge. No cover.

JAZZ/SUN VALLEY

New York jazz pianist **Paul Tillotson**, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; and pianist **Joe Fos**, 9 p.m. to closing, at Lodge Duchin Room. No cover.

MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Pianist **Brooks Hartell**, 5-8 p.m. in the Sun Valley Inn's Lobby Lounge. No cover.

AUDITIONS/
WENDELL

Snake River Community Players auditions for a production of an original play, "The Primrose Path" by Kathleen Smith, 9 a.m. to noon at Wendell High School, 750 E. Main St. The play is based on an 18th century novel, "The Vicar of Wakefield" by Oliver Goldsmith. It's a fun and witty adventure set in England, where the village priest and his family have lost their fortune and are trying to keep up appearances while their new, young landlord attempts to take advantage of the vicar's daughters. Casting for adults and teens, plus a few small parts for younger children; some singing and dancing included. Backstage help, set painters, costumers and musicians are needed. Production dates tentatively set for *JUNE 15-16, 18 and 22-23*. Rehearsals start in early April. Info: Smith, 536-2365.

MUSIC/STANLEY

Voice of Reason reggae band from Boise, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mountain Village Bar.

18 SUNDAY

MUSICAL/
TWIN FALLS

Dilettante Group of Magic Valley presents "Crazy for You, The New Gershwin Musical," 2 p.m. at College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 (no reserved seating), available at Kurt's Pharmacy in the Lynwood, Doug Stokes State Farm Insurance, CSI's box office, Twin Falls Center for the Arts or from cast members.

OPERA/HAILEY

Los Angeles Philharmonic's broadcast of Dudamel conducting Gershwin, 3 p.m. at the Bigwood Theatre. The program, pre-recorded from LA Philharmonic's 2011-12 season opening night concert at Walt Disney Concert Hall, includes "Cuban Overture," "An American in Paris" and "Rhapsody in Blue," along with solo improvisations by Herbie Hancock on "Embraceable You" and "Someone to Watch Over Me." Features footage of Hancock playing Gershwin. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$16 for students, at the door. Info: metrotheatres.com or 578-0971.

DANCE/JEROME

Jerome Senior Center public dance, 2-5 p.m. at 520 N. Lincoln St. Includes music by **Melody Masters** and a potluck. Admission is \$5. 324-5642.

FILM FESTIVAL/
KETCHUM,
SUN VALLEY

Sun Valley Film Festival



DREW NASH/TIMES-NEWS

'Dear Edwina' actors rehearse at Howells Opera House in Oakley. With a big cast of Mini-Cassia kids and adults, the musical is on stage through March 24.

continues with film screenings at Sun Valley Opera House and Magic Lantern Cinemas in Ketchum. Free coffee-talk discussions with filmmakers and industry experts at 9 a.m. at Magic Lantern. "Magic Valley," a film shot in and around Buhl and directed by Buhl native Jaffe Zinn, screens at 10 a.m. at Sun Valley Opera House. Zinn and producer Heather Rae field questions following the film. Tickets are \$10 for each film screening, \$90 for a three-day pass, \$150 for a VIP pass (includes parties and events), or \$250 for a Snowplow pass. Tickets and film schedule: sunvalleyfilmfestival.org.

MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Lip Service with '50s, '60s and '70s classics, 2-5 p.m. at River Run Lodge. No cover.

MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Leanna Leach Trio, 9 p.m. to closing, at Lodge Duchin Room. No cover.

19 MONDAY

MUSIC/BUHL

Live music for Ladies Night, 6-9 p.m. at Mimi's Saddlehorn Events Center, 289 Clear Lakes Road in Buhl. No cover. 543-2721.

MUSIC CLUB/
BURLEY

Burley Music Club meeting, 1:30 p.m. at the Cox Center, corner of Parke Avenue and Main Street. The music program features the Don Royster scholarship winners. Public welcome. Info: Linda, 679-0339.

DANCING/JEROME

Buttons 'N Bows square dance lessons Mondays at American Legion Hall, 107 Seventh Ave. E. Continuing lessons at 7 p.m. for new dancers who started in November. Lessons for plus dancers at 8:30 p.m. Suggested donation. Info: Bradleys, 886-2808.

THEATER/OAKLEY

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MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Pianist **Brooks Hartell**, 5-8 p.m. in the Sun Valley Inn's Lobby Lounge. No cover.

MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Sun Valley Trio, 9 p.m. until closing, at Lodge Duchin Room. No cover.

20 TUESDAY

PAINTING/
TWIN FALLS

Mommy and Me painting class, 1 p.m. at Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N. Includes painting an "It's Your Special Day" plate, snacks, beverages and supplies. Cost is \$15 per mother-and-child pair and \$10 for each additional child. Preregistration suggested: 736-4475.

PLANETARIUM/
TWIN FALLS

Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Mingle



in the Jungle free reptile revue (pictured) at 6 p.m.; and "The Search for Life in the Universe" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

OPEN MIC/
TWIN FALLS

Open Microphone Night, 8 p.m. at The Cove, 496 Addison Ave. No cover.

MUSIC/BURLEY

Burley High School concert band and jazz band's annual **Pops Concert**, 7 p.m. at King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave. Includes selections from Disney's "Lion King," "Aladdin" and Leroy Anderson's "Blue Tango," and features music for the band's 2012-13 marching season "Fantasmic" from the Disneyland nighttime show, along with special effects. Admission is by donation.

MUSIC/JEROME

Musician's Night Out for all musical talents, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Diamondz Bar and Grill, 220 W. Main St. Microphones, guitars and drums provided. No cover. 644-1111.

JAZZ/SUN VALLEY

New York jazz pianist **Paul Tillotson**, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; and pianist **Joe Fos**, 9 p.m. to closing, at Lodge Duchin Room. No cover.

MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Pianist **Brooks Hartell**, 5-8 p.m. in the Sun Valley Inn's Lobby Lounge. No cover.

21 WEDNESDAY

JAZZ WORKSHOP/
TWIN FALLS

College of Southern Idaho Jazz Workshop, 3 p.m. Wednesdays in CSI Fine Arts Center's room 87. The workshop, hosted by music faculty members Brent Jensen and Michael Frew, is an educational forum that addresses a range of jazz topics (style, technique, methods). Free; open to musicians of all ages and ability levels. Info: Jensen, 420-7066 or bjensen@csi.edu.

COUNTRY/
TWIN FALLS

Gary and Cindy Braun, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Rock Creek Restaurant, 200 Addison Ave. W. The duo performs country and contemporary music, using lead and harmony vocals, guitar, mandolin and harmonica. No cover.

OPEN MIC/
TWIN FALLS

Open Microphone Night, 6:30-10 p.m. at A Shot in the Dark coffee house, 1020 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Acoustic musicians and comedy. No cover. 933-7468.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS

Aaron Phillips, 7-10 p.m. at Anchor Bistro and Bar, 334 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. No cover.

LECTURE/
TWIN FALLS

Herrett Forum presentation, "Robert Limbert, the Stories Behind the Early Photos of Idaho," by Steve Wursta, 7:30 p.m. in the Rick Allen Room at Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Limbert documented and explored the Great Rift and Craters of the Moon as well as the development of Redfish Lake. Wursta will help some of the old photos tell their stories. Free admission. 732-6655.

DANCE CONTEST/
TWIN FALLS

"Dance till you drop" contest, 10:30 p.m. at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S. Contestants must dance to the DJ's music for at least an hour and a half and until all but one has dropped out. Winner gets a \$50 gift card. No cover.

