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SCHOOL DISTRICTS LOOK TO AVOID LAYOFFS NEXT YEAR

BY JULIE WOOTTON
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TWIN FALLS • After recent years of budget cuts and shrinking funds, many Magic Valley school districts are welcoming a change — they don't expect any layoffs next year.

This spring, state legislators approved a \$1.6 billion Idaho public schools budget for fiscal 2013. It's a 4.6 percent increase in state funding over this year, though the overall budget only rose four-tenths of a percent.

"This situation is more sunny than it's been in the last three years," Twin Falls Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said.

Although some school employees can

breathe a sigh of relief, school districts are still feeling the effects of past years' job cuts and furlough days.

Twin Falls School District employees will most likely still have five furlough days next year.

The district has managed to avoid layoffs. Dobbs said administrators instead chose not to fill vacated positions.

School districts are currently developing their budgets for the next school year. It's a process that typically ends in June after school boards approve a final document.

Taxpayer-funded supplemental levies play a role in allowing some districts to maintain student programs and job positions.

In March, voters renewed levies for six local

districts. Another six have measures on the May 15 ballot — Filer, Wendell, Castleford, Shoshone, Richfield and Valley.

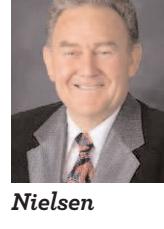
If a two-year, \$500,000 annual levy doesn't pass in Filer, the school district will be left to make \$500,000 worth of budget cuts next year.

The district's levy brochure lists at least half a dozen jobs that would be eliminated. Money would also be cut from athletic programs and extracurricular activities.

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Staff cuts expected in Minidoka County.
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1 Dead, 2 Hospitalized



Members of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office investigate the crime scene Wednesday at 2900 N. 4809 E., southeast of Murtaugh. One man is dead and two remain hospitalized with gunshot wounds after Tuesday night's shooting.

Investigators are still sorting out the details of Tuesday night's altercation southeast of Murtaugh.



Police tape lines a single-wide trailer home that was the site of a shooting Tuesday evening.

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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MURTAUGH • One man is dead and two have been hospitalized with gunshot wounds after an altercation southeast of Murtaugh Tuesday night.

Emergency dispatchers received a call of an altercation with shots fired at 8:57 p.m., according to Lori Stewart, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. Dispatchers overheard on a police scanner at the time said a caller reported people looking like they were trying to shoot each other.

Twin Falls and Cassia county deputies, Twin Falls police and Idaho State Police converged on a single-wide trailer home at 2900 N. 4809 E. There, they found the two injured men, as well as a vehicle fully engulfed in flames.

The men were both taken to St. Luke's Magic

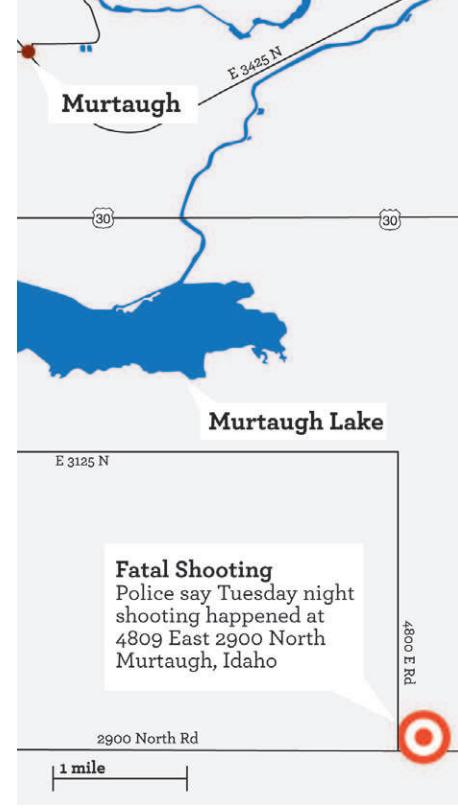
Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls, one by air ambulance and one by ground, Stewart said.

Late Tuesday night, law enforcement, fire and medical vehicles remained at the scene, and the trailer and surrounding property had been marked off with police tape.

Charges from the incident have not yet been filed, said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb. Investigators are still trying to determine just what happened during the incident to decide if and what kind of charges would be brought.

Investigators from Twin Falls County and ISP continued their investigation Wednesday, but made few details public — including the names of the people involved.

The name of the deceased man won't be released until the coroner can confirm who he is and next-of-kin are notified, Stewart said.



Fatal Shooting
Police say Tuesday night shooting happened at 4809 East 2900 North Murtaugh, Idaho

2900 North Rd

1 mile

More Online

VIEW video and more photos from the crime scene at [Magicvalley.com](#).

Three Vie for District 23 House Seat

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KIMBERLY AGREES TO DEAL WITH CLINIC

BY DAVE WILKINS
For the Times-News

KIMBERLY • Kimberly is a step closer to getting a medical clinic with the City Council's approval Tuesday of a formal agreement with Family Health Services.

The city has already secured a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant for construction of a new clinic on the site of the old City Hall.

Attorneys representing the city, Idaho Department of Commerce, Region 4 Development and FHS worked out the details of a draft agreement.

Under its terms, the city would be responsible for asbestos removal and demolition of the old City Hall, but expenditures would be limited to \$81,524, a stipulation that proved to be a sticking point.

City Attorney William Hollifield recommended that the council eliminate the cap to move the project forward.

Acting on his advice, the council unanimously approved a revised agreement stating simply that the city will be responsible for demolition of the old City Hall without any reference to the cost.

"I'm not really opposed to taking the numbers out because the city is going to have to demolish that building anyway," Hollifield told council members.

The \$81,524 limit was based on estimates contained in the block grant application, representatives for Region 4 Development and FHS told the council.

"This really isn't a point of contention," Patty Kleinkopf, chief operating officer for Family Health Services, told the council.

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COMING FRIDAY

INL Cleanup Continues

The Idaho National Laboratory makes progress on its nuclear waste cleanup, but there's still plenty to do before the work finishes.

Bring a date: CSI presents "Collective Dating," 7:30 p.m. CSI Fine Arts Theater. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and students.

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Hansen Schools Chief Takes Valley Post

BY JULIE WOOTTON
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HANSEN • Hansen schools Superintendent Dennis Coulter will start next week as chief of the Valley School District.

He was hired as superintendent of the district — which serves Hazelton, Eden and eastern Jerome County — during a March school board meeting.

Coulter's three-year contract begins Tuesday and he will make \$85,000 annually as Valley's superintendent and federal programs director.

Coulter has been Hansen superintendent since 1995. He'll transition into the new position by working in Hazelton each Friday in May.

There isn't a set timetable for when Coulter will end his involvement in Hansen. He said would like to have next year's budget finalized for the June school board meeting before he leaves.

Hansen School District has been advertising its su-

perintendent position for about one month. The application period closes Monday.

School Board Chairman Dave Bjorneberg said the board — and a few teachers — will be involved in screening applicants and deciding who to interview.

"We would like to have someone as soon as we can," he said, and that will most likely be July 1, when most administrative contracts begin with the state's new fiscal year.

Coulter will replace current Valley Superintendent Arlyn Bodily, who is retiring at the end of the school year. Bodily was out of the office and unavailable for comment Wednesday.

Bodily worked at the Valley School District for about 25 years before retiring in 1998. After that, he filled several interim superintendent positions, such as for the Gooding School District in 2007.

He returned to the Valley School District as superintendent in 2008.

for them right here," he said.

Preserving Idaho's water rights and reducing the corporate tax rate are also important to Millington, he said.

Nielsen didn't return calls for comment.

The yearly salary for Idaho state representatives is \$16,116, plus living expenses during the legislative session. Representatives serve a two-year term.

The Candidates

Matthew Bundy

Hometown: Mountain Home

Occupation: Teacher

Leadership experience: U.S. Air Force veteran; Teaching delegate to Amman, Jordan; Goethe Institut Transatlantic Outreach Program; Teachers for Global Classrooms

Highest level of education: Master's, German, University of Utah

Years in Idaho: 13

Steve Millington

Hometown: Buhl

Occupation: Retired accountant, business owner

Leadership experience: Chief financial officer at Universal Frozen Foods

Highest level of education: Bachelor of Arts, Accounting, Brigham Young University

Years in Idaho: Idaho native

Milton "Pete" Nielsen

Hometown: Mountain Home

Occupation: Insurance agent

Leadership experience: First elected to the House 10 years ago; Serves on the House Education Committee, Environment, Energy and Technology Committee, and the Judiciary, Rules & Administration Committee.

Highest level of education: Unknown

Years in Idaho: Idaho native

GEOFF MULVIHILL

Associated Press

CHERRY HILL, N.J.

Teachers hurled insults like "bastard," "tard," "damn dumb" and "a hippo in a ballerina suit." A bus driver threatened to slap one child, while a bus monitor told another, "Shut up, you little dog."

They were all special needs students, and their parents all learned about the verbal abuse the same way — by planting audio recorders on them before sending them off to school.

In cases around the country, suspicious parents have been taking advantage of convenient, inexpensive technology to tell them what children, because of their disabilities, are not able to express on their own. It's a practice that can help expose abuses, but it comes with some dangers.

This week, Stuart Chaifetz, a father in Cherry

losses through retirements, attrition are planned to cope with funding reductions in the coming school year.

BY LAURIE WELCH
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RUPERT • The Minidoka County School District will eliminate 19 teaching positions next year in an effort to bring costs in line with revenues.

The district also plans to reduce district office staff by two and to reduce its pool of aides by eight to 11 positions, said district Business Manager Michelle DeLuna. Maintenance staff will be trimmed by three positions, and the district will eliminate funding for one resource officer position.

The Minidoka County Sheriff's Office will pick up the tab for the officer's salary.

It's all in an effort to align district spending to the reality of past state cuts that haven't been restored, the loss of federal stimulus funding, and reduced enrollment, said Superintendent Scott Rogers.

"The net result is going to be an increase in class sizes, and this is happening across

the state," he said.

While the Legislature passed a bill to fund next year's teacher salaries at current levels rather than shift about \$19.6 million toward Students Come First education reform initiatives, prior cuts are catching up with the district.

Rogers said the district used one-time funding this year to delay teacher cuts related to a roughly \$14.7 million statewide shift of teacher funding toward the reform efforts. But with stimulus funding gone, the district must now trim 19 positions from its 204-teacher staff to deal with a \$1.3 million deficit also created by declining student numbers.

Rogers said with the reforms, districts were given two choices: reduce teaching positions or pay existing staff less to fund merit-based bonuses and tech initiatives.

"I don't necessarily think those are bad things," he said. "I think the timing is just bad and it shouldn't come at the expense of

classroom size."

The district hopes to trim teaching positions through retirements and eliminating positions when teachers leave the district.

As of Wednesday, 10 district teachers had announced

plans to retire at the end of the school year.

"We are trying to save as many jobs in the district as possible," DeLuna said.

At noon Tuesday, the dis-

trict's board will hold a spe-

cial meeting to review

teacher evaluations to help

determine how cuts will be

made if retirements and oth-

er departures can't account

for all 19 positions. Final de-

cisions will be announced by

the board's May meeting.

"We want to tell (teachers cut) early enough so they

can go and compete with

other districts that are hir-

ing," Rogers said.

In Cassia County, district Superintendent Gaylen Smyer said eight teaching positions will be cut from his 350-teacher roster. However, since more than eight teachers plan to retire, no further cuts are planned.

Smyer said positions lost through retirements will be cut from some Burley and Declo schools.

Smyer said the district remains on a "bare-bones budget" despite the state's move away from further salary reductions.

"People still talk about the good old days of 2008 when everyone had their full salaries," Smyer said.

"It's tough we are expected to do the same jobs and more, with fewer people."

Parents Wire Kids to Prove Teachers' Verbal Abuse

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Associated Press

MEL EVANS • ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stuart Chaifetz looks at his son Akian Chaifetz, 10, as he sits on top of a ladder at their home in Cherry Hill, N.J., Wednesday.

Hill, N.J., posted on YouTube

clips of secretly recorded au-

dio that caught one adult

calling his autistic 10-year-

old son "a bastard." In less

than three days, video got 1.2

million views, raising the

prominence of the small

movement.

But George Giuliani, exec-

utive director of the National

Association of Special Ed-

ucation Teachers and direc-

tor of special education at

Hofstra University in

Hempstead, N.Y., says that

while the documented mis-

treatment of children has

been disturbing, secret

recordings are a bad idea.

They could, he said, violate

the privacy rights of other

children.

"We have to be careful

that we're not sending our

children in wired without

knowing the legal issues,"

Giuliani said.

Family Health Services will lease the new clinic from the city for \$10,000 per year for 10 years, at which time the ownership of the build-

ing will be transferred to

FHS.

In other action, the coun-

cil approved a bid from S&R Construction Inc. in the amount of \$36,300 to install

fencing around a main-

tenance yard behind the new

City Hall.

The news isn't positive

across the board, however. On

Wednesday, Minidoka Coun-

ty School District officials an-

nounced they'll have to elim-

inate 19 teaching jobs next

year to deal with a mix of un-

restored state funding, lost

ederal funds and enrollment

declines.

Layoffs

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employees, such as teachers.

It's also the forum for ne-

gotiating furlough days and

pay cuts.

Jerome Superintendent Dale Layne said employees in

his district might have fewer

furlough days next year.

And after cutting about 26

positions over the last three

years, he said it's possible the

district will be able to add two

or three jobs back next month.

In Gooding, Superintendent Heather Williams also

said she doesn't anticipate

any job cuts next year.

"This year, we're hopeful

that we can just maintain,"

she said.

However, Williams said the

reality is that the district is

still trying to function and is

"way understaffed" com-

pared with 2009.

Williams said one factor

behind job cuts was an enroll-

ment drop in 2008 when

North Valley Academy

opened in Gooding.

The school district has cut

more than 40 jobs since fiscal

CSI Hires Two More Welding Instructors

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • The College of Southern Idaho has hired two more welding technology instructors to help students finish the last few weeks of the semester.

The college's regular, full-time instructors, Juan Martinez and Kent Parish, were placed on paid administrative leave April 12 and college administrators continue to investigate a personnel issue.

Brian Sprinkle of Boise

was hired to teach the morning and afternoon welding students and started Wednesday. He's experienced in all welding techniques, but doesn't have teaching experience.

College administrators also hired Alvin Hill, a certified welding inspector from STRATA Professional Service Corp. in Boise.

Starting today, he will work 10 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays to certify students' welding skills.

They'll join Jim Schlund, who was hired last week to temporarily oversee the program. He's a longtime CSI instructor and certified Idaho professional education Instructor who retired from the college's diesel technology program.

Welding students with questions or concerns can contact the instructors, Trade and Industry Department Chairman Terry Patterson or Dean of Students Graydon Stanley.

Mountain Home AFB Plans Friday Exercise



COURTESY U.S. AIR FORCE AIRMAN FIRST CLASS HEATHER HAYWARD

U.S. Marine Corps F/A-18 Hornets stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., are ready for flight operations at Mountain Home Air Force Base. The 'Vikings' will conduct military exercises this Friday.

TIMES-NEWS

MOUNTAIN HOME • Members of the U.S. Marine Corps and other U.S. forces will conduct a Friday exercise at Mountain Home Air Force Base, according to a base release.

The public may see increased flying activity and noise in the surrounding area between 10

a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday. According to the release, measures are in place to minimize flying over residential areas.