DANCING/JEROME

Magic Valley Singles square dancing at American Legion Hall, 107 Seventh Ave. E. Potluck at 7 p.m., and all dance together at 8 p.m. Suggested donation. Info: Betty Rice, 404-4040.

MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Doug Allen Band, 2-5 p.m. at Warm Springs Lodge. No cover.

JAZZ/SUN VALLEY

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MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Pianist **Brooks Hartell**, 5-8 p.m. in the Sun Valley Inn's Lobby Lounge. No cover.

MUSIC/SUN VALLEY

Cowboy comedian **Kip Attaway**, 6 p.m. at Sun Valley Resort's Boiler Room.

22 THURSDAY

JAZZ/TWIN FALLS

Jazz at CSI Java, 3-5 p.m. at the Java coffee shop in the College of Southern Idaho's Student Union Building. Hosted by Brent Jensen. Free; open to the public. 420-7066.

JAZZ/TWIN FALLS

Spring Jazz Collaboration, featuring College of Southern Idaho Jazz Ensemble and Madrigal Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. at CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium. Suggested \$5 donation at the door to the CSI music department scholarship fund. 732-6288.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS

Live music for Ladies Night, 7-10 p.m. in the lounge at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

OPEN MIC/
TWIN FALLS

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SATURDAY, MARCH 17

6:00PM Daniel O'Donnell: Hope and Praise

7:30PM When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: An Irish Parade of Stars (My Music)

9:00PM Celtic Woman - Believe

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

5:30PM Downton Abbey - Behind the Drama

6:30PM Outdoor Idaho: Idaho Geology, A Convergence of Wonders

8:00PM Les Misérables 25th Anniversary Concert at The O2

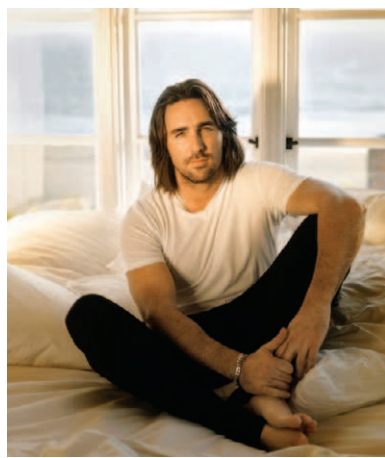
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COURTESY PHOTO

Jake Owen's Single Hits Gold

TIMES-NEWS

FILER • Country music artist Jake Owen's single "Alone with You" was certified gold this week by the Recording Industry Association of America, based on more than 500,000 digital downloads.

Why should Magic Valley care? Owen will perform at the

2012 Twin Falls County Fair.

His performance, at 8 p.m. Sept. 2 at the county fairgrounds in Filer, will cost \$15 for general admission and \$20 for reserved seats. Tickets go on sale June 1.

"Alone with You" holds the No. 2 spot on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart and No. 3 on Country Aircheck, Owen's promoters said in a release. The

song's music video has received nearly 2 million views on VEVO. "Alone with You" is the second single from Owen's album "Barefoot Blue Jean Night," which debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart.

The album's title track is approaching 1.5 million digital downloads.

Virtues of Bowling?

Some Magic Valley youth are learning life lessons through their favorite group pastime; Andrew Weeks reports. Sunday in People

No Mere Fusion

A new local restaurant focuses on "Latin freestyle" — think duck confit empanadas, smoked ribs with candied chilies, mussels and clams sauced in Tecate and lime. Wednesday in Food



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Spring Grass Care Tip #6: Applying Preemergent Herbicides

If you know that you have a problem with the annual weed, crabgrass, then fertilization in spring should go hand in hand with the application of preemergent herbicides. As their name suggests, preemergent herbicides address weed control not "after the fact," but **before** their seedlings can even emerge. Preemergent herbicides accomplish this by forming something of a "shield" that inhibits seed germination

Crabgrass begins its assault on lawns in spring, when its seeds germinate. In fact, my suggestion on Page 1 that overseeding be carried out in autumn, rather than spring, is based in part on the threat posed by a spring crabgrass invasion. "So why not just begin by http://landscaping.about.com/od/weedsdiseases/qt/kill_crab_grass.htm killing the crabgrass first with a preemergent herbicide?" perhaps you ask. Well, the trouble is that most preemergent herbicides work against not only weed seeds, but **grass** seeds, as well!

You can appreciate the dilemma here. Overseeding is incompatible with the application of most preemergent herbicides. Yet, faced with competition from crabgrass in spring, you may find it difficult to establish your new grass. So while it's still possible to overseed in spring, it's simply easier to do so in fall. There will be no competition from crabgrass then, because the fall frosts kill off crabgrass. If you **must** overseed in the spring, look for a product called, "Tupersan." Unlike other preemergent herbicides, Tupersan will not damage germinating lawn grass seed. But if you're committed to staying away from chemicals altogether in your spring grass care, postpone overseeding till fall.

Spring Grass Care Tip #7: Applying Postemergent Herbicides - Or Pulling Weeds

Keep an eye out for the emergence of the http://landscaping.about.com/od/perennialflowers/g/perennial_plant.htm perennial weed, dandelion during the spring season, unless you find the presence of their cheerful yellow flowers in your lawn desirable. At the very least, you'll want to

snap off their flower stems before they produce seed. If you're more ambitious, you can dig them out by the roots. Spraying http://landscaping.about.com/od/weedsdiseases/a/kill_dandelions.htm **dandelion weeds** with postemergent herbicides is more effective in fall than in spring. If you do choose to spray, select an herbicide for <http://landscaping.about.com/library/glossary/bldef-broadleaf.htm> **broadleaf** weeds.

If you prefer http://landscaping.about.com/od/weedsdiseases/a/organic_yards.htm **weed control without chemicals** and have consistently practiced organic landscaping, you can harvest these "weeds" as http://landscaping.about.com/od/weedsdiseases/a/kill_dandelions_2.htm **dandelion greens** and eat them! Besides proper spring grass care, there's more you need to do to get ready for a summer filled with lawn mowing. Don't neglect preparations concerning the lawn mower itself -- the subject of http://landscaping.about.com/od/lawns/a/spring_lawns_3.htm **Page 3....**

But your preparation for the summer lawn mowing season doesn't end with the spring grass care covered on Page 1 and http://landscaping.about.com/od/lawns/a/spring_lawns_2.htm **Page 2.** No other power equipment is as intimately associated with and essential to landscaping as is the lawn mower. You need to have a lawn mower that will consistently get the job done without any hassles throughout the lawn mowing season. And you should also know how to use the lawn mower to your best advantage. Consequently, the final three of my ten tips focus on caring for, selecting and using lawn mowers. More tips continued Friday March 23, 2012.

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Eagle Men Pass on Hutch Hoop-la

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TWIN FALLS • There will be no celebratory parade or sendoff this morning for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team as it departs to Hutchinson, Kan., for the NJCAA national tournament.

No cheerleaders doing their routine outside the gym or autograph sessions with the players. The team of 14 players, clad in brand new CSI white long sleeve shirts, will just board the bus for what head coach Steve Gosar calls, "the best 22-hour bus ride in sports."

"Been there done that. When you've been so many times, there's no need for celebration quite yet. It's business time now," said CSI athletic director Joel Bate. "Hopefully on the way back into town we can have that police escort again."

Bate of course referring to the Gold-

en Eagles' triumphant return to Twin Falls as NJCAA champions last season, where they were escorted across Perrine Bridge and greeted at the CSI gymnasium by dozens of exuberant fans with signs and noisemakers.

"That was pretty cool," said sophomore guard Fabyon Harris. "We've got four more games to do it again."

Four more games, starting at 1 p.m., MDT Tuesday against No. 8 Eastern Oklahoma State College. A win there and a win in the second round against Three Rivers or Spartanburg Methodist College, and the No. 4 Golden Eagles (30-3) could see one of South Plains College, Monroe College or Indian Hills in the semifinals.

Those three teams were ranked first, third and seventh, respectively, in the final regular season polls and South Plains comes into the tournament 32-0. Gosar, however, said that the tough

nonconference schedule — in addition to the always tough Scenic West Conference slate — CSI played this season has the team ready for the potential matchups it could see in Hutchinson this week.

The Golden Eagles opened the season by traveling to New Rochelle, N.Y., where they played Monroe in a highly anticipated No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup. CSI lost 71-54, but Gosar and numerous players said throughout the season that game helped harden them in preparation for SWAC play.

CSI also traveled to Scottsbluff, Neb., and swept a pair of Region 9 teams (Laramie County and Western Nebraska) and beat a 2011 NJCAA tournament team (Cape Fear) in Twin Falls.

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PREP BASEBALL PRE-



New Bat in the Lineup

Technology, national rules force players to use bats that have undergone different testing standards than previous ones

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TWIN FALLS • There is a lot about the new bat regulations that Canyon Ridge third baseman Brandon Bradshaw likes.

Expect a few drawbacks as well, however. "When we hit you can feel the difference. It's a lot smoother and the ball doesn't come off the bat at fast," said the burly power hitter. "You've got to hit the ball on the sweet spot and get some muscle behind it."

Last year the National Federation of State High School Associations announced a switch from the existing testing standard of bat, known as Ball-Exit-Speed-Ratio or BESR, to a standard known as Batted-Ball Coefficient of Restitution, or BBCOR for short.

Both testing standards exist in an attempt to make aluminum bats play more like wood ones. But BESR-certified bats exhibited what's commonly known as a "trampoline effect" over recent seasons, which resulted in more home runs but also created a greater issue of player safety.

The results for a power hitter like Bradshaw may not change too much, but in the field it's a benefit as it should give him and other corner infielders and pitchers an extra split-second to react to a sharply-hit ball.

"The technology was just getting too hot, and it's a safety issue," said Burley coach Devin Kunz. "It brings the fundamentals back into the games. The good hitters are still going to get their extra-base hits. ... Who it's really going to hurt is the mediocre hitter. It's going to help the mediocre pitcher and teams that have good fundamentals. You're not going to be able to get a piece of something. Productive outs are going to be huge."

BBCOR certification was implemented at the local level with the beginning of the 2011 American Legion season, giving area players some time to adjust to the new bats. The NCAA adopted BBCOR certification for the 2011 season and saw a sizable drop in offensive productivity.

According to NCAA Division I statistics, team scoring dropped more than a run per game per team from 2010 to 2011.

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Marquette Too Good for BYU

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. • Instead of three consecutive 30-win seasons, BYU will have to settle for a piece of history.

Two days after making the biggest comeback ever in the NCAA tournament, the Cougars were unable to dig themselves out of another big hole Thursday and fell 88-68 to third-seeded Marquette. Brandon Davies had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the 14th-seeded Cougars (26-9), and Noah Hartsock added 15 points despite playing only 10 minutes in the first half after picking up three fouls.

"The accomplishments of this team, as far as from the outside, maybe will not be appreciated as much as from the inside," coach Dave Rose said. "With the challenge of changing leagues and dealing with a whole different mindset and emotional approach to every game, traveling on the road in conference to every venue that no one's ever played in, being able to go through a season without losing consecutive games — those are all really important to us."

"Getting back to the tournament and being able to win

NCAA Tournament

Thursday's Scores

East Regional

Kansas State 70, Southern Mississippi 64
Syracuse 72, UNC Asheville 65
Gonzaga 77, West Virginia 54
Ohio State 78, Loyola (Md.) 59
Wisconsin 73, Montana 49
Vanderbilt 79, Harvard 70

South Regional

Kentucky 81, Western Kentucky 66
Iowa State 77, Connecticut 64
Baylor 68, South Dakota State 60
UNLV vs. Colorado, late
VCU 62, Wichita State 59
Indiana 79, New Mexico State 66

West Regional

Murray State 58, Colorado State 41
Marquette 88, BYU 68
Louisville 69, Davidson 62
New Mexico 75, Long Beach State 68

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VCU BACK BUSTING BRACKETS IN UPSET OF NO. 5 WICHITA ST.

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PORTLAND, Ore. • Shaka Smart and Co. pulled off the first major surprise of the NCAA tournament.

Yup, VCU is back again. Bradford Burgess hit a key 3-pointer with 1:33 left and Smart coached the 12th-seeded Rams to another March upset, holding off the Shockers 62-59 in the South Regional on Thursday.

The Rams (29-6) led by as many as 13 in the second half, but Wichita State closed to 54-53 on Garrett Stutz's layup with 5:39 left. Troy Daniels hit a 3-pointer for the Rams, and Joe Ragland answered with his own for the Shockers.

Toure Murry made a 3 that gave Wichita State the lead, but Burgess came back with his big shot to give the Rams a 60-59 edge. Darius Theus' runner from about six feet provided the final margin.

Stutz's long jumper just before the buzzer was off for fifth-seeded Wichita State (26-6). Ragland finished with 15 points after getting off to a slow start.

Burgess finished with 16 points, and Theus and Daniels had 10 points apiece for the Rams, who beat Georgetown, Purdue, Florida State and Kansas in the tournament last year, becoming just the third No. 11 seed to reach the Final Four. The run ended when they lost to



Wichita State's Garrett Stutz (41) hangs his head after missing a 3-pointer at the buzzer, while VCU's Bradford Burgess (20) and Darius Theus (10) celebrate at the end of Rams' victory against the Shockers.

Butler in Houston.

Virginia Commonwealth (29-8) earned a second straight tournament berth by edging Drexel 59-56 in the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament this season.

Wichita State was ranked No. 18 in the final The Associated Press poll. The

Shockers won the regular-season title in the Missouri Valley Conference, but lost to Illinois State in the semifinals of the conference tournament.

It was the first NCAA tournament appearance for Wichita State since 2006, when it advanced to the regional semifinals.

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EAST REGIONAL

Syracuse Avoids Upset, Nips UNC-Asheville

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PITTSBURGH • Reserve forward James Southerland had 15 points and a season-high eight rebounds, and Syracuse avoided becoming the first No. 1 seed to lose to a 16 when it rallied for a 72-65 victory over North Carolina-Asheville on Thursday in the East Regional.

The Orange entered the tournament without starting center Fab Melo, who was declared ineligible for academic reasons, and they almost left early with a piece of history no team wants. Instead, Syracuse (32-2) will play eighth-seeded Kansas State in the third round Saturday.

The Bulldogs were up 34-30 at halftime — the third 16 seed to lead at the break — but the Orange took the lead for good with 6:17 left on a turnaround jumper by Southerland. The Bulldogs were within three points three times in the final 1:04 but got no closer.

NO. 8 KANSAS ST. 70, NO. 9 SOUTHERN MISS 64 PITTSBURGH • Rodney McGruder scored 30 points and Jordan Henriquez added 15 points, nine rebounds and six blocks to lead Kansas State (22-10) over Southern Mississippi.

Neil Watson led Southern

Miss (25-9) with 16 points, LaShay Page had 15 and Kentucky transfer Darnell Dodson scored all 14 of his points in the second half. But the Golden Eagles let a chance to win their first-ever tournament game slip away in the final minutes.

NO. 4 WISCONSIN 73, NO. 13 MONTANA 49 ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. • Ryan Evans scored 18 points and Jordan Taylor added 17 points and six assists for Wisconsin, which ended Montana's school-record 14-game winning streak.