For years, area residents have attributed loud booms, often referred to as "skyquakes," to military aircraft breaking the sound barrier. However, the noises have not been linked to activity from the base.

For Candidate Forum, Go Online

TIMES-NEWS

JEROME • Wednesday's candidate forum at the Jerome Public Library was scheduled to run late into the night, past the *Times-News'* print deadline.

Those who want an early look at our coverage of the forum can find reporter Steve Kadel's complete story online at Magicvalley.com. It will also run in Friday's print edition.

WYOMING PLANS WOLF HUNTS THIS FALL

BY BEN NEARY
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. • The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission has voted to allow hunters to kill up to 52 wolves in the state this fall.

Gov. Matt Mead told reporters on Wednesday that he's hopeful Congress will act to exempt the state's wolf management plan from any legal challenges from environmental groups. Congress has extended such protection to earlier wolf delisting ac-

tions in Idaho and Montana.

Mead says he's heard that environmental groups are intent on suing to try to block Wyoming's wolf plan.

Jenny Harbine is a lawyer with Earthjustice in Bozeman, Mont. The group has mounted legal challenges to wolf delisting efforts before.

Harbine says it's too early to say whether her group or its clients will challenge Wyoming's wolf plan until the plan receives final federal approval this fall.

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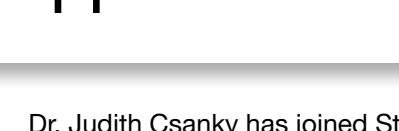
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Dr. Judith Csanky has joined St. Luke's Clinic – Gastroenterology at their new location in the Medical Plaza in Twin Falls. Dr. Csanky specializes in diagnosis and treatment of the digestive tract. Her interests include Hepatology, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) and general GI endoscopic procedures such as colonoscopy.

Dr. Csanky earned her medical degree at University Medical School Debrecen, Hungary. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Legacy Portland Hospitals, Portland Oregon, and completed her fellowship in Gastroenterology in Upstate New York -- SUNY-UMU, in Syracuse, New York.

Dr. Csanky will be seeing patients at:
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Twin Falls Kindergarten Registration Nears

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TWIN FALLS • Registration for incoming kindergarten students in the Twin Falls School District is scheduled for May 7-11.

Parents can register in school offices at the following times:

- Sawtooth Elementary School: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- I.B. Perrine Elementary School: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Bickel Elementary School: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Harrison Elementary School: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Morningside Elementary School: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Lincoln Elementary School: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Oregon Trail Elementary School: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parents can call their neighborhood school for more information or to determine which school their child will be attending.

When registering, parents should bring their child's original birth certificate, and proof of immunizations and residency (current utility bill, rental agreement or house sales agreement).

Students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2012.

Children may need to be present during the registration process to do a pre-kindergarten screening.

Check with your school for more information.

Kindergarten open houses are also scheduled:

- Harrison Elementary, 4-5 p.m. May 10 in the library.

- Morningside Elementary, 3:45-4:30 p.m. May 10 in the cafeteria.

- Sawtooth Elementary, 9:30-10 a.m. May 9 in the cafeteria.

- Oregon Trail Elementary, 4 p.m. May 10 in the cafeteria.

- I.B. Perrine Elementary, 3:30-4:30 p.m. May 10 in kindergarten classrooms.

- Bickel Elementary, 4-5 p.m. May 15 in kindergarten classrooms.

- Lincoln Elementary, 4:30-5:30 p.m. May 17 in kindergarten classrooms.

APPLEBEE'S ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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police saying the suspect in the Applebee's robbery might have been in custody in Jerome on separate charges.

On Feb. 29 police met with Banuelos and Branden Galbreath, 20, at the Jerome County Sheriff's Office. Galbreath allegedly said Banuelos told him he robbed Applebee's, but Banuelos denied the charges.

Police also interviewed Nik Maria, 18, who said on the night of the robbery Banuelos and Galbreath told him they were going to rob Applebee's and Banuelos showed him the gun he would use, court records state. Maria also told police Banuelos threw the gun out of a vehicle's window into the Snake River Canyon as they drove over the Perrine Bridge toward Jerome.

According to a police report, Galbreath told police the gun was a black semi-automatic handgun. Banuelos said he had gotten from Maria. A preliminary hearing for Banuelos is scheduled for

May 4. Maria, Galbreath and Banuelos have all been accused of being involved in a separate armed robbery of the Wendy's restaurant in Jerome on Jan. 26, along with Taylor Cossen.

Cossen has pleaded guilty to robbery in the Jerome case and will be sentenced June 4. For cooperating with police and testifying, Maria has been offered a place in the state's retained-jurisdiction program and has not been arrested or charged in the Jerome case. Galbreath has pleaded not guilty and faces a July 25 jury trial.

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OPINION

For Illinois, the Bills Come Due

After trying to tax Illinois to govern-mental solvency and economic dynamism, Pat Quinn, a Democrat who has been governor since 2009, now says "our rendezvous with reality has arrived." Actually, Illinois is still reality-averse, so Americans may soon learn the importance of the freedom to fail in a system of competitive federalism.

Illinois was more heavily taxed than the five contiguous states (Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin) even before January 2011, when Quinn got a lame duck Legislature (its successor has fewer Democrats) to raise corporate taxes 30 percent (from 7.3 percent to 9.5 percent), giving Illinois one of the highest state corporate taxes, and the fourth highest combination of national and local corporate taxation in the industrialized world. Since 2009, Quinn has spent more than \$500 million in corporate welfare to bribe companies not to flee the tax environment he has created.

Quinn raised personal income taxes 67 percent (from 3 percent to 5 percent), adding about \$1,040 to the tax burden of a family of four earning \$60,000. Illinois' unemployment rate increased faster than any other state's in 2011. Its pension system is the nation's most underfunded, and the state has floated bond issues to finance pension contributions — borrowing money that someday must be repaid, to replace what should have been pension money that it spent on immediate gratifications.

Quinn's recent flirtation with realism — a plan to raise the retirement age to 67 and cap pension cost-of-living adjustments — is less significant than the continuing unrealistic expectation that some Illinois' pension investments will grow 8.5 percent annually. Although the state Constitution mandates balancing the budget, this is almost meaningless while the state sells bonds to pay for operating expenses (in just 10 years the state's bonded debt has increased from \$9.4 billion to \$30 billion), underfunds pensions and other liabilities, and makes vendors wait (they are owed \$5.6 billion).

The Illinois Policy Institute, a limited-government think tank, in a report cheekily titled "Another \$54 Billion!" argues that in addition to the \$83 billion in pension underfunding the state acknowledges, there is \$54 billion in unfunded retiree health liabilities over the next 30 years. Illinois, a stronghold of public employees unions, "is on pace to spend nearly \$1 billion on



George Will

Washington Post

retiree health care benefits in fiscal year 2013, more than double what it spent in 2003. Worse yet, these liabilities are growing more than twice as fast as tax revenues."

To prepare for Illinois' probable plunge into insolvency, read "Freedom to Fail: The Keystone of American Federalism" by Paul E. Peterson and Daniel Nadler in the University of Chicago Law Review. They note that only 25 of the world's 193 nations have federal systems, and in most of the 25 the freedom of the lower tiers of government is more circumscribed by the central government than American state governments are by the federal government. American states' greater freedom — autonomy under America's system of dual sovereignty — from the central government's supervision requires that they be disciplined instead by the market for government bonds, and the real possibility of default.

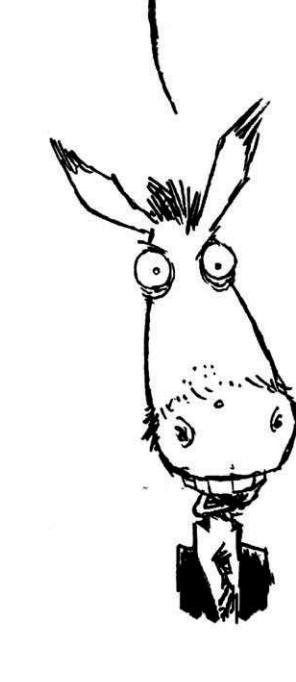
Peterson, a professor of government at Harvard, and Nadler, a doctoral candidate also at Harvard, say collective bargaining rights for government employees pose "a dramatically new challenge to the viability" of American federalism. They cite studies demonstrating that investors' perceptions of risk of default are correlated with the rate of unionization among government employees. Higher percentages of government employees who are unionized, and larger Democratic shares of state legislative seats, correlate with increases in state borrowing costs.

At least 12 percent of Americans change their residences each year, often moving to more hospitable economic environments. In a system of competitive federalism, Peterson and Nadler write, "If states and localities attempt in a serious way to tax the rich and give to the poor, the rich will depart while the poor will be attracted." And government revenues and expenditures vary inversely.

The bond market, the only remaining reality check for state politicians, must be allowed to work.

Constitutional jurisprudence affirms that states exercising substantial autonomous powers thereby assume concomitant risks. Federal loans or other bailouts of misgoverned states would remove bond market discipline, the only inhibition on the alliance between the Democratic portion of the political class and unionized public employees.

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READER POLL

We asked:
In an effort to address concerns about commercial development on the Snake River Canyon Rim, do you think Magic Valley communities should designate open spaces where development is prohibited?

Yes - Cities should designate open spaces 84%
No - Cities should not designate open spaces 16%
Total Votes: 1219

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Research Won't Back up Preschool Claims

The new refrain (echoed in a *Times-News* article) that state-funded preschool is necessary for children to arrive in kindergarten or first grade "well prepared" does not reflect the research about early childhood learning or the reality that most families are well equipped to prepare their child for their first day of school.

Research on preschool programs, state-funded or not, finds almost universally that they do nothing to boost children from stable homes. They do help children who have unstable homes or who do not speak English well. In these cases, preschool serves as a form of substitute parenting. But children who have good parents do not need substitute parenting, and they should not have this needless service provided at taxpayer expense, especially in a time of state budget crises everywhere.

Advocates of state-funded early childhood programs will tell you these are crucial for our future. The research proves them wrong. And good parents everywhere should not have their massive contributions continually insulted and belittled by these repeated falsehoods.

JOY PULLMAN

Chicago, Ill.

(Editor's note: Joy Pullman is an education research fellow with the Heartland Institute in Chicago, Ill.)

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"We are committed to working together across the aisle and across both chambers to ensure continued funding for important government programs, projects, and services that the American people expect and deserve."

Appropriations Committee Chairman Rep. Harold Rogers in a statement after unveiling the broad outlines for this year's round of spending bills

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Twin Falls

Sen. Cameron Has Proven Himself

It's time to speak up about a legislative candidate that has already proven himself to be a man of integrity and good judgment.

Sen. Dean Cameron has served the citizens of District 26 (and the people of Idaho) for 11 terms. He is now running in District 27 as a result of redistricting.

During his tenure at the Statehouse, Sen. Cameron has distinguished himself as a legislator that is accessible, willing to listen to all sides of an issue,

doesn't have a personal agenda and uses his experience, wisdom and good common sense to help pass legislation that is well-balanced and good for the people of Idaho.

While he always works for consensus, he's not afraid to make the hard votes.

Sen. Cameron has earned respect and gained influence within the Senate and demonstrated his leadership abilities.

I encourage District 27 voters to re-elect Sen. Cameron.

JOHN V. EVANS JR.

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(Editor's note: John V. Evans Jr. is the chief executive officer of D.L. Evans Bank.)

Obama's Order Must Be Repealed

The letter to the *Times-News* from Ray Wiman on April 19 was only too true:

President Obama has signed another executive order that could finish our nation as a republic and have us subject to tyrant rule, as it gives total authority over all parts of our economy to the president and his unelected cabinet officers. Google it for yourselves: executive order.

I want to hear from our newspaper what they will do regarding this action and also from our elected representatives and our two senators. I hope that all of your readers will act now to get this executive order repealed by contacting and informing everyone they can.

GWEN ERICKSON

Rupert

Support Johnson's Bid for Sheriff

I am a longtime resident of Twin Falls County, and I am writing to express my full support for Jack Johnson for Twin Falls County sheriff.

I know that Jack is highly trained in law enforce-

ment and has the experience necessary to lead the sheriff's department in these trying times. Jack is fiscally conservative and understands that the budget needs to be managed to provide the citizens with the most protection possible. Jack is a credit to the law enforcement community.

I urge you to check out Jack's qualifications at www.johnsonforsheriff.us and join me in supporting Jack Johnson for Twin Falls County sheriff.

DAVID MCCLYMONDS
Twin Falls

Sheriff Carter Shows Disregard for the Law

I find Sheriff Carter is being very disrespectful to the very uniform he wears, his deputies, his oath of office and to the state of Idaho, which set campaign rules for all campaign participants to abide by. Having a large sign on Blue Lakes mocks the very law set by the state of Idaho requiring his treasurer be disclosed on all his signs.

What does this say about his respect for the law and law enforcement?

Mr. Carter, are you telling the citizens of your county that if we are pulled over for a ticket, we can laugh at the officer and tell them we don't have to follow the rules like you? How disrespectful to your office, other sheriffs, the deputies in your department and, most importantly, to the citizens of this county. We would expect the highest law enforcement official of our county to follow the law as we are expected to do and not make a mockery of it.

I voted for you; shame on you, Mr. Carter.

KINDY JAMES
Twin Falls

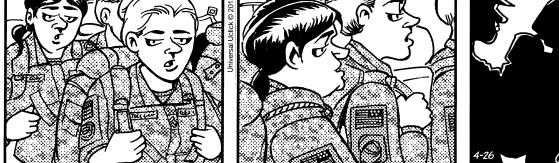
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Man Ordered to 'Moonwalk' at Gunpoint

BONNER COUNTY DAILY BEE

SANDPOINT • A 30-year-old Clark Fork man is facing a felony assault charge for allegedly ordering another man to "moonwalk" at gunpoint.

John Ernest Cross is charged with aggravated assault. Judge Barbara Buchanan sustained Cross' \$20,000 bail on Tuesday and ordered a public defender to represent him. Cross was also barred from contacting the alleged victim in the case.

Sheriff's deputies were summoned to Cross' home on Mountain View Road on Monday, after receiving a report that he had been using drugs and pointed a rifle at another man while demanding that he perform the dance move.

Late singer Michael Jackson popularized the moonwalk dance move.

A probable cause affidavit describes the weapon Cross allegedly used as appearing to be an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle.

During his initial court appearance on Tuesday, Cross said it was an Airsoft pellet gun.

\$11M Railroad Project Under Way in N. Idaho

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) • Union Pacific railroad has broken ground on a \$10.9 million, 95-mile improvement project in northern Idaho that is expected to reduce traffic congestion and help improve the environment.

The project runs from Athol to Eastport at the Canadian border and is part of a \$3.6 billion Union Pacific plan this year to improve its 32,000-mile network.

Aaron Hunt, a Union Pacific spokesman, told the Coeur d'Alene Press that expanded freight rail service will help keep the environment clean, as one ton of cargo can travel almost 500 miles on a single gallon of diesel fuel.

Freight trains are nearly four times more fuel efficient than trucks, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The trains also reduce the amount of freight trucks on the roads, clearing space for motorists, he said.

"This helps our trains operate more efficiently, but it also makes for a better experience for motorists who

cross the tracks," Hunt said.

Hunt also says the project will boost the economy in northern Idaho, though he said Union Pacific has not performed an economic analysis to determine just how much revenue will be injected by construction crews on food, lodging and other goods and services.

"We have a team of about 200 who are staying in local hotels, eating and relying on other service needs while they are in the area," Hunt said. "An investment like this — these are private funds, not taxpayer dollars — and the amount of time the crew is in the area are substantial."