The Badgers (25-9) improved to 10-1 in NCAA tournament openers under Bo Ryan, the winningest coach in the program's history.

Art Steward's 18 points led the Grizzlies (25-7), who were familiar with the Badgers' style because one of their assistants, Freddie Owens, played at Wisconsin from 2001-04.

NO. 5 VANDERBILT 79, NO. 12 HARVARD 70 ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. • John Jenkins made all six of his free throws down the stretch and finished with 27 points to help Vanderbilt hold off Harvard in a game billed as "The Brain Bowl!"

Brad Tinsley scored 16 for



UNC-Asheville's Jaron Lane, left, and Syracuse's Baye Keita, reach for a loose ball in the first half of their NCAA Tournament game on Thursday in Pittsburgh.

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the Commodores (25-10), who followed last weekend's stunner over top-ranked Kentucky with a win over a school many consider to be a No. 1 — in the classroom,

that is. Laurent Rivard led Harvard with 20 points.

NO. 7 GONZAGA 77, NO. 10 WEST VIRGINIA 54 PITTSBURGH • Robert

Sacre and Gary Bell Jr. scored 14 points apiece as Gonzaga (26-6) routed West Virginia.

Gary Browne led the Mountaineers (19-14) with 15 points off the bench and

Kevin Jones scored 13 in his final game for West Virginia, which endured its worst postseason defeat in 28 years despite a decided home-court advantage.

SOUTH REGIONAL

Steady Jackson Leads Shaky Baylor

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. • Pierre Jackson scored 18 points and Baylor held off South Dakota State to advance to the third round, 68-60.

The Bears (28-7) fell behind by 12 in the first half before taking a 36-28 halftime lead that they never relinquished. But it was a nail-biter.

Making their first trip to the NCAA tournament, the Jackrabbits (27-8) misfired on a 3-pointer with 25 seconds left that would have made it one-point game. Then, the Bears iced it at the line.

Brady Heslip added 17 points for the Bears, who will face the Colorado-UNLV winner Saturday at The Pit.

NO. 1 KENTUCKY 81, NO. 16 WESTERN KENTUCKY 66 LOUISVILLE, Ky. • Terrence Jones had 22 points and 10 rebounds, Doron Lamb scored 16 and Kentucky began its quest for an eighth national title with a staggering display of athleticism in a victory over Western Kentucky.

On a day when Syracuse nearly became the first No. 1 seed ever to lose to a 16, the Wildcats (33-2) clearly relished their growing role as favorites. Freshman and

player of the year candidate Anthony Davis added 16 points, nine rebounds and seven blocks for Kentucky, which was never seriously threatened.

Western Kentucky (16-19) saw its improbable seven-game winning streak end. Freshman T.J. Price scored 16 of his career-high 21 points in the first half before fouling out late.

NO. 4 INDIANA 79, NO. 13 NEW MEXICO STATE 66 PORTLAND, Ore. • Jordan Hulls went on a second-half shooting spree and finished with 22 points, and fourth-seeded Indiana rolled to an impressive 79-66 win over New Mexico State in the second round of the South Regional on Thursday night.

Making its return after a four-year tournament absence, the Hoosiers (26-8) picked up their first tournament win since beating Gonzaga in 2007 on a night their main stars — Cody Zeller and Christian Watford — did the heavy lifting in the opening minutes then watched Hulls and others carry the load.

Hulls shot 8 of 12, including 7 of 8 in the second half. Zeller, Watford and Will Sheehy all finished with 14 points. The Hoosiers will face upstart No. 12 seed

VCU in Saturday's third round. Wendell McKines led No. 13 seed New Mexico State (26-10) with 15 points.

NO. 8 IOWA STATE 77, NO. 9 CONNECTICUT 64 LOUISVILLE, Ky. • The national champions are one and done, thanks to Iowa State.

When Jim Calhoun and Connecticut will be back in the NCAA tournament is anybody's guess.

Chris Allen led four Cyclones in double figures with 20 points and Iowa State scored its last 14 at the free-throw line to beat Connecticut, the first time since UCLA in 1996 that the defending champs have lost in the opening game. Calhoun didn't even wait for the final buzzer, heading for halfcourt with about four seconds left to congratulate Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg.

WEST REGIONAL

Racers Make Amends, Beat Colo. St.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. • Isaiah Canaan scored 15 points in Murray State's return to the NCAA tournament after a two-year wait, and Donte Poole added 13 to lead the Racers past Colorado State, 58-41.

Canaan mishandled the ball in the closing seconds of a two-point loss to Butler in 2010 as a freshman. He's the leader of this group now, and Murray State (31-1) expects a long run in this tournament as the mid-major darlings.

Poole scored Murray State's first eight points early, and the Racers shook off an 11-day wait with an 18-2 rally to start the second half.

Pierce Hornung led Colorado State (20-12) with 12 points and matched a career high with 17 rebounds for the Rams.

NO. 4 LOUISVILLE 69, NO. 13 DAVIDSON 62

PORTLAND, Ore. • Peyton Siva scored 17 points and Louisville finally moved on in the NCAA tournament by beating Davidson.

After getting ousted in their first tournament game the past two seasons, coach Rick Pitino and the Cardinals (27-9) advanced to play fifth-seeded New Mexico in the third round.

Siva, who had plenty of local support at the Rose Garden from his hometown of Seattle, added six assists to lead the Big East tournament champions, who are making their sixth straight appearance in the NCAAs. Chane Behanan had 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Cardinals, who led by as many as 14.

Jake Cohen had 24 points and 10 rebounds for Davidson (25-8), which was mak-

ing its 11th tournament appearance and first since 2008, when Stephen Curry led the underdog Wildcats to the round of eight.

No. 5 NEW MEXICO 75, No. 12 LONG BEACH STATE 68

PORTLAND, Ore. • Kendall Williams scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half and bottled up Long Beach State star Casper Ware defensively.

Drew Gordon added 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Lobos.

With most of the 49ers' defensive efforts focused on slowing down Gordon, New Mexico's punishing forward, Williams came up with key shots when the opportunities were there. The Lobos (28-6) then hit their free throws in the final minute to close it out.

Marquette

Continued from Sports 1

a game in the tournament, it's a special year."

This was probably never going to be a fair fight, not with the Cougars only 36 hours removed from the biggest comeback in NCAA tournament history. BYU beat Iona 78-72 in the First Four on Tuesday night after erasing a 25-point, first-half deficit. And sure enough, Jae Crowder and the Golden Eagles (26-7) raced out to an 18-5 lead in the first five minutes, with Crowder (nine points) personally outscoring the Cougars.

Marquette pushed the lead as high as 19 in the first half.

"We knew they were going to come out with a run. They have fight in them like any team in the NCAA tournament, and they did not want to go home," Crowder said.

Sure enough, Davies, who missed the NCAA

tournament last year after being booted from the team for an honor code violation, opened the second half with three straight buckets to get BYU within 10. He drew a charge when he got flattened by Todd Mayo, and Craig Cusick drilled a 3-pointer at the opposite end of the floor to cut the lead to 50-43.

It was the first time BYU was within single digits since midway through the first half.

"Everyone was believing the whole time that we could come back," Cusick said.

But the Golden Eagles were simply too big and too strong. Darius Johnson-Odom knocked down a 3 after the Golden Eagles outmuscle BYU for back-to-back offensive rebounds, and Davante Gardner followed with a finish down low that drew a foul. Gardner converted the three-point play, and Marquette found itself back up 69-52 with 10:56 left.

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Miami	4	at Philadelphia
at New York	5	Indiana
at Atlanta	4	Washington
at Memphis	9	Toronto
at Chicago	8	Portland
at Oklahoma City	4½	San Antonio
Boston	4	at Sacramento
at Phoenix	5	at Detroit
Milwaukee	2	at Golden State
at L.A. Lakers	7½	Minnesota

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	18	.581	—
Boston	28	19	.595	1½
New York	19	24	.442	6
New Jersey	15	29	.341	10½
Toronto	14	29	.326	11

SOUTHEAST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	31	11	.738	—
Orlando	28	16	.636	4
Atlanta	24	19	.558	7½
Washington	10	32	.238	21
Charlotte	6	36	.143	25

CENTRAL				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	36	9	.800	—
Indiana	25	16	.610	9
Milwaukee	19	24	.442	16
Cleveland	16	25	.390	18
Detroit	16	27	.372	19

WESTERN				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	28	13	.683	—
Memphis	24	17	.585	4
Dallas	25	20	.556	5
Houston	24	20	.545	5½
New Orleans	10	34	.227	19½

NORTHWEST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oklahoma City	33	10	.767	—
Denver	24	20	.545	9½
Minnesota	22	22	.500	11½
Utah	22	22	.488	12
Portland	20	23	.465	13

PACIFIC				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	27	16	.628	—
L.A. Clippers	24	17	.585	2
Phoenix	28	22	.561	6½
Golden State	18	22	.450	7½
Sacramento	14	29	.326	13

Thursday's Games

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Washington at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 5:30 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Memphis, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

JAZZ 111, TIMBERWOLVES 105

MINNESOTA (105)
Johnson 3-9 2-2 9, Love 9-23 5-10 25, Pekovic 7-12 6-8 20, Ridnour 7-12 2-2 18, Webster 2-5 5-10
Williams 1-4 0-3, Barea 4-8 1-2, Ellington 1-5 2-4, Randolph 2-5 1-2 5, Tolliver 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-83 24-33 105.
UTAH (111)
Howard 4-12 2-10 22, Millsap 7-17 2-3 16, Jefferson 5-13 2-4 12, Harris 5-14 5-7 18, Bell 1-3 0-0 2, Hayward 9-17 6-7 26, Tinsley 9-5 0-0 6, Burks 6-8 3-4 15, Favors 2-0 0-0 4, Kanter 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 43-103 20-27 111.
Minnesota 20 27 24 28 6 - 105
Utah 24 29 24 22 12 - 111

THUNDER 103, NUGETTS 90

OKLAHOMA CITY (103)
Durant 8-15 7-8 24, Ibaka 2-7 1-2 5, Perkins 2-3 0-2 4, Westbrook 7-7 7-8 23, Seferosha 1-4 0-0 3, Harden 6-11 2-2 18, Collison 2-6 2-2 6, Jackson 2-4 0-2 5, Mohammed 2-4 0-2, Brewer 3-7 1-4 6, Ivey 0-0 0-0 0, Aldrich 0-0 0-0 0, Hayward 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-79 19-24 103.
DENVER (90)
Gallinari 6-12 0-0 15, Fariel 3-8 2-2 8, Mozgov 1-4 0-0 2, Lawson 4-9 1-2 9, Miller 4-11 2-3 10, Harrington 1-3 3-4 5, Affalo 7-9 3-4 17, Koufos 2-3 1-2 5, Fernandez 2-4 0-2, Gallinari 3-7, Hamilton 1-0 0-3, Anderson 1-3 3-4 5, Stone 0-0 0-0 0, Hamilton 1-1 0-0 3, Totals 34-78 17-25 90.
Oklahoma City 29 21 28 25 - 103
Denver 25 26 14 25 - 90

MAVERICKS 101, BOCATS 76

CHARLOTTE (96)
Maggette 5-15 9-10 21, Thomas 5-7 4-4 14, Biombo 1-7 0-2, Augustin 4-12 2-12, Henderson 5-2 1-1 12, White 1-4 0-0 2, R. Williams 3-7 0-0 7, Mullens 2-3 0-0 4, Brown 3-5 0-0 6, Walker 4-8 2-3 12, Najera 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 35-84 18-20 96.
DALLAS (101)
Marion 2-8 0-0 4, Nowitzki 9-21 6-27, Hayward 3-5 2-6, Kidd 2-5 2-2 7, Carter 3-11 3-3 11, Odom 1-4 0-0 2, Mahimi 3-4 2-3 8, Terry 6-13 3-4 18, Beaubois 7-9 0-0 14, Wright 2-4 0-0 4, Cardinal 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-84 16-21 101.
Charlotte 23 31 14 28 - 96
Dallas 23 25 26 27 - 101

WIZARDS 99, HORNETS 89

WASHINGTON (99)
Singleton 1-5 0-0 2, Booker 5-8 4-4 14, Seraphin 5-7 2-2 12, Wall 11-16 4-4 26, Crawford 6-16 4-6 17, Thomas 7-9 1-10, Evans 0-0 0-0, Blatch 2-9 0-0 4, Wesley 0-1 0-0 0, Mack 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 39-75 15-17 99.
NEW ORLEANS (89)
Ariza 3-11 6-6 13, Ayon 6-11 4-4 16, Kaman 9-15 2-4 20, Jack 5-11 0-1 11, Bellinelli 4-8 0-0 8, Vasquez 4-9 0-0 10, Thomas 1-4 3-5, Henry 0-1 0-0 0, Aminu 2-5 2-2 6. Totals 34-75 17-19 89.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE BOX

SUNS 120, JAZZ 111
UTAH (111)
Howard 3-12 0-0 6, Millsap 8-16 2-3 18, Jefferson 8-18 2-2 18, Harris 2-4 1-2 7, Bell 3-4 0-0 7, Watson 1-0 0-0 0, Favors 6-8 2-4 14, Hayward 5-8 2-2 13, Miles 3-6 3-4 9, Carter 4-5 0-0 8, Tinsley 5-8 0-0 11. Totals 47-90 12-17 111.
HOU 110, JAZZ 111
Hill 5-10 2-3 12, Frye 10-18 11-26, Gortat 10-12 5-10 25, Nash 2-4 8-8 12, Dudley 6-13 5-7 21, Warrick 1-3 0-0 2, Brown 2-5 1-1 5, Redd 2-5 0-0 4, Lopez 2-3 1-1 5, Telfair 4-5 0-1 8. Totals 44-78 23-32 120.
Utah 30 23 29 29 - 110
Phoenix 22 31 36 31 - 120

SCHEDULE: TONIGHT'S BIG GAMES

COLLEGE BASEBALL

1 p.m.
Salt Lake CC at CSI, DH
COLLEGE SOFTBALL

2 p.m.
CSI at Western Nev., DH
PREP BASEBALL

2 p.m.
Highland at Twin Falls, DH
3:30 p.m.
Madison at Jerome, DH

4 p.m.
Buhl at Kimberly, DH
4 p.m.
Bonneville at Minico

PREP SOFTBALL
3 p.m.
Highland at Twin Falls, DH

3:30 p.m.
Burley at Filer, DH
PREP TRACK

2 p.m.
Wood River at Twin Falls Meet

ON TV

AUTO RACING

1:30 p.m.
SPEED — NASCAR, Sprint
Cup, pole qualifying for Food City 500, at Bristol, Tenn.