The renovation will involve replacing more than 79,000 railroad ties, installing more than 28,000 tons of rock ballast to provide a more stable roadbed and resurfacing surfaces at 83 road crossings.

Hunt said it's Union Pacific's first major improvement project in northern Idaho since 2000.

He said motorists can expect traffic delays throughout the corridor until the construction's expected completion in late June.

IDAHO BRIEFS

Florida Woman Dies in Idaho Harley Crash

KOOSKIA • The Idaho State Police say a 47-year-old Florida woman was killed and a Spokane, Wash., man injured in a motorcycle crash on U.S. Highway 12 in northern Idaho.

The ISP says 41-year-old Beau J. Imholt was driving a 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle eastbound east of Kooskia with Susan M. Ricafrente of Yulee, Fla., as a passenger. The bike drifted off the left side of the road Tuesday afternoon and went into a ditch.

Ricafrente was thrown from the motorcycle and struck the base of a wooden sign post, causing fatal injuries. Imholt was taken to Clearwater Valley Hospital on Orofino.

Officer Pleads Not Guilty in Shooting Probe

LEWISTON • A police officer for the Nez Perce Tribe in north-central Idaho has pleaded not guilty to charges that he lied during a probe into a fatal shooting.

A grand jury indicted Trevor M. Garret last month after prosecutors said he lied to FBI investigators. The federal agents were looking into the Nov. 12 shooting of Jeffrey A. Flinn by another tribal police officer.

The Lewiston Tribune reports Garret entered his plea Tuesday. The U.S. Attorney's Office has declined

to prosecute the officer who shot Flinn because of a lack of evidence.

According to federal court records, Flinn stole a pickup and led officers on a chase before he exited the vehicle. He reportedly stood with his hands up for at least three seconds before he was shot and killed.

New Hearing Set for Indicted Tamarack Suitor

BOISE • A federal judge plans to review conditions of an indicted Tamarack Resort suitor's freedom this week after prosecutors questioned whether he'd violated terms that allowed him to avoid incarceration.

U.S. Magistrate Candy Dale in Boise plans to hear the prosecutor's motion Friday in the case against Matthew Hutcheson.

That's after Hutcheson's father-in-law, Brad Mason, the man named as the custodian of Hutcheson as he awaits a trial on charges that he bilked investors of \$5 million, tried to market resort assets to investors.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ray Patricco contends Mason's efforts, which were rebuffed by Tamarack officials last Thursday, were tantamount to Hutcheson acting on his own.

Prosecutors want Hutcheson confined because they say he represents an economic danger to the community.

Hutcheson's lawyer, Dennis Charney, didn't return a call.

Officials Call Off Search for Rafter

STANLEY • Officials in central Idaho have called off the search for a man missing since a weekend rafting accident on the Salmon River.

Custer County officials told KIFI-TV Wednesday that they have been unable to locate Mark McCoy of Stanley, who was swept away while trying to get to shore after the raft he was in struck a partially submerged log Saturday night.

Steven Herrett, who also was in the raft, was able to get to shore.

Man Dies in Tractor Accident

RATHDRUM • A Rathdrum man was killed Tuesday afternoon after being pinned under a tractor he was using to perform excavation work on his family's farm.

The Coeur d'Alene Press reports Donald Scott, 75, died after the Massey Ferguson tractor he was driving went over an embankment and rolled over trapping Scott beneath.

Sheriff's deputies and Northern Lakes Fire Department personnel responded. Scott was dead when they arrived at the farm on Pondview Road.

Family members began searching for Scott on the farm when he did not return to his residence at 11 a.m. They found him at 4 p.m. and called authorities.

— Associated Press

Oregon Governor Wants Study of Coal-export Impact

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORLTND, Ore. • Oregon's governor called on federal agencies Wednesday to thoroughly evaluate the environmental impacts of coal-export projects in the Northwest, saying the United States risks locking Asian countries into dependency on fossil fuels if it expands access to vast American coal reserves.

Gov. John Kitzhaber, a Democrat, sent a letter asking federal officials to study the environmental impacts of mining coal in Montana and Wyoming, shipping it to the West Coast and burning it in Asia.

Projects are proposed for at least six ports in Oregon and Washington to ship coal to power-hungry markets in Asia. Taken together, they could mean at least 100 million additional tons of coal shipped per year to Asia.

The governor said he's concerned about environmental effects locally — from coal dust and additional train traffic between mines and ports — and globally, from burning more coal in developing countries. Expanding Asian access to American coal could slow progress toward developing cleaner energy sources, the governor wrote.

"The impacts of United

States coal exports on climate change are an issue of national concern that merits a hard look by a federal agency," Kitzhaber wrote to the directors of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Land Management, as well as the secretaries of the Army and the Department of the Interior.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency last week asked the Corps of Engineers to thoroughly review the potential impacts of coal exports from one project proposed at the Port of Morrow near Boardman, Ore.

The Corps said it would consider the EPA's concerns.

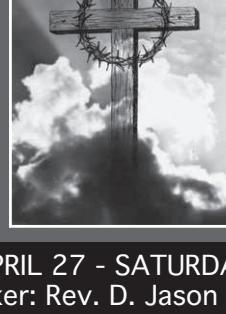
Kitzhaber contends that existing environmental studies for coal-mining leases in Wyoming's Powder River Basin were based on an expectation that coal would be shipped East and used for electricity production in the United States.

The Bureau of Land Management in December denied a request by Oregon and Washington for a supplemental environmental impact statement evaluating westward shipments of coal and exports to Asia. The agency said export proposals were too speculative, but Kitzhaber argues in his letter that there is now more clarity.

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Former Victim: 'Mountain Man' Still a Threat

BY MATT GOURAS
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. • A woman abducted in the 1980s by self-styled mountain men says in a letter that Don Nichols and his son are "crazy misfits" and argues the 81-year-old Nichols should not be paroled at a Friday hearing.

Nichols comes up for his third parole hearing as federal authorities search for his son Dan for alleged drug crimes. The father-son duo abducted world class biathlete Kari Swenson in 1984 with the stated intention of finding a wife for the younger Nichols.

The crime and prolonged manhunt in the wilderness northwest of Yellowstone National Park, ended when a sheriff stormed into a winter camp used by Nichols and his son. Prior to the abduction, the pair had lived for a year poaching game and growing hidden gardens at various camps they set up — prompting authorities to label them with a "mountain man" moniker they embraced.

Swenson has long refused to discuss the incident with the news media. She declined an Associated Press interview request earlier this week.

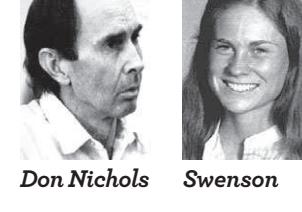
But in a lengthy letter published in Tuesday's edition of Bozeman Daily Chronicle, she chafed at the "mountain man" label applied to Nichols, saying it implies they were hard-working outdoorsmen.

"Ultimately they were caught without a fight because they were cold, hungry, and tired of living in the mountains. These are not mountain men," wrote Swenson, who is now a veterinarian in Bozeman.

Swenson wrote that Don Nichols' "crazy, mixed-up mind" is apparent in rambling journals where he blames others for the crime. Swenson said the pair eventually left her to die after shooting her during a melee with potential rescuers.

"I endured being grabbed by both wrists, hit in the face, thrown to the ground, chained to Dan, threatened with knives and guns, marched through the woods, secured like an animal to trees and spent a terrifying night chained next to Dan," Swenson wrote.

"During the night we could hear searchers calling for me, and I was told repeatedly by Don and Dan that anyone coming into their camp would be shot and killed. This kept me quiet



Don Nichols Swenson

and hopeful that no one would find me."

Swenson said the recovery from the event was painful, and says she spent years in counseling dealing with post-traumatic stress syndrome. Shrapnel in her chest still causes pain and reminds her of "that awful day."

Swenson, despite diminished lung capacity from the gunshot wound, went on to later win a bronze medal in the world biathlon championships. The Nichols faced a prosecutor, Marc Racicot, who would later become governor and a jury who didn't buy their argument that modern society misunderstood their mountain man ways.

But Swenson said the 85-year prison sentence allows Nichols to perhaps be released in 2030 — or maybe even paroled sooner.

"This is not justice," Swenson wrote. "I do not believe anyone could want him free and living in or around their communities. If he is released, I hope no one ever has to meet him on a street, in the mountains of Montana or anywhere."

Swenson said society does not benefit by releasing Nichols.

Last week, federal agents filed federal drug charges against Dan Nichols, who is on the run and considered "armed and dangerous" by the U.S. Marshal for Montana. The younger Nichols was released from prison in the early 1990s for his role in the Swenson crime.

"Since his release from prison he's been unable to assimilate back into society and become a productive citizen. Where is he? He could be anywhere," Swenson wrote. "If the parole board lets Don out of prison they might end up back in the mountains of Montana together and who will be their next victim?"

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SALT LAKE CITY • Utah Gov. Gary Herbert says western states need unity in their stance against federal control of millions of acres of land.

Herbert says Wednesday's burdensome regulations restricts energy development and limits recreational access in states where the federal government owns a majority of the land.

To address the issue, governors from Colorado, Idaho, Nevada and

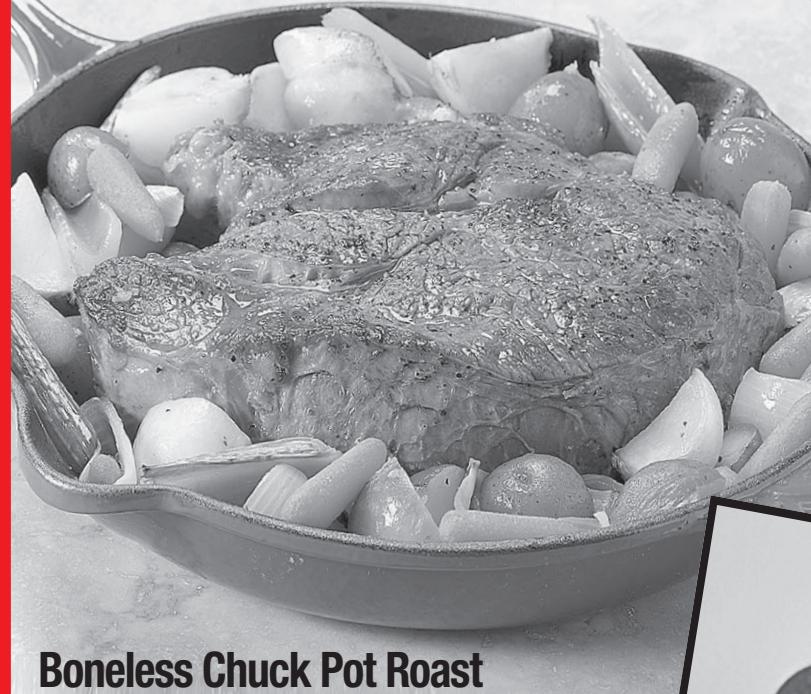
Wyoming are meeting with Herbert in Salt Lake City on Friday.

Herbert signed a law last month authorizing the state to seize federal lands in 2014 unless the federal government relinquishes ownership.

A similar bill has passed the Arizona Legislature. It next goes to the governor for a signature or veto.

The Salt Lake Tribune reports that Interior Secretary Ken Salazar says the Utah law is a political stunt that defies common sense.

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NATION + WORLD

Senate Votes to Slow Closing of Post Offices

WASHINGTON (AP) • The Senate offered a lifeline to the nearly bankrupt U.S. Postal Service on Wednesday, voting to give the struggling agency an \$11 billion cash infusion while delaying controversial decisions on closing post offices and ending Saturday delivery.

By a 62-37 vote, senators approved a measure which had divided mostly along rural-urban lines. Over the past several weeks, the bill was modified more than a dozen times, adding new restrictions on closings and cuts to service that rural-state senators said would hurt their communities the most.

The issue now goes to the House,

which has yet to consider a separate version of the bill.

"The Postal Service is an iconic American institution that still delivers 500 million pieces of mail a day and sustains 8 million jobs," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., a bill co-sponsor. "This legislation will change the USPS so it can stay alive throughout the 21st century."

The mail agency, however, criticized the measure, saying it fell far short in stemming financial losses. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said if the bill became law, he would have to return to Congress in a few years to get emergency help.

"It is totally inappropriate in these economic times to keep unneeded facilities open. There is simply not enough mail in our system today," the Postal Service's board of governors said in a statement. "It is also inappropriate to delay the implementation of five-day delivery."

The Senate bill would halt the immediate closing of up to 252 mail-processing centers and 3,700 post offices, part of a postal cost-cutting plan to save some \$6.5 billion a year. Donahoe previously said he would begin making cuts after May 15 if Congress didn't act, warning that the agency could run out of money this fall.



A supporter of Arizona's 'show me your papers' immigration law, who declined to be identified, demonstrates in front of the Supreme Court in Washington on Wednesday.

Supreme Court Hints Its OK on Controversial Immigration Law

BY MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Bucking the Obama administration, Supreme Court justices seemed to find little trouble Wednesday with major parts of Arizona's tough immigration law that require police to check the legal status of people they stop for other reasons.

But the fate of other provisions that make Arizona state crimes out of immigration violations was unclear in the court's final argument of the term.

The latest clash between states and the administration turns on the extent of individual states' roles in dealing with the nation's 11 million illegal immigrants. Immigration policy is essentially under the federal government's control, but a half-dozen Republican-

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Details of immigration case:
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dominated states have passed their own restrictions out of frustration with what they call Washington's inaction to combat an illegal flood.

Parts of laws adopted by Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah also are on hold pending the high court's decision.

Civil rights groups say the Arizona law and those in some other states encourage racial profiling and ethnic stereotyping, and debate over such laws could have an impact on this fall's elections. More than 200 protesters

gathered outside the court, most of them opposed to the Arizona law.

However, in an unusual comment, Chief Justice John Roberts made clear at the outset of the administration's argument Wednesday that the court was looking only at state-versus-federal power, not the civil rights concerns that already are the subject of other lawsuits. "So this is not a case about ethnic profiling," Roberts said.

That matter dealt with, both liberal and conservative justices reacted skeptically to the administration's argument that the state exceeded its authority when it made the records check, and another provision allowing suspected illegal immigrants to be arrested without warrants, part of the Arizona law aimed at driving illegal immigrants elsewhere.

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Marine Corps to Discharge Sergeant for Facebook Posts Critical of President

SAN DIEGO (AP) • A sergeant will be discharged for criticizing President Barack Obama on Facebook in a case that called into question the Pentagon's policies about social media and its limits on the speech of active duty military personnel, the Marine Corps said Wednesday.

Sgt. Gary Stein will get an other-than-honorable discharge and lose most of his benefits for violating the policies, the Corps said.

The San Diego-area Marine who has served nine years in the Corps said he was disappointed by the decision. He argued that he was exercising his constitutional rights to free speech.

"I love the Marine Corps, I love my job. I wish it wouldn't have gone this way. I'm having a hard time seeing how 15 words on Facebook could have ruined my nine-year career," he told The Associated Press.

Gary Kreep, an attorney for Stein, said he would pursue administrative appeals within the Marine Corps but anticipates the effort will fail. He said he planned to file an amended complaint in federal court.



Robert Ward displays one of two pieces of a meteorite he found at a park in Lotus, Calif., Wednesday. Ward found the pieces from a meteor that was probably about the size of a minivan when it entered the Earth's atmosphere with a loud boom about 8 a.m. Sunday.