10 p.m.
SPEED — Formula One, qualifying for Australian Grand Prix, at Melbourne, Australia

BOXING

7 p.m.
ESPN2 — Junior welterweights, Kendall Holt (27-5-0) vs. Tim Coleman (19-2-1)

9 p.m.
SHO — Lightweights, Omar Figueroa (14-0-0) vs. Ramon Ayala (23-2-0); super bantamweights, Randy Caballero (13-0-5) vs. Jose Luis Araiza (29-5-0)

GOLF

8:30 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Open de Andalucia, second round, at Marbella, Spain

1 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Transitions Championship, second round, at Palm Harbor, Fla.

4:30 p.m.
TGC — LPGA, Founders Cup, second round, at Phoenix

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

10 a.m.
CBS — NCAA tournament, doubleheader, Cincinnati vs. Texas and Florida St. vs. St. Bonaventure

10:30 a.m.
TRUTV — NCAA tournament, doubleheader, San Diego St. vs. NC State and Georgetown vs. Belmont

11:30 a.m.
TBS — NCAA tournament, quadrupleheader, Creighton vs. Alabama; North Carolina vs. Vermont at Greensboro, N.C.; Memphis vs. Saint Louis and Michigan St. vs. LIU

Noon
TNT — NCAA tournament, quadrupleheader, Florida vs. Virginia and Missouri vs. Norfolk St., at Omaha, Neb.; Michigan vs. Ohio and Temple vs. South Florida

5 p.m.
CBS — NCAA tournament, doubleheader, Duke vs. Lehigh and Notre Dame vs. Xavier

5:45 p.m.
TRUTV — NCAA tournament, doubleheader, Saint Mary's (Cal) vs. Purdue and Kansas vs. Detroit

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

3 p.m.
NBCSN — Hockey East Tournament, semifinal, Boston College vs. Providence

6 p.m.
NBCSN — Hockey East Tournament, semifinal, Boston U. vs. Maine

NBA

5 p.m.
ESPN — Miami at Philadelphia

7:30 p.m.
ESPN — San Antonio at Oklahoma City

TENNIS

2 p.m./9 p.m.
ESPN2 — ATP World Tour/WTA, BNP Paribas Open, men's quarterfinal/women's semifinal at Indian Wells, Calif.

3-Point Goals—Utah 5-13 (Harris 2-3, Tinsley 1-1, Hayward 1-1, Bell 1-2, Millsap 0-1, Howard 0-2, Miles 0-3), Phoenix 9-19 (Frye 5-10, Dudley 4-6, Gortat 0-1, Telfair 0-1, Redd 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 49 (Millsap 10), Phoenix 42 (Frye 9). Assists—Utah 22 (Tinsley 8), Phoenix 29 (Nash 16). Total Fouls—Utah 23, Phoenix 14.

Technical—Utah Coach Corbin, Harris, Brown, Phoenix Coach Gentry, A-14,076 (18,422).

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
N.Y. Rangers	70	44	19	7	95	194	155		
Pittsburgh	69	43	21	5	91	224	175		
Philadelphia	70	41	22	7	89	226	199		
New Jersey	71	41	25	5	87	196	182		
N.Y. Islanders	71	28	32	11	67	166	214		

NORTHWEST									
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Boston	70	40	27	3	83	225	176		
Ottawa	71	36	25	10	82	218	209		
Buffalo	71	33	29	9	75	178	201		
Toronto	71	31	32	8	70	205	218		
Montreal	71	28	32	11	67	188	198		

SOUTHEAST									
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Florida	70	34	23	13	81	177	195		
Washington	70	36	28	6	78	189	197		
Winnipeg	70	33	29	8	74	186	197		
Tampa Bay	70	32	31	7	198	237			
Carolina	70	27	29	15	69	185	211		

WESTERN									
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
St. Louis	72	45	19	8	98	186	141		
Detroit	71	44	24	3	91	219	171		
Nashville	69	41	21	7	89	209	171		
Chicago	71	38	25	8	84	213	209		
Columbus	70	22	41	7	51	161	226		

NORTHWEST									
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Vancouver	70	42	20	8	92	219	177		
Colorado	73	38	30	5	81	191	194		
Calgary	71	34	25	12	80	180	194		
Minnesota	70	29	31	10	68	150	194		
Edmonton	70	27	36	7	61	185	209		

PACIFIC									
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Dallas	71	39	27	5	83	188	188		
Phoenix	72	35	26	11	81	188	186		
San Jose	69	34	25	10	78	189	178		
Los Angeles	70	33	25	12	78	159	154		
Anaheim	71	30	31	11	71	177	196		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

New Jersey 1, Colorado 0, 50
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Carolina 2, St. Louis 0
Toronto 1, Tampa Bay 1
Florida 6, Boston

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy, rain showers. High 53.

Tonight: More rain. Low 37.

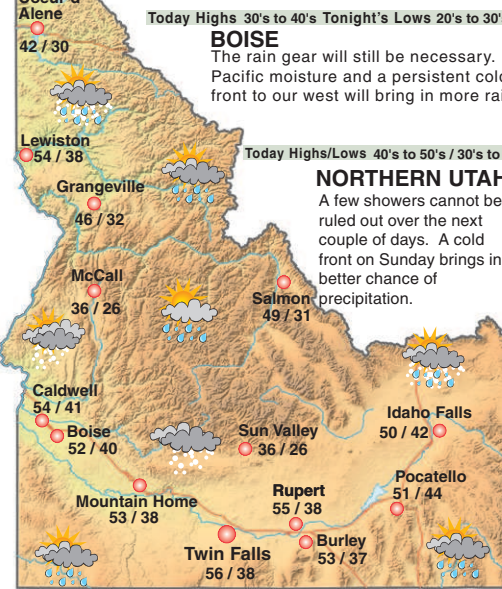
Tomorrow: Rain showers, maybe some snow mixing in. High 51.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	62°	Yesterday's	Trace
Yesterday's Low	33°	Month to Date	0.09"
Normal High / Low	52° / 28°	Avg. Month to Date	0.47"
Record High	76° in 1994	Water Year to Date	4.79"
Record Low	14° in 1959	Avg. Water Year to Date	4.97"

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Wet snow showers will continue in the high country. Six inches up to a foot of snow are expected through Friday evening.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy, rain showers	More rain showers	Rain showers, maybe some rain mixing in	Rain and snow showers	Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 56°	Low 38°	51° / 29°	37° / 25°	36° / 31°	49° / 34°

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	61	46	0.10"
Challis	56	37	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	46	39	0.02"
Idaho Falls	57	42	0.06"
Jerome	55	42	0.04"
Lewiston	53	43	0.01"
Lowell	45	38	0.13"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a
Malta	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pocatello	64	35	0.01"
Rexburg	58	41	0.01"
Salmon	61	36	0.00"
Stanley	41	34	0.26"
Sun Valley	41	33	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure		Sunrise and Sunset	
Yesterday's High	62°	Yesterday's	0.02"	Yesterday's High	82%	5 pm Yesterday	30.00 in.	Today Sunrise	7:47 AM
Yesterday's Low	39°	Month to Date	0.10"	Yesterday's Low	36%			Saturday Sunrise	7:45 AM
Normal High / Low	50° / 29°	Avg. Month to Date	0.49"	Today's Forecast Avg.	65%			Sunday Sunrise	7:44 AM
Record High	71° in 1992	Water Year to Date	4.77"					Monday Sunrise	7:42 AM
Record Low	20° in 1985	Avg. Water Year to Date	5.88"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30				Tuesday Sunrise	7:42 AM

MOON PHASES



REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Boise	52 40 sh	46 32 sh	45 32 mx
Bonnerville	43 28 ls	45 28 mx	45 28 ls
Burley	46 32 mx	48 26 sh	45 26 ls
Challis	42 30 mx	44 28 mx	41 28 ls
Coeur d'Alene	42 30 mx	44 28 mx	41 28 ls
Elko, NV	45 35 sh	43 22 ls	35 22 ls
Eugene, OR	49 36 r	48 35 sh	48 35 sh
Groeding	50 37 sh	46 30 sh	40 30 ls
Grace	45 35 sh	49 30 sh	40 30 ls
Hagerman	56 39 sh	49 31 sh	45 31 mx
Hailey	40 31 ls	41 27 mx	38 27 ls
Idaho Falls	50 42 sh	54 33 sh	44 33 ls
Kalispell, MT	50 26 sh	50 30 r	43 30 ls
Jerome	52 36 sh	47 28 sh	40 28 ls
Lewiston	54 38 sh	53 32 r	49 32 sh
Malad City	51 40 sh	54 35 sh	45 35 ls
Malta	52 39 sh	52 30 sh	42 30 ls
McCall	36 26 ls	35 19 ls	32 19 ls
Missoula, MT	49 31 sh	52 34 r	44 34 mx
Pocatello	51 44 sh	55 37 sh	44 37 ls
Portland, OR	51 38 r	48 37 sh	48 37 sh
Rupert	55 38 sh	52 29 sh	44 29 ls
Rexburg	47 39 r	52 34 sh	44 34 ls
Richland, WA	56 40 sh	57 33 sh	55 33 sh
Rogerson	45 31 sh	38 20 ls	32 20 ls
Salmon	49 31 sh	53 30 r	45 30 sh
Salt Lake City, UT	65 51 sh	66 38 r	44 38 ls
Spokane, WA	46 33 mx	47 30 r	44 30 ls
Stanley	36 23 ls	40 17 ls	36 17 ls
Sun Valley	36 26 ls	37 21 ls	34 21 ls
Yellowstone, MT	43 26 mx	44 24 mx	41 24 mx

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	81 58 th	81 59 th
Atlantic City	57 46 th	61 47 sh
Baltimore	76 54 th	77 55 th
Billings	69 37 sh	66 43 sh
Birmingham	81 58 th	81 58 pc
Boston	48 42 th	55 44 pc
Charleston, SC	79 59 pc	77 60 th
Charleston, WV	72 56 th	75 55 th
Chicago	72 56 pc	78 58 th
Cleveland	59 53 th	69 53 sh
Denver	78 45 pc	78 46 pc
Des Moines	79 61 pc	79 59 th
Detroit	67 50 pc	68 52 pc
El Paso	85 57 pc	85 57 hz
Fairbanks	-1 21 pc	-3 23 pc
Fargo	71 51 su	68 50 pc
Honolulu	79 69 sh	80 68 sh
Houston	81 66 sh	80 66 sh
Indianapolis	80 61 th	79 61 th
Jacksonville	80 60 pc	81 60 th
Kansas City	89 62 th	78 63 th
Las Vegas	77 64 pc	72 51 r
Little Rock	79 60 th	81 61 th
Los Angeles	64 55 r	60 47 r
Memphis	82 63 th	81 64 th
Miami	81 71 sh	81 70 pc
Milwaukee	59 50 pc	67 55 th
Nashville	81 58 th	83 58 th
New Orleans	79 64 pc	78 66 pc
New York	61 51 th	60 48 pc
Okahoma City	79 62 th	78 60 th
Omaha	79 60 pc	79 60 pc

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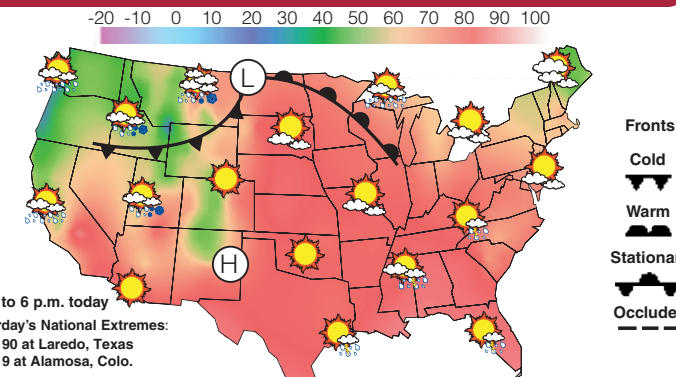
Sunrise and Sunset

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	7:47 AM	7:46 PM
Saturday	7:45 AM	7:47 PM
Sunday	7:44 AM	7:48 PM
Monday	7:42 AM	7:50 PM
Tuesday	7:42 AM	7:51 PM

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	88 75 pc	87 74 pc
Athens	55 47 sh	56 52 pc
Auckland	69 58 sh	67 59 sh
Bangkok	94 82 th	93 82 th
Beijing	51 31 pc	44 29 pc
Berlin	62 42 pc	66 43 pc
Buenos Aires	74 59 pc	77 61 pc
Cairo	68 42 sh	65 41 pc
Dhahran	74 66 pc	76 61 pc
Geneva	59 37 pc	56 36 pc
Hong Kong	74 72 pc	75 73 sh
Jerusalem	59 41 sh	54 38 sh
Johnsburg	66 51 r	74 50 sh
Kuwait City	76 62 pc	78 50 pc
London	53 41 sh	52 35 sh
Mexico City	74 49 sh	73 51 sh

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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FREE MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
Living is a form of not being sure, not knowing what next or how...We guess. We may be wrong, but we take leap after leap in the dark.
Agnes de Mille

PREP ROUNDUP

Filer Baseball Opens With Victory

Jordan Brown struck out nine and drove in two runs as the Filer Wildcats opened their season with a win over Glenns Ferry, 12-5. Andrew Peterson went 2-for-3 with two RBI and Raymond Kober was 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI. Filer (1-0) hosts American Falls Saturday for a doubleheader on its new baseball diamond. Glenns Ferry plays at Marsing next Wednesday.

Burley lost its season opener in Pocatello. Joe Ferrin went 2-for-3 at the plate, but the Bobcats couldn't generate much offensively, striking out eight times. Burley (0-1) hosts Bonnevill on Saturday.

HIGHLAND 6, BURLEY 0

Burley	000	000	0	-0-1
Highland	110	400	x	6-8 0

BURLEY - Leading Hitters: Ferrin 2-3, Knopp 1-2. Pitchers: Ferrin (L) 4 IP 8 H, 6 R, 1 BB, 2 K; Carson 3 IP 0 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 0 K.
HIGHLAND - Leading Hitters: Burrup 3-4 (2 BB). Pitchers: Peck (W) 7 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 8 K.

Softball KIMBERLY 9, WOOD RIVER 7

Kimberly ripped 12 hits as the Bulldogs held off Wood River for a season-opening win.

Randi Cummins tossed five innings for the win, while Tenli Bright doubled,

tripled and drove in two runs. Kimberly (1-0) is at Wendell on Tuesday.

WOOD RIVER 020 030 2 -7 6 4

WOOD RIVER - Leading Hitters: Atkinson 1-3 (HR, 2 RBI). Pitchers: Bradley (W) 6.0 IP, 6 H, 9 R, 6 ER, 4 BB, 3 SO.
KIMBERLY - Leading Hitters: Keller 3-3; Upton 2-3 (2B, RBI); Bright 2-4 (2B, 3R, 2 RBI). Pitchers - Cummins (W) 5.0 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 6 BB, 5 SO; Baumert (SV) 2.0 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER.