Fireball Remnants Found in Calif.

The rocks came from a meteor, believed to between 4 to 5 billion years old.

RENO, Nev. (AP) • Tiny meteorites found in the Sierra foothills of northern California were part of a giant fireball that exploded over the weekend with about one-third the explosive force of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in World War II, scientists said Wednesday.

The rocks each weighed about 10 grams, or the weight of two nickels, said John T. Wasson, a longtime professor and expert in meteorites at UCLA's Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics.

Experts say the flaming meteor, dat-

ing to the early formation of the solar system 4 to 5 billion years ago, was probably about the size of a minivan when it entered the Earth's atmosphere with a loud boom early Sunday. It was seen from Sacramento, Calif., to Las Vegas and parts of northern Nevada.

An event of that size might happen once a year around the world, said Don Yeomans of NASA's Near-Earth Object Program Office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "But most of them occur over the ocean or an uninhabited area, he said.

"Getting to see one is something special," he said. He added, "most meteors you see in the night's sky are the size of tiny stones or even grains of sand, and their trail lasts all of a second or two."

MAD COW'S NOT HIGH ON LIST OF RISKS

WASHINGTON (AP) • If the mad cow found in California has you wondering about food safety, well, there are plenty of problems that pose serious risks to the food supply. But mad cow disease shouldn't be high on the worry list.

Just in the past few months, Americans have been sickened by contaminated sprouts, raw milk and sushi. Thirty people died last year from bacteria-tainted cantaloupe. And when it comes to hamburger, a dangerous strain of E. coli that can lurk in ground beef sicken thousands of people every year.

"What we know is that 3,000 Americans die every year from preventable food-borne illnesses that are not linked" to mad cow disease, said Sarah Klein of the consumer advocacy group Center for Science in the Public Interest. "Things like E. coli, salmonella — that's where we should be focusing our attention, outrage and policy."

The comparable numbers for mad cow disease? Four sick cows ever discovered in the U.S., the one announced Tuesday being the first since 2006, and no human version of the illness linked to eating U.S. beef.

"From simply a public health issue, I put it very, very low," Cornell University food safety expert Martin Wiedmann said of the level of concern about mad cow disease.

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Pentagon Official Signals Possible Army Layoffs

WASHINGTON (AP) • A Pentagon official signaled on Wednesday that the Army could lay off as many as 24,000 enlisted personnel and up to 5,000 officers within five years to meet a projected reduction in the force driven by budget cuts and the winding down of two wars.

Pressed on the possibility of involuntary terminations, Thomas Lamont, an assistant secretary of the Army, told a Senate Armed Services panel that layoffs were possible as the Army shrinks from a peak of 570,000 to 490,000.

Rubio Elevating Profile Amid Veep Speculation

Sen. Marco Rubio outlined his vision Wednesday of a more muscular American foreign policy, the latest salvo in his effort to elevate his profile as Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney begins his search for a running mate. The Florida Republican's half-hour speech at the centrist Brookings Institution came four weeks after he endorsed Romney and two days after campaigning with him. He also recently has spoken of a new immigration proposal that breaks ranks with some in his own party.

—Associated Press



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Senate Foreign Relations Committee member Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., speaks about foreign policy on Wednesday at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

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"You can see it's not selling very well," Justice Sonia Sotomayor told Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr.

Verrilli tried to convince the justices that they should view the law in its entirety, and as inconsistent with federal immigration policy. He said the records check would allow the state to "engage effectively in mass incarceration" of immigrants lacking documentation.

He said the law embodying Arizona's approach of maximum enforcement conflicts with a more nuanced federal immigration policy that seeks to balance national security, law enforcement, foreign policy, human rights and the rights of law-abiding citizens and immigrants.

But Roberts was among those on the court who took issue with Verrilli's characterization of the check of immigration status, saying the state merely wants to notify federal authorities it has someone in custody who may be in the U.S. illegally. "It seems to me that the federal government just doesn't want to know who's here illegally and who's not," Roberts said.

Verrilli did not mention Wednesday that the administration has deported nearly 400,000 people a year, far more than previous administrations, although the information was included in written submissions to the court.

The other provisions that have been put on hold by lower federal courts make it a state crime for immigrants not to have registration papers and for illegal immigrants to seek work or hold jobs. Arizona's Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, who signed the law two years ago, was at the court Wednesday.

Arguing for Arizona, Paul Clement said the state law mirrored federal immigration law and that the state took action because, with its 370-mile border with Mexico, Arizona "bears a disproportionate share of the costs of illegal immigration."

But Roberts expressed unease with the state's focus on illegal workers. "The State of Arizona, in this case, is imposing some significantly greater sanctions," he said.

Alone among the justices, Antonin Scalia appeared ready to uphold the entire law, which he described as an effort by Arizona to police its borders.

When Verrilli said that Arizona's immigration law could raise foreign policy concerns, especially with Mexico, Scalia said, "So we have to enforce our laws in a manner that will please Mexico. Is that what you're saying?"

Outside the courthouse, more than 200 protesters gathered. The law's opponents made up a clear majority of the crowd, chanting and carrying signs such as "Do I Look Illegal To You?" Some shouted "shame" at Brewer when

she emerged from the building after the argument.

Brewer told reporters she was "very, very encouraged" by the justices' questions.

Republicans have far outpaced Democrats in pushing tough anti-immigration laws, posing potential political problems in some states for GOP candidates including Mitt Romney. The Republicans' aggressive stand has alienated many Hispanic voters, one of the electorate's fastest-growing segments.

President Barack Obama won two-thirds of the Hispanic vote in 2008, and hopes to do better this fall. In the GOP primary contests, Romney took the harshest anti-illegal immigration stance among the top contenders, but he has had little to say lately on the issue. Romney has not taken a stand on legislation proposed by Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., that would allow some undocumented immigrants a chance at visas to remain in the United States.

More than a decade ago, Republicans were making inroads among Hispanic voters. President George W. Bush, a former Texas governor, favored comprehensive immigration reform that could have established pathways to legal status for millions of illegal immigrants. But staunchly anti-illegal immigration forces gained influence in the GOP, and the reform plans were dropped.

Hispanic voters are especially important in a few battleground states that will help determine the Nov. 6 presidential election. They include Florida, New Mexico, Nevada and Colorado. Romney's problems with Hispanics also might tempt Obama's campaign to make a push in Arizona, usually a reliably Republican state.

A recent poll of Hispanic voters by the Pew Research Center found that 67 percent supported Obama, and 27 percent Romney.

A decision in the high-profile immigration case is expected in late June.

California, New York and nine other states with significant immigrant populations support the Obama administration.

Florida, Michigan and 14 other states, many of which also are challenging Obama's health care overhaul, argue that Arizona's law does not conflict with federal law.

Justice Elena Kagan, who was Obama's first solicitor general, is not taking part in the case, presumably because she worked on it while in the Justice Department.

The case is Arizona v. U.S., 11-182.



Government Guidance on Employee Background Checks Meant to Help Prohibit Job Discrimination

BY SAM HANANEL

Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Is an arrest in a barroom brawl 20 years ago a job disqualifier? Not necessarily, the government said Wednesday in new guidelines on how employers can avoid running afoul of laws prohibiting job discrimination.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's updated policy on criminal background checks is part of an effort to rein in practices that can limit job opportunities for minorities that have higher arrest and conviction rates than whites.

"The ability of African-Americans and Hispanics to gain employment after prison is one of the paramount civil justice issues of our time," said Stuart Ishimaru, one of three Democrats on the five-member commission.

But some employers say the new policy — approved in a 4-1 vote — could make it more cumbersome and expensive to conduct background checks. Companies see the checks as a way to keep workers and customers safe, weed out unsavory workers and prevent negligent hiring claims.

The new standard urges employers to give applicants a chance to explain a report of past criminal misconduct before they are rejected outright. An applicant might say the report is inaccurate or point out that the conviction was expunged. It may be completely unrelated to the job, or an ex-con may show he's been fully rehabilitated.

The EEOC also recommends that employers stop asking about past convictions on job applications. And it says an arrest without a conviction is not generally an acceptable reason

to deny employment.

While the guidance does not have the force of regulations, it sets a higher bar in explaining how businesses can avoid violating the law.

"It's going to be much more burdensome," said Pamela Devata, a Chicago employment lawyer who has represented companies trying to comply with EEOC's requirements. "Logistically, it's going to be very difficult for employers who have a large amount of attrition to have an individual discussion with each and every applicant."

The guidelines are the first attempt since 1990 to update the commission's policy on criminal background checks. Current standards already require employers to consider the age and seriousness of an applicant's conviction and its relationship to specific job openings. And it is generally illegal for employers to have a blanket ban based on criminal history.

But the frequency of background checks has exploded over the past decade with the growth of online databases and dozens of search companies offering low-cost records searches.

About 73 percent of employers conduct criminal background checks on all job candidates, according to a 2010 survey by the Society for Human Resource Management. Another 19 percent of employers do so only for selected job candidates.

That data often can be inaccurate or incomplete, according to a report this month from the National Consumer Law Center. EEOC commissioners said the growing practice has grave implications for blacks and Hispanics, who are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system

and face high rates of unemployment.

"You thought prison was hard, try finding a decent job when you get out," EEOC member Chai Feldblum said.

She cited Justice Department statistics showing that 1 in 3 black men and 1 in 6 Hispanic men will be incarcerated during their lifetime. That compares with 1 in 17 white men who will serve time.

The EEOC also has stepped up enforcement in recent years. It currently is investigating over 100 claims of job discrimination

GINGRICH TO END PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON (AP) • Newt Gingrich began taking steps Wednesday to shut down his debt-laden White House bid, setting the stage to endorse one-time rival Mitt Romney next week and rally Republicans behind their apparent nominee.

Gingrich had a friendly telephone conversation Wednesday with Romney and had started planning an event where he would throw his support behind the likely nominee, Gingrich spokesman R.C. Hammond said. The pair agreed to work together to unite conservatives.

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Burger King Promises Better Treatment of Chickens, Pigs by 2017

BY TRACIE CONE

Associated Press

Burger King on Wednesday became the first major U.S. fast-food chain to pledge that all of its eggs and pork will come from cage-free chickens and pigs by 2017.

The move by the world's second-biggest burger chain helps it satisfy growing demand among customers for humanely produced fare and adds fuel to an industry-wide shift to consider animal welfare when purchasing food supplies.

"There's no question in my mind, especially on the heels of pink slime and BPA, that everyone in the food world is very concerned about consumer reaction," said food industry analyst Phil Lempert, referring to the beef-based food additive and the chemical used in plastic bottles and canned food.

"Even if you're buying a burger, you want to buy it from someone you like and respect," said Lempert, who writes a daily industry newsletter. "It's proven that consumers are willing to pay a little bit more for fairness, whether it's to humans or animals."

Conventionally raised eggs come from hens confined in "battery cages," which give them roughly the same space as a sheet of standard notebook paper. Most pork comes from sows confined during their four-

month pregnancies in narrow crates.

The hens would still be housed in a barn, but they have room to roam and perch and nesting boxes. Sows are also held indoors, but they would not be confined in the cramped crates while they are pregnant.

Egg and pork producers have argued that easing confinement standards for animals raises production costs and makes those who adjust their practices less competitive.

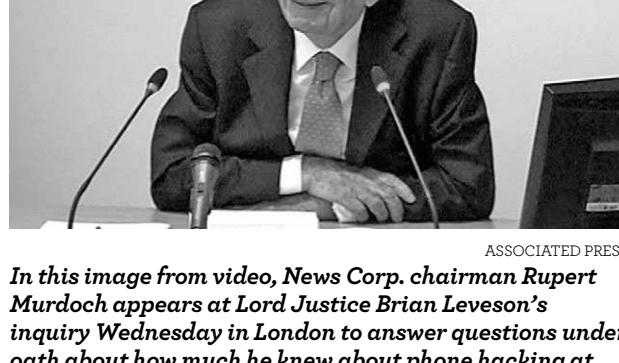
Animal welfare groups applauded Burger King's decision.

"So many tens of thousands of animals will now be in better living conditions," said Wayne Pacelle, president of the Humane Society of the United States, which has been pushing Burger King and other companies to adopt similar policies.

"Numerically, this is significant because Burger King is such a big purchaser of these products," he said.

Burger King uses hundreds of millions of eggs and tens of millions of pounds of pork annually and its decision could be a game-changing move in the supply business as a huge new market opens up for humanely raised food animals.

Already 9 percent of the company's eggs and 20 percent of the pork served at its 7,200 restaurants are cage-free.



In this image from video, News Corp. chairman Rupert Murdoch appears at Lord Justice Brian Leveson's inquiry Wednesday in London to answer questions under oath about how much he knew about phone hacking at the *News of the World* tabloid.

I'm Not That Powerful, Murdoch Tells Judge in Phone-Hacking Case

BY RAPHAEL SATTER

Associated Press

LONDON • News Corp. chairman Rupert Murdoch said Wednesday that his globe-spanning TV and newspaper empire doesn't carry as much political sway as is often believed, telling a British inquiry into media ethics that he wasn't the power behind the throne often depicted by his enemies.

Speaking softly, deliberately and with dry humor, Murdoch sought to deflate what he described as myths about his business, his agenda and his friendships with those at the pinnacle of British politics.

"If these lies are repeated again and again they catch on," he said. "But they just aren't true."

The 81-year-old media baron denied ever calling in favors from British leaders and dismissed the oft-repeated claim that his top-selling daily, *The Sun*, could swing elections.

"We don't have that sort of power," he testified.

Murdoch was being quizzed under oath before an inquiry run by Lord Justice Brian Leveson, who is examining the relationship between British politicians and the press, a key question raised by the phone hacking scandal that brought down Murdoch's *News of the World* tabloid in July.

Revelations of widespread illegal behavior at the top-selling Sunday publication rocked Britain's establishment with evidence of media misdeeds,

police corruption and too-cozy links between the press and politicians. Murdoch's News International — the tabloid's publisher — has been hit with over 100 lawsuits over phone hacking and dozens of reporters and media executives have been arrested.

Showing little equivocation, Murdoch batted away challenges to his ethics by inquiry lawyer Robert Jay.

Asked whether he set the political agenda for his U.K. editors, he denied it.

Asked whether he'd ever used his media influence to boost his business, he denied it.

Asked whether standards at his papers declined when he took them over, he denied it — and threw in a quip about his rivals.

"The Sun has never been a better paper than it is today," Murdoch said. "I won't say the same of my competitors."

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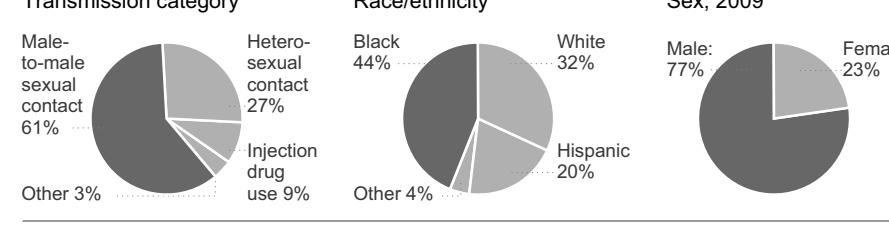
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Health Care Debate: High Stakes for Those with HIV

BY DAVID CRARY

Associated Press

NEW YORK • For many HIV-positive Americans, and those who advocate on their behalf, these are days of anxious waiting as the Supreme Court ponders President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

This loose-knit community — made up of activists, health professionals and an estimated 1.2 million people living with HIV — has invested high hopes in the Affordable Care Act, anticipating that it could dramatically improve access to lifesaving care and treatment. The act is now in limbo as the high court deliberates on its constitutionality, notably its requirement that most Americans obtain health insurance.

A ruling could come in June.

"The HIV treatment community sees the act as a critical step in our fight against the AIDS epidemic," said Scott Schoettes of Lambda Legal, a national gay-rights advocacy group. "People have been counting on it, making plans based on its implementation, so for it to be pulled out from under their feet at this point would be a tremendous loss."

Among its many provisions, the health care law has two major benefits for HIV-positive people: It expands Medicaid so that those with low incomes can get earlier access to treatment, and it eliminates limits on pre-existing conditions that have prevented many people with HIV from obtaining private insurance.

Under current policies, low-income HIV-positive people often do not qualify for Medicaid if they are not yet sick enough to be classified as disabled.

In the view of advocacy groups, this creates a cruel Catch 22 — at a stage when they are still active and productive, these people can't afford the antiretroviral treatments that could help them stay that

way. Only when their condition worsens are they able to qualify for Medicaid and get treatment that might have prevented the deterioration.

The health care act would remove the disability requirement and makes Medicaid available to a broader range of low-income adults.

"It will prolong life potentially by decades for literally hundreds of thousands of persons," said the National Minority AIDS Council in its Supreme Court brief. "Individuals can continue to work and go about their daily lives as productive members of society."

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, only about 13 percent of people with HIV have private health insurance and about 24 percent have no coverage at all. As a group, HHS says, these people "have been particularly vulnerable to insurance industry abuses" and face barriers to obtaining care from qualified providers.

Under the new law, insurers cannot rescind existing coverage to adults unless there's evidence of fraud. As if 2014, when the law is scheduled for full implementation, insurers will not be allowed to deny coverage to anyone with HIV/AIDS or impose annual limits on coverage.

Schoettes, who is Lambda Legal's HIV Project director and is HIV-positive himself, says this part of the law would curtail harmful insurance practices.

"Most private insurers have refused to provide affordable coverage to those with HIV," he and other Lambda Legal lawyers wrote in a brief submitted to the Supreme Court in March.

"This market failure has caused serious consequences both for individuals with HIV — who suffer unnecessary illness and premature death — and for society generally in higher overall health care costs and lost productivity," the

lawyers wrote. "Virtually all this suffering is avoidable: medical care is available that can turn HIV into a chronic, manageable condition."

America's Health Insurance Plans, which represents major private health insurers, opposed Obama's health care law. The trade group says it supports expanding coverage to most Americans but believes key provisions in the law are poorly designed and will raise costs and cause disruptions.

The organization's spokesman, Robert Zirkelbach, acknowledged that under the current system, individuals with HIV or AIDS do find it hard to obtain private coverage if they already had the disease. "If people wait until after they're sick, they're often not able to get it," he said.

However, he said health plans were active in trying to improve treatment and care for HIV-positive Americans, both their own clients and others. He said insurers did sometimes rescind coverage on grounds that a patient had not fully disclosed required information, but that such instances were rare.

Among HIV-positive people without private insurance, many rely on public programs such as Medicaid and Medicare, but others are not eligible. As a last resort, if they meet the low-income criteria, they can seek financial assistance through the federal Ryan White Care Act.

However, advocates say the result is often patchwork health care — or no care at all. Many uninsured people don't get tested, don't know their HIV status and unwittingly transmit the infection to others.

Antiretroviral treatment is expensive — often more than \$18,000 per year. But advocacy groups say treatment is cost-effective, enabling more people to be self-sufficient and reducing later spending on acute care and stays at hospices.

Judge Refuses to Dismiss WikiLeaks Secrets Case

DAVID DISHNEAU

Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. • A military judge refused on Wednesday to throw out the case against an Army private accused of providing reams of sensitive documents to WikiLeaks in the biggest leak of government secrets in U.S. history.

Army Col. Denise Lind said she will rule Thursday on whether to dismiss any of the individual charges against Pfc. Bradley Manning, including the most serious count of aiding the enemy — which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. Prosecutors argue that the leak helped al-Qaida and that Manning knew its members regularly viewed the anti-secrecy website.

Manning hasn't entered a plea to the charges. He also hasn't yet decided whether he will be tried by a judge or a jury. Lind scheduled Manning's trial for Sept. 21 through Oct. 12.

He is accused of sending hundreds of thousands of classified documents to WikiLeaks, a website founded by Julian Assange, in late 2009 and early 2010.

Manning's lawyers had sought dismissal of all 22 charges, contending prosecutors had failed their duty to share information that could be helpful to the defense, a legal process called discovery.

Lind agreed that prosecutors had wrongly assumed the discovery rules didn't pertain to classified information but she found no evidence of prosecutorial misconduct, turning down the motion to throw out the case.

She heard arguments later on defense motions seeking dismissal of individual charges.

Defense attorney David Coombs said a conviction for aiding the enemy would require the government to show that Manning sent WikiLeaks the material with a "genuine evil intent" that it be seen by al-Qaida.

Manning's alleged motive, as he stated in his online chat logs with a confidant-turned-informant, was "I want people to see the truth."

Absent an evil intent, Coombs said sending intelligence information to WikiLeaks without authorization was no different than giving it to the *New York Times* or *The Washington Post* — a punishable offense, perhaps, but not as serious a crime as the government alleges.

"What the government's really trying to say is, 'He should have known better,'" Coombs said.

He said it wouldn't be surprising if al-Qaida saw the material.

"Anyone can find anything if it's posted on the Internet. Everyone knows that," he said.

In Mix-up, Ordinary Swede Rubs Elbows with Elite at Minister's Swank Dinner

STOCKHOLM (AP) • Sweden's environment minister thought she had asked the country's former agriculture minister to attend a glam dinner. But the invitation went to the "wrong" Margareta Winberg — an ordinary Swede who jumped at the chance to mingle, even posing in a group photo.

Winberg, a 67-year old retiree from Sundbyberg outside Stockholm, told

Swedish daily *Dagens Nyheter* that although she doesn't know much about the environment, she didn't hesitate in taking up Lena Ek on the offer last week.

She told the paper that she wore black trousers and a blouse "with some things on," and that she met interesting people, "like that guy Blix," a reference to former chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix.

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A South Korean store employee sets out packs of domestic beef on the shelves at a Lotte Mart store in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday.

S.Korean Retailers Halt Sales of U.S. Beef Amid Mad Cow Scare

New case of disease, the first in U.S. since 2006, was discovered in a dairy cow in California.

BY YOUNKYUNG LEE
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea • Two major South Korean retailers pulled U.S. beef from their stores Wednesday following the discovery of mad cow disease in a U.S. dairy cow. Reaction elsewhere in Asia was muted with Japan saying there's no reason to restrict imports.

South Korea's No. 2 and No. 3 supermarket chains, Home Plus and Lotte Mart, said they halted sales of U.S. beef to calm worries among South Koreans. But within hours, Home Plus had resumed sales and cited a government announcement of increased inspections. Lotte kept its suspension in place.

"We stopped sales from today," said Chung Won-hun, a Lotte Mart spokesman. "Not that there were any quality issues in the meat but because consumers were worried."

South Korea is the world's fourth-largest importer of

U.S. beef, buying 107,000 tons of the meat worth \$563 million in 2011.

The new case of mad cow disease is the first in the U.S. since 2006. It was discovered in a dairy cow in California, but health authorities said Tuesday the animal was never a threat to the nation's food supply.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is fatal to cows and can cause a deadly human brain disease in people who eat tainted beef. U.S. authorities said the dead California cow had what scientists call an atypical case of BSE, meaning that a random mutation in the animal rather than infected cattle feed was the cause.

The infected cow, the fourth ever discovered in the U.S., was found as part of an Agriculture Department surveillance program that tests about 40,000 cows a year for the disease.

The news spread quickly in South Korea, which imposed

a ban on U.S. beef in 2003 along with China and other countries because of mad cow disease concerns. Seoul's resumption of U.S. beef imports in 2008 sparked daily candlelight vigils and street protests for several months as many South Koreans still regarded the meat as a public health risk.

South Korea imports U.S. beef from cows less than 30 months old and there is no direct link between U.S. beef imported into South Korea and the infected animal, the country's agriculture ministry said in a statement. The infected U.S. cow was older than 30 months.

But the ministry decided to step up inspections of U.S. beef and request detailed information on the case from the United States — initial measures to appease public concern while avoiding possible trade conflicts.

"We are still reviewing whether we will stop quarantine inspections," Chang Jae-hong, deputy director of the ministry's quarantine policy division, told The Associated Press by telephone.

As Violence Continues, France Raises Prospect of Military Action in Syria

Activists say government troops kill at least 29 civilians Wednesday, including 12 killed in shelling in the central city of Hama.

BY BEN HUBBARD AND JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

BEIRUT • France raised the prospect of military intervention in Syria on Wednesday, saying the U.N. should consider harsher measures if an international peace plan that has been shaken by violence ultimately collapses.

The statement reflects mounting international frustration with daily attacks that have kept a cease-fire between troops loyal to President Bashar Assad and armed rebels seeking to oust him from taking hold.

Activists said government troops killed at least 29 civilians Wednesday, including 12 killed in shelling in the central city of Hama.

Rebels attacked elsewhere, killing at least four security personnel.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said France had discussed invoking Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter, which can be enforced militarily, with other world powers. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said last week the United Nations should move toward such a step to allow for measures like travel and financial sanctions and an arms embargo. She didn't mention military action. The U.S. has for more than a year opposed the further militarization of the situation.

Any such move, however, would likely be blocked by Russia and China, which have twice used their vetoes as permanent Council members to protect Syria from condemnation and remain opposed to military intervention. Western powers, too, don't appear interested in sending forces to another

central city of Homs, shelled daily for months by government troops, has been relatively quiet since two observers took up residence in a local hotel.

But activists said regime forces killed more than 30 people in the central city of Hama this week, just one day after residents welcomed observers with an anti-government rally. Now, two observers remain in Hama.

Regime troops opened fire to keep residents from meeting a small observer team that reached the southern town of Tafas on Wednesday, a local activist said.

The gunfire killed one civilian, and the observers left without talking to residents, Yazid al-Baradan said via Skype.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said three soldiers were killed Wednesday in clashes with rebels in Tafas, as well as one civilian. Al-Baradan denied clashes occurred.

"We think this mediation should be given a chance," he said after a meeting with Syrian dissidents. He called for the full contingent of 300 observers authorized by the Security Council to be deployed in Syria in 15 days and said Annan's report on the cease-fire scheduled for May 5 will be a "moment of truth" on whether mediation can solve the conflict.

"We cannot allow ourselves to be defied by the current regime," he said.

In New York, U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin of Russia said he told Moscow that some Security Council members said they had proof that Syria had not withdrawn its forces from cities — as Syria's foreign minister claimed on April 21.

So far, the observer's presence has appeared to prevent violence in some areas while exacerbating it in others. The

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OUTDOORS

Time to Take Your Kids Spring Fishing

On a recent visit to Dierkes Lake, I saw a young angler on the banks, waiting for the next tug at the end of his fishing pole. His face lighted with a smile when he reeled in the day's first catch — a small rainbow trout.

That, to me, is what fishing is all about: happy kids.

When taking your child fishing, you want to make every effort to make the trips memorable, advises Doug Megargle, regional



Andrew Weeks

Trails and Tales

niques," Megargle suggests. "Keep your fishing trips short and appropriate to the attention span of the child. Even if fishing is good, change up the pace a bit — take breaks, throw rocks, look for frogs, pick up trash; it's all equally cool with young children."

If you haven't yet taken your son or daughter fishing this spring, Dierkes Lake is a good place to start. The lake has easy shoreline access — and there are docks — where kids can try

to catch bass, bluegill, catfish or trout. Worms do well, but, for trout, so does PowerBait.

Here are a couple of other suggestions for close-to-home, family-friendly waters:

- **Filer Ponds:** You have three ponds to choose from at this secluded spot north of Filer at 4035 N. 2300 E., including a small, kid-friendly pond. Or, try them all. Fish and Game stocks the waters with catchable

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Pattie Courtney, a natural resource specialist in the Bureau of Land Management's Jarbidge Field Office, pauses next to basin big sagebrush on an April 13 hike west of Rogerson. Given the right conditions, this subspecies can grow taller than 8 feet — dwarfing southern Idaho's more common sagebrush.

MONSTERS OF THE DESERT

Towering above its more common relatives, basin big sagebrush is a sight to remember.

BY VIRGINIA HUTCHINS
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ROGERSON • Rugged and graceful, the branches of basin big sagebrush stretch several feet above hikers' heads. In the rare spots where many grow together, you can wander through the shade of an otherworldly forest.

It's an extraordinary sight, a novelty even to eyes that are accustomed to unbroken miles of sagebrush desert.

More like a tree in stature than southern Idaho's ubiquitous brush, this subspecies can grow to greater than 8 feet tall — given enough water, a soil base than can support large root structures, and about three decades without fire.

It's no wonder that the monstrous basin big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata* spp. *tridentata*) is less com-

mon than its smaller relatives.

I saw a cluster of enormous sagebrush once and remembered it for years — but could never find the spot a second time. So I appealed to Pattie Courtney, a natural resource specialist in the Bureau of Land Management's Jarbidge Field Office.

After a scouting trip into the foothills southwest of Rogerson, she knew just the place to satisfy my longing for strangely huge sagebrush. Lucky for you: It's also an ideal destination for an afternoon drive and a short hike.

Just south of Cedar Creek Reservoir is an area that hasn't burned during the half-century for which BLM has fire records. We parked at the end of a dirt road and hiked along a fenceline, with Courtney and BLM botanist Thom Stewart stopping now

and then to identify the tiny, fleeting blooms that announce springtime on the southern Idaho desert. My eyes scanned the brush tops, waiting for the giants.

"See that taller sagebrush there? That's your first one," Courtney said.

Basin big sagebrush traps more snow than smaller species, Stewart explained as we gathered around the plant, so the moisture sticks around longer at its base. That supports a biological crust of mosses and lichens that stabilizes the ground and deters invasive species.

This subspecies stands upright and tends to have a single major stem with V-shaped branching, while a more common relative, Wyoming big sagebrush, has multiple stems at ground level. In plain language, basin big sagebrush looks like an exotic tree — shelter for birds, deer, elk, antelope and livestock, and protection from avian predators.