Golf BURLEY INVITATIONAL

Boys team scores: 1. Twin Falls 286, 2. Canyon Ridge 334, 3. Wood River 346, 4. Jerome 363, 5. Burley 365, 6. Minico 366.
Top 10 individual scores: 1-tie Thompson (TF), C. Meyerhoeffer (TF) 70; 2. Frank (TF) 72; 4. T. Meyerhoeffer (TF) 74; 5-tie Hanneman (TF), Johnson (M), Luper (CR) 75; 8-tie Curtis (CR), Holmes (M) 78; 10. Sauerbrey (WR) 82.
Girls team scores: 1. Twin Falls 363, 2. Minico 476, 3. Wood River 486, 4. Canyon Ridge 496. Also participating: Burley, Jerome.
Top 10 individual scores: 1. Reed (TF) 76; 2. Lee (TF) 77; 3. Bride (TF) 87, 4. Williams (WR) 95; 5-tie Delis (M), Perkins (CR) 110; 7. Stosius (WR) 113; 8. Shradley (M) 114; 9-tie Taylor (M), McClain (CR) 120.

Track and Field CANYON RIDGE QUAD BOYS

Saturday morning, before heading to Denver. The Eagles plan to arrive in Hutchinson on Sunday. "It's sad to see another season winding down, but this has been our goal all season long, getting to Hutch."

Team Scores: 1. Rigby 95, 2. Idaho Falls 67, 3. Canyon Ridge 65, 2. Minico 52.
Individual events: Top two finishers Shot put: 1. Bartlett (CR) 47 feet, 3 inches; 2. Thompson (M) 46-5; Discus: 1. Thompson (M) 155-6; 2. Charles (R) 132-5; High Jump: 1. Kernen (R) 6-0; 2. Deede (IF) 5-10; Long Jump: 1. Gavrin (R) 40-5; 2. Brian (R) 39-6; Triple Jump: 1. Gavrin (R) 40-5; 2. Sterner (CR) 40-2; Pole Vault: 1. Searle (R) 14-6; 2. Shippin (R) 12-6.
3200: 1. Clark (IF) 9:59; 2. Kunz (R) 10:46; 110 hurdles: 1. Raymond (IF) 15:14; 2. Kytile (CR) 15:59; 4x200: 1. (R) 1:33; 2. (CR) 1:34; 100: 1. Fielding (IF) 11:1; 2. Searle (R) 11:3; 800: 1. Perry (R) 2:02; 2. Wright (IF) 2:04; 400m: (R) 46 seconds; 2. (M) 47.7.
400: 1. Calen (M) 52.3 seconds; 2. Packham (CR) 53.1; 300 hurdles: 1. Raymond (IF) 40:7; 2. Baker (IF) 42:7; Sprint medley: 1. (M) 4 minutes, 5 seconds; 2. (R) 4:14; 200: 1. Packham (CR) 23.9; 2. Warner (CR) 24.1600: 1. Clark (IF) 4:45; 2. D. Perry (R) 4:50; 4x400: (M) 3:39; 2. (R) 3:41.

GIRLS

Team scores: 1. Idaho Falls 74.5, 2. Rigby 72, 3. Canyon Ridge 71, 4. Minico 52.
Individual events: Top two finishers Shot put: 1. Shelby (IF) 36-10; 2. Bair (M) 33-10; Discus: 1. Bair (M) 100-4; 2. Co. Joslin (CR) 92-2; High Jump: 1. Meier (M) 5-2; 2. Zabriskie (IF) 5-2; Long Jump: 1. Minnix (IF) 14-7; 2. Stone (R) 14-2; Triple Jump: 1. Lee (CR) 34-11; 2. Zabriskie (IF) 32-10; Pole Vault: 1. Denney (CR) 8-6; 2. Shippin (R) 8-0; 3,200 meters: 1. Lewis (IF) 12:19; 2. Lindquist (R) 12:28; 100 hurdles: 1. Adams (CR) 15:96; 2. Christensen (IF) 17-6; 4x200 relay: 1. CR 1:49.2; 2. R 1:49.4; 100 meters: 1. Chandler (M) 12.6; 2. Amis (IF) 12.65; 800 meters: 1. Marshall (IF) 2:37; 2. Weatherly (IF) 2:38; 4x100 relay: 1. CR 53.3; 2. IF 53.32.
400 meters: 1. Chandler (M) 1:00; 2. Hansen (R) 1:05; 300 hurdles: 1. Adams (R) 50:7; 2. Romney (CR) 53.3; Medley relay: 1. CR 2:01.4; 2. R 2:14; 200 meters: 1. Chandler (M) 26.1; 2. Packham (CR) 27.7; 1,600 meters: 1. Lindquist (R) 5:43; 2. Carpenter (IF) 5:51; 4x400 relay: 1. R 4:25; 2. CR 4:30.

Bats

Continued from Sports 1

down to 5.62 per contest. Team batting averages fell more than 20 points and the home run rate was nearly halved, from .94 per game to .52.

The bats figure to have balanced out, with 2011 being a low-water mark. Bat manufacturers will have had a year to see how the new bats played, leading to a better product for the prep ranks that joined the party a year after their collegiate counterparts.

If you look at a 2012 model bat and a 2011 edition side-by-side, there's no appreciable difference between the two. The change in most models is simple — an outer shell that's thicker and absorbs more impact — while one particular model has spacers in the bat's interior that creates a dampened sweet spot.

But Bradshaw can only swing his 2011 model during practice, not in games. And with similar cost between BB-COR and BESR bats, with costs up to \$400 per bat, players are determined to get their money's worth. "I paid a lot for that (bat). I can't just not use it," said Bradshaw.

Though the bat composition may change, it isn't unreasonable to expect local teams to have a similar style of play this year as in seasons past. Teams in the Magic Valley have long built themselves on pitching, defense, and the

BASEBALL TEAM PREVIEWS

CLASS 4A
TWIN FALLS loses a ton from its championship team, including MLB draft pick Cy Sneed, but the Bruins get Eric Harr back after missing last season. Harr and Zayne Slotten figure to anchor the pitching rotation. ... MINICO will experience life without Casey Christensen, but the Spartans are always solid and competitive at the 4A level. ... BURLEY looks to crack the state tournament party. The Bobcats will miss pitcher Jake Mills, but Jackson Kunz is back to lead a steady cast. ... JEROME may not have the star power it had in recent years, but a young squad led by Kevin Bos, Zach Thibault and A.J. Rierden will look to lead the Tigers back to contention. ... CANYON RIDGE's young squad is back for another season with tons of experience under its belt. Brandon Bradshaw and Jon Cron will look to anchor what could be a potent offense. ... WOOD RIVER won't have a JV team this season, which could mean even more youth on the varsity team. Three-sport athlete Austin Hafer headlines the Wolverines.
CLASS 3A
KIMBERLY returns the bulk of the talent from last year's state semifinal squad, which won the program's first ever district title. Seth Champin returns on the mound and has plenty of help in the lineup. ... BURL loses much of a senior-laden team, including Matt Hamilton and Markus Lively. The onus falls on the younger generation like Joel Hamilton and Haven Foy to keep the Indians in the state tournament conversation. ... FLER will lean on its senior class for one last shot at returning to state. Ryan Karel and Andrew Peterson are among the mainstays.
CLASS 2A: GLENN'S FERRY has one last ride with a talented crop of seniors, including Adrian Martinez, John Acord and Michael Willis. The Pilots have not to state in each of the last three seasons. ... WENDELL graduated its horse, Nolan Stouder, and the Trojans will have to be more balanced this season as a result.

ability to manufacture runs rather than sit back and wait for three-run homers all day long.

"Our league is so solid I don't think you're going to see a huge drop. I think our league is the toughest in the state," Kunz said. "We've got great coaches, great programs and they teach baseball the right way. I don't see a lot of adjustments. It's the guys who just go get their cuts in and don't practice the fundamentals that are going to get hurt. It's calling your bluff right now?"

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