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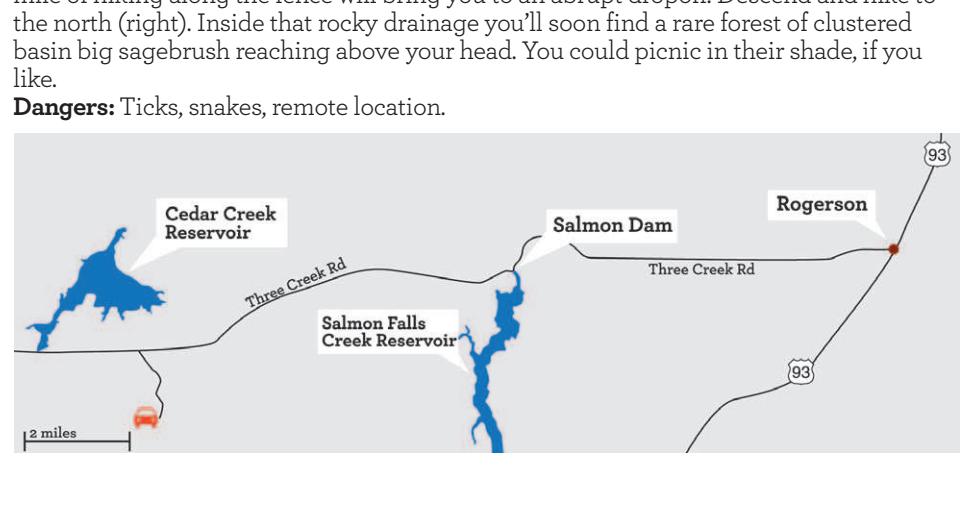
Hike Destination: Huge Sagebrush

You won't find basin big sagebrush in many southern Idaho sites. And to reach its full potential — greater than 8 feet — this subspecies requires more water and deeper soil than its more common relatives, and enough fire-free years. Here's one spot where the conditions are right and the huge sagebrush are accessible with just a short hike:

Getting there: From U.S. Highway 93, turn west at Rogerson onto Three Creek Road. After seven miles, you'll cross the narrow Salmon Dam as you pass Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir. Soon you'll see Cedar Creek Reservoir to the north. Eight miles past Salmon Dam, turn south (left) onto an unlabeled dirt road and close the barbed wire gate behind your vehicle. (You'll still be on public land; the fence controls grazing livestock.)

The hike: You'll be walking on open desert, on the fringe of low foothills. You'll see sporadic basin big sagebrush rising above their lesser cousins. But be patient: About a half-mile of hiking along the fence will bring you to an abrupt dropoff. Descend and hike to the north (right). Inside that rocky drainage you'll soon find a rare forest of clustered basin big sagebrush reaching above your head. You could picnic in their shade, if you like.

Dangers: Ticks, snakes, remote location.



This Spring's Adventure in the Sun

Want to get outside? Here are three suggestions to get you started on this season's adventures.

BY JAMI WHITED
For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS • Almost overnight it seemed it was time to pack away the snowmobiles and ski equipment and bring out the jet boats and SCUBA gear.

Seeing temperatures climbing above 80 degrees this week motivated those suffering from winter blahs to get moving for some summer fun. At a loss for what to do? The Twin Falls City Parks and Recreation

Committee has three outdoors programs to get you started.

Here's a taste of what's to come:

Go for a Boat Ride

Troy Tucker, manager of Riverrat Whitewater Toys in Twin Falls, said they will bring out 30 to 40 boats this year for Boat Demo Day at Dierkes Lake, noon to 4 p.m. May 19. While the economy didn't make manufacturers go crazy with new boats,

Tucker said they focused on improving and perfecting older models and lowering prices.

"A lot of people 'hymn and haw' about what kind of boat to buy, rather than rolling the dice and taking a chance on a boat," Tucker said. "It's not a crap shoot out here because people can spend a day trying out a half dozen boats."

People can take boats out for half-hour intervals, but for serious buyers he suggests people get there early; as the afternoon arrives so do people just looking for a joy ride.

"By the time the afternoon

hits we'll see a line of 30 people long."

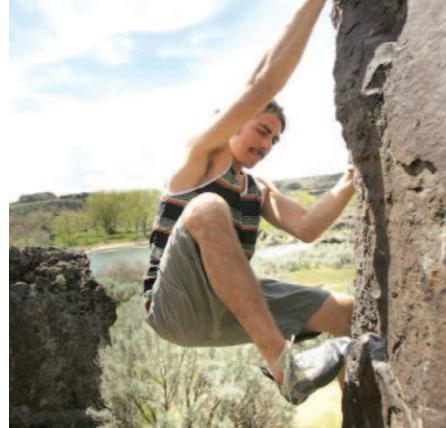
Information: Riverrat, 735-8697.

Adventure Diving

Operating with Riverrat Whitewater Toys, the Magic Valley Dive Center is introducing the basics throughout the summer.

"There are a lot of places people can go. There's a dive platform at Dierkes Lake, we go to Vardis Fisher Pond and Redfish Lake, there's all kinds of places," said Teresa

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One of the programs Twin Falls Parks and Rec is offering this season, partnered with Idaho Guide Service, is rock climbing.

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THE SOLAR SYSTEM'S LIST OF LARGEST OBJECTS

By far, the sun is the largest object in the solar system. Jupiter is a distant second; Saturn a close third. Uranus and Neptune are nearly the same size at fourth and fifth, respectively. Earth is number six. But it's not so clear cut from there.

For example, Venus is just slightly smaller than Earth (7,521 miles vs. 7,917). However, Venus's atmosphere stands over twice as high as Earth's, bringing it up to 7,831 miles, still shy of Earth-plus-atmosphere at 8,042 miles.

Should atmosphere count? In the case of the giant planets, we have no way of directly measuring their size beneath their massive, gaseous envelopes. By volume, Jupiter and Saturn are mostly liquid hydrogen; they're called "gas giants" because hydrogen — a gas on Earth — is squeezed into liquid under the behemoth planets' crushing gravity. Their diameters are measured at the point where atmospheric pressure is the same as sea level on Earth.

We've never measured how deep the transition from gas to liquid occurs (nor how far below their solid cores lie). Mars (4,217 miles) is number eight. Next is



Chris Anderson

Skywatch

Jupiter's largest moon, Ganymede (3,273 miles). But one could argue that Titan, Saturn's largest moon, should occupy the number nine spot. Titan spans 3,201 miles, just ahead of Mercury (3,032 miles). But unlike Ganymede, it has a substantial atmosphere — 10 times higher than Earth's!.

If we take Titan's atmosphere into account, it bumps Ganymede to No. 10.

Ex-planet Pluto is number 18, smaller than seven moons, including our own. The icy asteroid, Eris, that got Pluto kicked off the planet list is nearly Pluto's size that with improved measurements might someday bump Pluto up to 17 — assuming no larger objects are found in the distant reaches beyond Neptune in the meantime.

Next column: A ring of fire eclipse.

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FISHING REPORT

Anglers Find Success at Some Waters

JEROME • Little Camas is ice free and almost backed up to Highway 20. The road is mostly dry with some ruts due to the spud trucks hauling out spuds. Boat ramp is in the water.

Anderson Ranch Reservoir is ice free. Elk Creek, Curlew and Pine boat ramps are open. No docks are in the water.

Mountain Home Reservoir is full. Anglers are out. A 24-inch rainbow was reportedly caught on a Monday.

The South Fork of the Boise below Anderson Dam is closed to all fishing until May 26.

Magic Reservoir is ice free and all boat ramps are accessible.

Little Wood Reservoir is ice free. Boat dock has not been placed at the launch yet. No report of catch rates.

Carey Lake, fishing for bass, perch and bluegill has been slow.

This summer the hatchery at Niagara Springs is closed to the public for construction.

Niagara Springs State Park (Pugmire Park) and the day-use park located east of the hatchery are still open. Anglers can access the hatchery intake on the park-side. There is no parking available at the hatchery.

F&G Commission to Meet in Riggins

RIGGINS • The Idaho Fish and Game Commission will meet May 9 and 10 at the Best Western Salmon Rapids Lodge in Riggins.

A public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. May 9 at the Salmon Rapids Lodge.

Routine agenda items include setting seasons for Chinook salmon fishing in the South Fork Salmon and the upper Salmon rivers;

fiscal year 2014 budget direction; election of commission chairman and vice-chairman; a briefing on auction and lottery tags.

Commissioners also will consider an oil and gas lease on the Payette River Wildlife Management Area and how to manage the winter feeding set-aside account under new state law.

Fishing

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rainbow trout, and it's always a good place to start the season.

There's no shade here, so bring sun screen and drinking water.

• **Rock Creek:** I became better acquainted with Rock Creek for five weeks last fall while researching a long feature about a stretch of Rock Creek Canyon Parkway that starts near Maxwell Avenue off Shoshone Street West and runs to Blake Street near Addison Avenue West.

Across Addison, near the old St. Luke's hospital, is access to Rock Creek Park where the river continues.

Many points on the creek are easily accessed and are habitat to bass, panfish and rainbow trout. Keep your eyes open for deer, beaver and songbirds, too.

Bought the kids any tackle yet?

"Make a big deal about giving them their first fishing rod and tackle box," Megargle said. "There is something magical to kids about going fishing and using their very own stuff."

If you want further ideas about kid-friendly waters, check out this link: fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/fish/?getPage=252

"Remember," Megargle said, "going fishing is simply spending some quality time with your children outdoors."

Super Hunt Drawings Set

Hunters, it's not too early to enter this year's Super Hunt drawing. Deadline to enter is May 31.

The first drawing in June will pick 26 hunters, each of whom will win one of 25 tags. A second hunt will be held in August. The entry period for the second drawing is June 2 through Aug. 11.

Winners can participate in any open hunt in the state —

deer, elk, moose or pronghorn — including general hunts and controlled hunts, in addition to any general season or controlled hunt tags they also hold. Hunters who win any Super Hunt tag may still enter controlled hunts, except where other restrictions apply. All other rules of individual hunts apply.

The first Super Hunt entry

cost \$6. Each additional entry purchased at the same time will cost \$4. The Super Hunt Combo entries work the same way. The first one costs \$20, and each additional entry purchased at the same time will cost \$16.

Entries are available at license vendors, Fish and Game offices, or they can be ordered on the Internet at fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/superhunt/, or by phone at 800-554-8685. There is no limit to the number of entries. Fill out the entry forms and mail them to: Idaho Fish and Game License Section, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

Super Hunt Facebook page:
facebook.com/#!/pages/SuperHunt-Idaho-ho/171792339534643.

in their shade, and we scanned the sky through their branches.

More Online

Watch a video about the elusive huge sagebrush.
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Monsters

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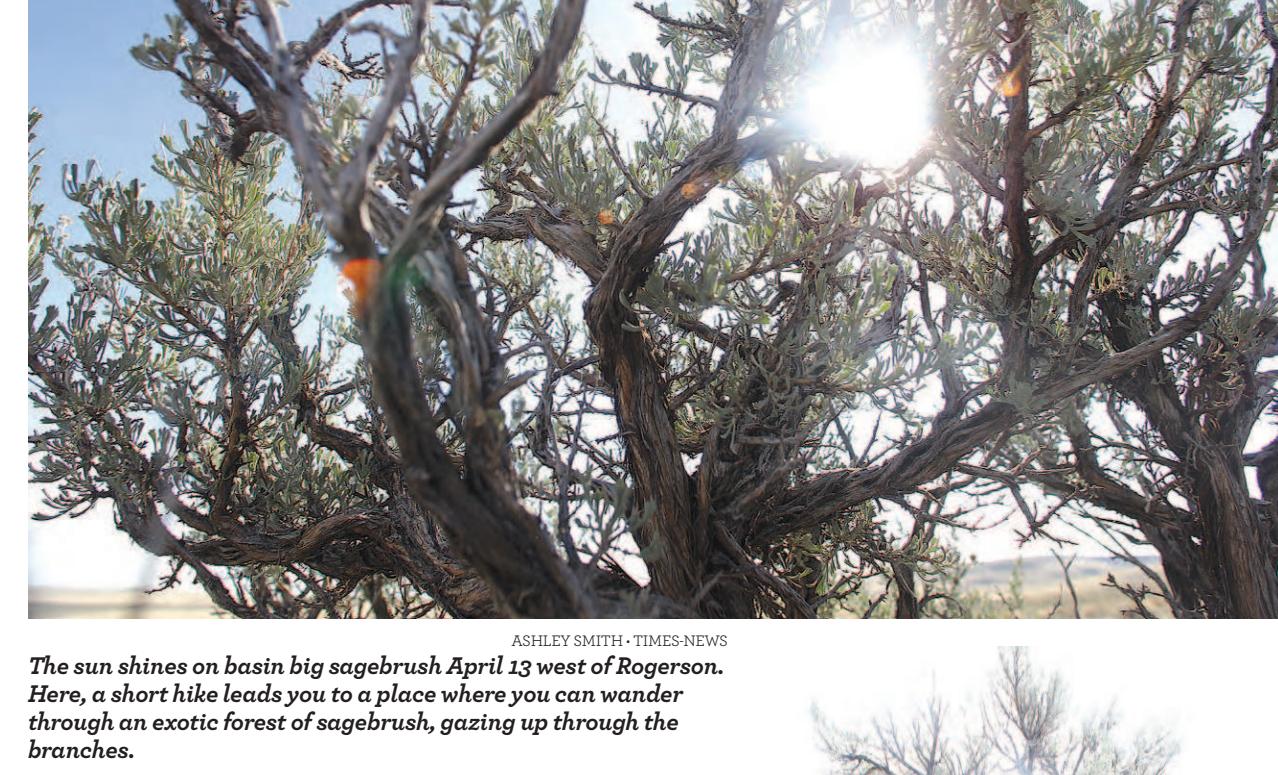
"Elk probably like to rub their antlers on it, to get the velvet off," Courtney said.

Native tribes used basin big sagebrush leaves and twigs for medicinal teas, burned the leaves for cere-

monial purposes and wove the bark into textiles, Stewart said.

But basin big sagebrush are sporadic in this 50-acre area of the Jarbidge foothills, and I found myself not exactly satisfied by the sight of an occasional brush reaching above its neighbors.

I shouldn't have doubted. After half a mile of hiking, we reached the rocky rim of a drainage almost hidden by the desert's soft swells. And there, thanks to intermittent runoff, a forest of basin big sagebrush dominated the slope, many of them exceeding 8 feet. Hailstones lay unmelted



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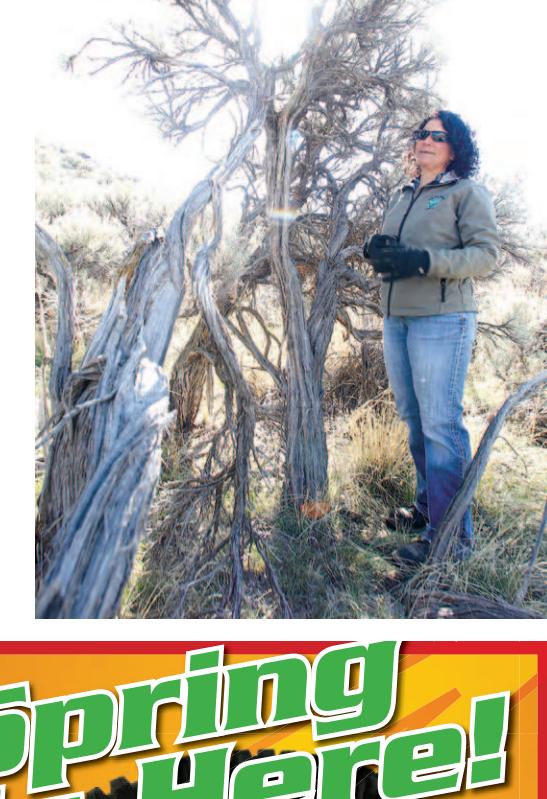
The sun shines on basin big sagebrush April 13 west of Rogerson. Here, a short hike leads you to a place where you can wander through an exotic forest of sagebrush, gazing up through the branches.



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(ABOVE) Pattie Courtney, a natural resource specialist for the Bureau of Land Management, and BLM botanist Thom Stewart walk toward a rocky drainage where many basin big sagebrush are clustered together.

(RIGHT) A basin big sagebrush towers above Pattie Courtney.



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Couple Documents Year Post Marriage in Wilderness

BY ROCKY BARKER
Idaho Statesman

BOISE (AP) • Isaac Babcock is as at home in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness as the wolves he has monitored and collared for 13 years as a biologist for the Nez Perce Tribe.

So it wasn't a surprise for his new wife, Bjornen, when he revealed his dream honeymoon: Spending a year together in the largest wilderness area in the lower 48 states.

The couple had met on a beach in Mexico and fell in love. Bjornen eventually left her native Delaware to join Isaac in Idaho.

The wilderness was not foreign to Bjornen. She had worked as a fire lookout and volunteered for the tribe's wolf-monitoring program.

Their story has been captured as a documentary for PBS Nature. "River of No Return" allows us to follow the couple's uniquely Idaho quest.



AP PHOTO/HOBBIT HILL FILMS, LLC, ISAAC BABCOCK VIA WNET THIRTEEN
A Chinook salmon at Dagger Falls is captured on film by Isaac and Bjornen Babcock, for a PBS Nature documentary.

What began as a romantic adventure grew into a bigger challenge than either of them expected. They started out hoping to highlight the place and the creatures they love. In the end, they became as much of the story as the nine packs of wolves, the herds of elk, deer and bighorn, and the Chinook salmon that begin and end their own journeys in the Idaho wilderness.

Part of the drama comes from Bjornen's hardships in the wild, which are complicated by a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis.

Getting around in "the Frank" is hard enough, with tens of thousands of acres of downed trees from fires in the past two decades and deep snows that can bury humans who don't have snowshoes.

Bjornen had to suffer through swelling and pain in her joints, making walking and sleeping difficult. She had to hike up steep mountains carrying a heavy pack

even when in pain.

"You make your choices and take your chances," she told Marcia Franklin on Idaho Public Television's Dialogue program. "Life comes with no guarantees."

Some of the hardship came before they even stepped into the wilderness. The Forest Service strictly regulates commercial filming, and documentaries are not clearly exempted.

The Babcocks took two years and traveled to Washington, D.C., to get approval to shoot video within the nationally designated wilderness. It didn't delay their marriage, but it delayed the honeymoon.

"A lot of it was frustrating," Isaac said. "On the other hand, I'm glad that wilderness has that many people looking out for it."

Isaac had become adept at getting close to wolves during his years working for the tribe. In an earlier Statesman interview, he recalled slowly inching through the underbrush in 1999 toward a well-known male wolf, B7, in the middle of a violent thunderstorm. As he crawled through the underbrush, the forest opened up into a clearing and the alpha male stood 15 feet away.

The wolf caught Babcock's scent and stepped forward. Three pups appeared, protected by the alpha male.

"They are jumping for his muzzle and he's looking down at them, then smelling me," Babcock said. "Right at that moment, lightning hit



AP PHOTO/HOBBIT HILL FILMS, LLC, ISAAC BABCOCK VIA WNET THIRTEEN
This undated photo provided by Hobbit Hill Films, LLC shows Isaac and Bjornen Babcock admiring petroglyphs. The couple's honeymoon has been captured as a documentary for PBS Nature. What began as a romantic adventure grew into a bigger challenge than either of them expected.

hard enough to shake the ground. It made my heart bounce."

But getting that kind of moment on camera is not easy. The couple spent scores of hours setting up blinds and sitting in camouflage clothes, waiting for wolves to come close.

Their patience paid off, for them and the viewers. In one clip, a young wolf and a yearling came across a meadow to see who was visiting them.

"That was amazing," Babcock said. "They came over because they were curious, not aggressive."

One wolf overcame his fear to walk right up to their blind.

"It was coming to check us out, like we were there to check them out," he said.

Spending all four seasons

in the Frank allowed the couple to learn how species in the wilderness survive by cooperation and safety in numbers.

A lost young buck or a solitary ram injured while fighting for a mate can become easy prey for the wolves.

Any carcass abandoned by wolves would feed the coyotes and other scavengers.

But they also filmed an injured elk that survived when the odds were against her. The film shows a pack of wolves circling, preparing for the kill. Suddenly, another elk comes to her defense.

Babcock said the story line was the idea of the Nature producers, who, the couple eventually realized, knew how to reach their audience.

Babcock said he is a little disappointed that the docu-

mentary doesn't take a stand in the polarizing debate over wolf recovery and wilderness. But he also said he's willing to accept that PBS Nature producers know their business better than do the two young videographers.

"At the end of the day, there are stories and times and places to take stands," he said, "and there are other times, too."

Adjustment after life in the wilderness has been surprisingly easy for the Babcocks. They live in a yurt outside McCall where Bjornen raises organic vegetables.

"My dream was spending a year in the wilderness," Isaac said. "She was a trouper who helped make that happen."

"Her dream was to start an organic farm and grow food for the community."

What's Legal and What's Not when Salvaging Roadkill

Question: "I'm hearing people talk about salvaging road-killed big game animals for the meat and antlers. I thought that was against the law?"

Answer: Your memory is not failing you. It used to be against the law because it was not a lawful method of harvest and animals could not be lawfully possessed when the season closed.

Birds of prey such as eagles, hawks and owls as well as all endangered or threatened species frequently killed by vehicles and observed along roadways are still unlawful to possess or pick up due to their federal protection. This prohibition includes whole birds as well as any parts such as feet or feathers.

Game species, including furbearers, are now allowed to be recovered as long as they died as a result of an accidental vehicle collision. This rule change only allows dead animals to be recovered and does not allow injured animals to be killed by passing motorists.

Individuals wishing to salvage road kill must notify the Idaho Department of Fish and Game within 24 hours either in person, by phone or by Internet in order to receive a permit. To obtain a permit requires the individual to pass along important information about the animal they are salvaging and the location such as highway and mile post where it was killed.

Online reporting may be accomplished at Report Road-kill and/or Salvage at fishandgame.idaho.gov/ro adkill.

Animals such as black bears, wolves and mountain lions killed by vehicle collisions may be salvaged but the animal's hide must be presented to staff at a regional office, so mandatory pelt tags can be attached to the hides. Bobcats and river otters may also be salvaged but like bears they must also have a special federal pelt tag



Gary Hompland
Ask the Officer

called a CITES (Convention of the International Trade of Endangered Species) purchased and attached to the hide. Bighorn sheep may be salvaged and must also be presented to staff at a regional office to insert a metal pin into one horn. A list of wildlife species that can be salvaged can be viewed by going online to fishandgame.idaho.gov/ro adkill.

The parts of animals salvaged such as antlers and horns may be purchased or sold. The edible flesh of wildlife species classified as big game, upland game, game birds, migratory birds or rattlesnakes that have been killed by accidental vehicle collisions may not be bartered, purchased or sold. No parts of bighorn sheep may be purchased or sold.

Persons salvaging and consuming this meat do so at their own risk. The meat salvaged from these animals has not been inspected nor is to be assumed to be safe or wholesome.

The Idaho State Police wishes to remind motorists that on all controlled access highways such as interstate highways it is unlawful to stop except for emergencies. Motorists choosing to stop and retrieve wildlife on any roadway assume all responsibility for their actions should an accident result due to stopping to retrieve wildlife of any kind. Motorists stopping on any road need to consider sight distance for oncoming traffic, shoulder width, weather, traffic volume and type (trucks and semis) along with other issues prior to stopping.

Gary Hompland, a regional conservation officer with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, may be reached at 324-4350.

App Period for Controlled Hunts Opens May 1

BOISE • The application period for this fall's deer, elk, pronghorn, fall black bear and fall turkey controlled hunts starts May 1 and runs through June 5.

Hunters may apply for controlled hunts at any hunting and fishing license

vendor, Fish and Game office; with a credit card by calling 1-800-55HUNT; or online at fishandgame.idaho.gov. An additional fee is charged for telephone and Internet applications. Hunters must have a 2012 Idaho hunting license to ap-

ply.

The 2011 harvest statistics and drawing odds for controlled hunts will be posted on the Idaho Fish and Game Website at fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/licenses/controlledHunts/lookupOdds.cfm, and in the Idaho Hunt

Planner <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/huntPlanner/>.

Hunters can use harvest statistics and drawing odds from the past 10 years to search for similar controlled hunts for this year.

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OBITUARIES

Phyllis Arita Jeppesen

April 2, 1941-April 24, 2012

BURLEY • Phyllis Arita Jeppesen, a 71-year old Burley resident, passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2012, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Phyllis was born April 2, 1941, in Oakley, Idaho, the daughter of Archie and Alice Stapley. She attended schools in Oakley and graduated from Oakley High School in 1959, also graduating from beauty school, and attended a year at Idaho State University. Phyllis married Neal Jeppesen on Jan. 17, 1964, in Burley, Idaho. After her marriage, she moved to Burley, where she has since lived. She sold Avon for many years and then went to work at Dean's Doughnuts in Burley, and then she worked at the Book Plaza. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, holding many positions over the years. Phyllis loved quilting and doing crafting projects. She loved camping and went often with her family and friends.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Neal Jeppesen of



Burley; two children, Tony (Melody) Jeppesen and Kimberly Koepnick, both of Burley; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Barbara Stapley; and one son, Gary Jeppesen.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Burley LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, with Bishop Clay Handy officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the Morrison-Payne Funeral Home, 321 E. Main St. in Burley, and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

Kenneth Lawrence 'Sam' Ordaz

Sept. 3, 1962-April 7, 2012

BOISE • Kenneth Lawrence "Sam" Ordaz, 49, of Boise and formerly of Jerome, passed away Saturday, April 7, 2012, at his home.

He was born Sept. 3, 1962, in Jerome, and was adopted by Tom and Stella Ordaz. Sam was raised in Jerome, Idaho, and Salinas, Calif. He served his country in the U.S. Army for more than 15 years, including in Iraq and Afghanistan. After an honorable discharge, he returned to Idaho and settled in Boise. Sam loved fishing and especially enjoyed taking his nephews along. He was also the designated "barbecue" for all family gatherings. Sam will be remem-



bered as a wonderful and loyal brother, uncle and friend.

He is survived by a sister, Stella Davis of Jerome; two brothers, Chris "Bubba" Quintana of Boise and Robert Dayap of Salinas, Calif.; three aunts; one uncle; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Tony Ordaz.

Sam's life will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, with Deacon John Baumbach officiating. Committal with military honors will follow at Jerome Cemetery.

SERVICES

Berta Ayala-Vasquez of Kimberly, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Juanita Qualls of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Rosenau Funeral Home).

Leah Weimer Jones of Rupert, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Morrison Funeral Home, 188 S. Highway 24 in Rupert.

Dragan Vrebac of Twin Falls, graveside service at 5 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery; visitation from 3 to 4:30 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Jose Juan Ortiz-Murillo of Twin Falls, funeral mass at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m., with rosary at 7:30 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Shery Lynn Widmier Brown of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at funeral home.

Larry Edward Rose of Glenns Ferry, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Glenns Ferry Middle School gymnasium; visitation from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Guy Conrad Bonar of Quincy, Wash., and formerly of Buhl, graveside service at 12:30 p.m.

William Harold (Bill) Jury Sr. of Everett, Wash., celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Marysville Church of Christ, 4226 92nd St. in Marysville, Wash.

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Mary Vigie Christensen

Feb. 8, 1918-April 22, 2012

KIMBERLY • Mary Vigie Christensen passed away early Sunday morning, April 22, 2012, at Oak Creek Rehabilitation Center in Kimberly at the age of 94.

Mary was born Feb. 8, 1918, in Coal County, 17 miles north of Coalgate, Okla., to Ira S. Vigie and Vera Bell Thompson. She was the oldest child in her family. Mary attended schools at Cottonwood, Kiowa and McAlester, Okla.; and one year in Littleton, Colo. She was raised by her great-aunt, Hattie E. Simms. She developed many lifelong friendships in her youth and enjoyed many outdoor activities. She worked as a file clerk and as a nurse's aid in a hospital in Oklahoma. Mary moved to Idaho in 1944 and here, she met her future husband, Roy Christensen. They were married June 1, 1945, in Murtaugh. Mary became stepmother to five children. Mary and Roy have three children, Keith Lee, Mary Eula and Carla Jean.

Mary became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 23, 1950. She served as a Primary teacher and visiting teacher. Mary, Roy and their children were sealed for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple on April 11, 1964. Mary worked many jobs throughout her life in Idaho, baby-sitting, housekeeping, ironing, potato sorting, selling Fuller Brush, but the one she loved the most was in the lunchroom at the Murtaugh schools. She became head cook and took care of the Murtaugh school children for 20-plus years.

Mary loved all children and was especially proud of each of her grandchildren. She attended their activities and would share what they were doing with everyone she talked to. She was very close to her stepchildren and their families and would love hearing the things that were going on in their lives. She loved all of them. She loved the travels she enjoyed with the lunch program and traveling and camping with her children and grandchildren to Seattle, Canada, Utah, California, Disneyland, St. Louis and Disneyworld.

Mary shared everything she had and was always showing her love by giving her famous French bread,



cinnamon rolls or homemade fudge to all those who meant so much to her.

She had wonderful neighbors in Murtaugh that watched out for each other and a special friend in Verla Tipton. She would take her for many drives around the valley and out to eat.

Mary is survived by daughters, Mary Eula Thomas of Statesville, N.C., and Carla (Daniel) Cummins of Murtaugh; son, Wallace Christensen of Twin Falls; sisters, Julia Samples of Twin Falls and Bettye Luiz of Fresno, Calif.; and 13 grandchildren, Wendy, Tina and Kevin Christensen, Craig and Michael Thomas, Brett, Justin, Wesley, Lance, Jeremy, Trent, Danielle and Zachary Cummins; 23 great-grandchildren; 21 step-grandchildren; numerous step-great and great-great-grandchildren and extended family. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Christensen; son, Keith Christensen; mother, Vera Tisdell; father, Ira Vigie; stepmother, Lilly Vigie; sisters, Hazel Trueblood, Flora Vigie and Lucille Daughtery; brother, Nig Tisdell; stepdaughters, Madolynn Christensen, Geraldine Rosquist and Lavon Sherwood; stepson, Ronald Christensen; step-grandchildren, Kathy Christensen and Randy Manske; a step-great-granddaughter; and many friends.

A special thank you to Dr. Sara Johnson for all her years of care and concern and to the staff of Oak Creek Rehabilitation in Kimberly for their loving care and kindness in her later years. She was the last of the Grandma Row.

Mary's life will be celebrated at noon Saturday, April 28, and the Kimberly LDS Church, 222 Birch St. S. in Kimberly, Idaho, with Bishop Levi Perkins conducting. A viewing will take place for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 27, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church in Kimberly. Burial will take place at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Services under the direction of Dustin Godfrey and the staff of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Elizabeth Herman, 92, of Buhl, died Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Desert View Care Center in Buhl. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Mary shared everything she had and was always showing her love by giving her famous French bread,



POULSBO, Wash. • Treva Irene Harrison left us too soon Sunday, April 22, 2012, at sunset in Seattle from Harborview Hospital.

Loving wife and guiding light of Jules Vern Harrison, Treva delighted in all things with feathers, fur or flowers but took the greatest pleasure in nurturing her husband of 52 years. She helped Jules in all business matters, and he considered her his Girl Friday. Whether at home in Twin Falls, Idaho, Poulsbo, Wash., sailing on the sloop "Miss Treva," or traveling around the world with Jules, she brought joy to everyone around her with a beautiful smile, unlimited optimism and generous spirit. Treva's home and garden reflect her balance of industry and leisure. She worked hard every day to enhance the comfort of family and friends and relaxed only when tasks were completed to her two standards of cleanliness and godliness.

A devout Christian, Treva went out of her way with Jules to ease the suffering of others and promote God's love in their community. Each day was an opportunity to share her good fortune and smile with people less blessed; Treva gave time and energy throughout the year to projects that promoted education and self-respect. Christmas was her favorite occasion to share her bountiful spirit in celebration of Jesus' birth; she surprised family, friends and strangers with an overflowing creativity and heartfelt gifts. Treva's children and grandchildren were blessed by her loving attention and continue the legacy of God's love and respect for others she bequeathed them.

Treva was preceded in death by her father, Clyel Berry; and sister, Wilma Thompson. She is survived by her mother, Nellie Berry; her sister, Velma Jean Porter; brother, L. Clyel Berry; hus-

band, Jules; daughters, Elizabeth Smith and Annette Van Cleave; son, Michael; and five grandchildren, Treva, Kelsey, Thomas, Hailey and Jacob. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched, but especially by her adoring husband, Jules. May angels speed her to her rightful place in heaven. Amen.

A ceremony honoring Treva's life will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at the Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. You can visit with the family from 3 to 4 p.m. in the church social hall. You may view and sign an online memorial at www.rill.com.



SPORTS + WEATHER

'Hawks Draw Up Win with Swingin' Gates

BY STEPHEN MEYERS
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FILER • Canyon Ridge had just six hits in its opening game against Filer Wednesday afternoon.

Cody Gates had the two big ones. Gates went 2-for-4 – the only player for either team to have multiple hits – and drove in three runs in the Riverhawks' 7-4 win over the Wildcats.

"I was just swinging at first-pitch strikes and tried to not do too much with it," Gates said. "I just knew he (Filer pitcher Kaleb Whitlock) threw good speed and threw a lot of strikes, so I

tried to get a good swing in and I made pretty good contact."

His single up the middle in the sixth inning scored Kaleb Price to break a four-all tie and kickstart a three-run inning for the Riverhawks. Jon Cron would later score on a throwing error and Brandon Bradshaw hit a sacrifice fly to deep right field to plate Tyler Galbreath and give Canyon Ridge a three-run lead.

Filer had only one base runner the rest of the game and the Riverhawks could celebrate a win after a rough series against Twin Falls last weekend where they scored just four runs in

three games.

"Yea it was good to get this win. That was a tough weekend (against Twin Falls)," said Gates, who hit a two-run double in the second inning to give Canyon Ridge a 3-2 lead. "We have our senior night on Saturday against Burley, so it's good to have confidence going into that."

Filer took a 4-3 lead after two innings as Ryan Karel and Santiago Alvarado scored on a Canyon Ridge throwing error, but the Wildcats managed just two more hits the rest of the game against three Canyon Ridge relievers.

Please see RIVERHAWKS, S2



CSI pitcher Andrew Frater sits in the team's dugout Wednesday afternoon at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls. After his freshman season as a utility player, Frater has found more time on the mound this year.

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Freter Finds a Home

Through several position changes and the death of a friend, CSI pitcher now relishing his role as team's ace.

BY DAVID BASHORE

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TWIN FALLS • Andrew Freter came to the College of Southern Idaho as a shortstop. Before taking a single ground ball at his preferred position, he was moved to third base. Then the outfield. Then designated hitter, and then back to third base.

None of it really worked, as Freter struggled through the 2011 season.

Now nearing the end of his time at CSI, Freter finally has an identity: the Golden Eagles' No. 1 starting pitcher.

"I really like it. I like having control, having the ball in my hands," said Freter. "It started as a closer-type role, then some guys didn't work out (as starters) and some left, and I wanted to do more. It feels really good to finally have a role and be successful at it."

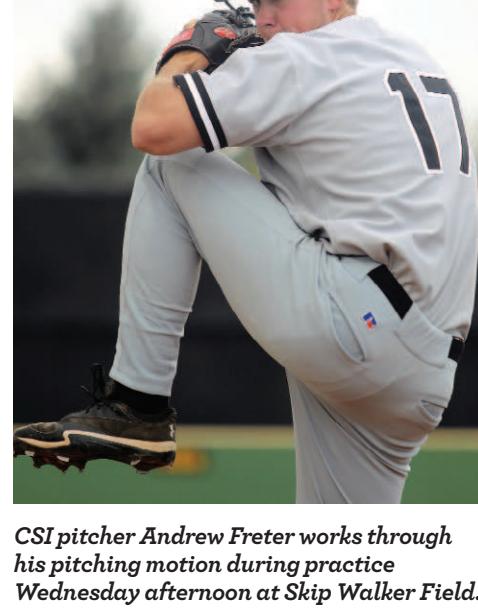
With only one pitcher returning from last

season's squad, Freter reinvented himself and at the same time rejuvenated his career. The sophomore from Meridian, while still learning how to pitch his way through a game, has a 5-2 record and a respectable 4.23 ERA in 55 1-3 innings logged.

He leaned on returning setup man Cody White, pitching coach Nick Aiello and University of Washington transfer Kyle Olason, among others, to figure out how to control a game on the mound, and he's just kept getting better.

"That's part of the reason you move a kid around is you try to find the best path for him to prolong his baseball career. For Andrew, that's probably as a pitcher," said CSI coach Boomer Walker. "He's such a great kid and whatever you ask of him, he'll give you more. It's been a great thing for him, and every time out he gives us a great chance to win. I'm sure

Please see FRETER, S2



CSI pitcher Andrew Freter works through his pitching motion during practice Wednesday afternoon at Skip Walker Field.

NFL DRAFT

After Luck, RGIII, It's Anxious Time for Players

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK • Andrew Luck knows exactly where he's heading, and so does Robert Griffin III.

For the rest of the college stars preparing for the NFL draft Thursday night, the anxiety is building. Nobody is looking forward to the green room at Radio City Music Hall.

"It kind of made me a little nervous when we were talking to the commissioner and he said, 'You'll be back there for an hour and it'll feel like you've been back there for five days,'" Southern California tackle Matt Kalil said. "I'll be sweatin' up a storm back there, and I want to have my name called and not have to wait too long."

"For Luck and RGIII, they know what's going on and they know where they're going to live and all that kind of stuff. A lot of us other guys, we're still wondering where we're going to be living for the next however many years."

Alabama safety **Mark Barron**

He shouldn't have to worry much about that. Most mock drafts project Kalil to go third overall to Minnesota after Luck heads to Indianapolis and Griffin to Washington. But he knows better than to put much stock in the predraft chatter.

"I stopped paying attention to all of that stuff," said Kalil, attending an NFL event at a playground in Manhattan. "No one really has a clue. Unless you're the GM of a team, you don't really know who a team is going to pick, so you just let it all play out."

That's the approach for the nearly two dozen other players who'll be at Radio City and have no idea when they might walk onto the stage, shake Commissioner Roger Goodell's hand

Please see NFL DRAFT, S2

BCS Officials Promise Playoff Progress

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. •

When Bowl Championship Series officials leave the beachside hotel in which they've gathered to hammer out the future of college football's postseason, they want to have the choices whittled down to two or three.

The guys in charge met Wednesday for about eight hours to discuss overhauling how a champion is determined and possibly implementing a four-team playoff. It is the fourth such get together this year, and they agreed it's time to start narrowing the field.

They will reconvene Thursday and BCS executive director Bill Hancock said the 11 conference commissioners and

Notre Dame's athletic director would like to have it down to a few clear choices.

"I think that's what everyone wants to do. Get down to two maybe three," Hancock said. "I think we're making good progress on that. I think we're going to make it."

One thing is clear: "The status quo is off the table," Hancock said. Though he cautiously added they have not ruled out making over the current system that guarantees only a No. 1 vs. No. 2 championship game.

But all signs point toward that being unlikely, and that by the 2014 season the BCS as fans have known it will be gone.

"I would say there is an expectation that there will be significant

change," Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany said.

Delany and his fellow commissioners arrived in south Florida with four options to discuss, but much of the focus has been on a four-team playoff with two national semifinals and a title game.

That model comes with many variables, such as where the games will be played, how the teams will be picked and how the bowls fit in — if they do at all.

The role of the bowls represents a potential obstacle. Specifically, the Rose Bowl.

On Tuesday, bowl executives from the Sugar, Orange, Fiesta and Rose met with the conference commissioners to give their input and answer

Oakley Invite

Raft River senior Brogan Higley won the 110- and 300-meter hurdles Wednesday at the Oakley Invitational at Burley High School. See results on S2



Ryan Howe • TIMES-NEWS

SIGNINGS**CSI's Dunnington Inks with Colo. Mesa****TWIN FALLS** • College of Southern Idaho utility-man Tyler Dunnington became the third Golden Eagle baseball player to sign with a four-year school, confirming to the *Times-News* on Wednesday that he has signed with NCAA Division II Colorado Mesa University.

Dunnington, who signed with the Mavericks but hasn't yet visited the campus in Grand Junction, Colo., has pitched and played second base for CSI this season. The sophomore transfer from Shelton, Wash., is batting .221 with a homer and 16 RBI, in addition to posting a 1-1 record and a 6.48 ERA in six relief appearances.

At Colorado Mesa, he'll play for former CSI catcher Chris Hanks, who in 1988 led the Golden Eagles to the JUCO World Series — which is played in Grand Junction.

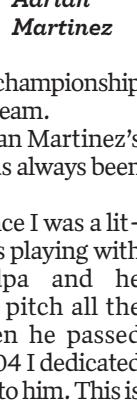
"I have a friend there who's the starting catcher, and it's a great program with great facilities," said Dunnington. "I'm going to take a visit when the season ends, but hopefully I can make it a little sooner (during the JUCO World Series)."

Dunnington joined pitcher Cody White (Dixie State College) and center fielder Chase Harris (New Mexico) in signing with four-year schools.

— David Bashore

Pilots' Martinez Headed to TVCC

He's the quarterback of the football team and shooting guard on the Class IA Division I state championship basketball team.



Adrian Martinez

But Adrian Martinez's first love has always been baseball.

"Ever since I was a little kid I was playing with my grandpa and he helped me pitch all the time. When he passed away in 2004 I dedicated everything to him. This is all for him."

Grandpa would be proud to know Martinez, a senior at Glenns Ferry High, has signed to play baseball at Treasure Valley Community College.

"I had a bunch of other schools looking at me but when I went up to visit Treasure Valley I loved being around all the players and I knew most of them and the coaches were really welcoming. I felt at home up there."

Martinez, who said his fastball clocks 89 mph, has a 4-1 record so far this season with a 0.93 ERA. His batting average is .525.

TVCC, located in Ontario, Ore., competes in the Eastern Division of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges. The Chukars are currently tied for first place in their division.

"It's going to be really different, the competition is going to be really high," Martinez said.

— Ryan Howe



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PREP ROUNDUP**Track and Field****Oakley Invitational At Burley High School Boys**

Team scores: 1. Raft River 153, 2. Oakley 129, 3. Rockland 104, 4. Hansen 84, 5. Valley 54.

Individual Top 2

Long jump: 1. Ortiz (O) 20-4.5; 2. Duba (Ro) 18-9.5.

Pole vault: 1. Teeter (RR) 9-6.

Triple jump: 1. Duba (Ro) 36-11.2.

Shot put: 1. Cauhorn (V) 45-0.75; 2. Gunnell (H) 41-11.

High jump: 1. Ortiz (O) 6-0; 2. Hansen (RR) 5-8.

Discus: 1. Hidalgo (Ro) 124-4.5; 2. Gunnell (H) 122-10.5.

110 hurdles: 1. Higley (RR) 16-6; 2. Stimpson (H) 18-5.

100: 1. Ortiz (O) 11-6; 2. Paz (O) 12-3.

800: 1. Fitzsimmons (H) 2:19; 2. Rocha (V) 2:20.

400: 1. Robinson (Ro) 53-7; 2. Duba (Ro) 56-38.

300 hurdles: 1. Higley (RR) 44-9; 2. Hidalgo (Ro) 47-5.

200: Robinson (Ro) 24-4; 2. Bedke (O) 25-5.

Medley relay: 1. Raft River 3:59.7; 2. Hansen 4:01.24.

3200: Mullen (O) 11:46.4; 2. Martinez (H) 12:11.16.

4x100: 1. Oakley 46.2; 2. Raft River 46.4.

1600: 1. Mullen (O) 5:26.7; 2. Gilbert (RR) 5:35.9.

4x400: 1. Raft River 3:47; 2. Valley 3:54.2.

4x200: 1. Raft River 1:37.6; 2. Oakley 1:39.42.

Girls

Team scores: 1. Oakley 130, 2. Raft River 117, 3. Valley 107, 4. Rockland 94, 5. Hansen 69.

Individual Top 2

Triple jump: 1. Nelson (V) 31-10.5; 2. Farr (Ro) 30-10.

Discus: 1. Whitaker (RR) 96-1.5; 2. Benavidez (V) 84-



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Oakley sophomore Kelsey Martin and Valley freshman Claribell Juarez pull away from the pack during the 1600-meter race Wednesday at the Oakley Invitational at Burley High School.

7.5.

High jump: 1. Cooper (O) 5-6; 2. Critchfield (O) 4-8.

Pole vault: 1. Whitaker (RR) 7-6; 2. Jones (RR) 6-6.

Long jump: 1. Cranney (O) 14-8.25; 2. Farr (Ro) 14-3.25.

Shot put: 1. Whitaker (RR) 29-11; 2. Elorita (V) 29-7.5.

100 hurdles: 1. Bedke (O) 16.13; 2. Hansen (RR) 16.92.

100: 1. Bedke (O) 13.6; 2. Peters (H) 14.59.

800: 1. Juarez (V) 2:45.6; 2. Urena (H) 2:49.4.

400: 1. Bott (Ro) 1:06.3; 2. Schumann (RR) 1:08.02.

300 hurdles: 1. Bedke (O) 49.58; 2. Hansen (RR) 49.64.

200: 1. Farr (Ro) 28.12; 2. Lee (Ro) 29.3.

1600: 1. Martin (O) 6:09.8; 2. Juarez (V) 6:16.9.

4x400: 1. Rockland 4:35.3; 2. Raft River 4:37.1.

4x100: 1. Raft River 1:59.51.

3200: 1. Martin (O) 12:55.4; 2. Juarez (V) 13:26.27.

Medley relay: 1. Rockland 1:59.04; 2. Raft River 2:05.33.

Tennis**WOOD RIVER BOYS 4, COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2****WOOD RIVER GIRLS 6, COMMUNITY SCHOOL 0**

Tuesday

Boys singles: Wilander (WR) d. Weaver 6-2, 6-0.

Sanchez duPont (CS) d. Hutchinson 6-1,

6-2. Everitt (CS) d. Niedrich 6-0, 6-0.

Boys doubles:

Grabow/Grossbaum (WR) d.

Ohlson/Lindahl 6-2, 6-1.

Morell/Caminiti (WR) d.

Mixed doubles:

Baybutt/Pfeiffer (WR) d.

Roudabush/Jones 6-2, 6-2.

Cutler/Dowdle (WR) d. Kjesbo/Marks 6-0, 6-1.

LOCAL BRIEFS**Football Camp**

There will be a quarterbacks and receivers camp at Lighthouse Christian on April 28, led by former Green Bay Packer quarterback Randy Wright (1984-88). Camp cost is \$35 and is for school-aged boys grades 4 and up. Information: Robert Kohler, 961-1020.

Planet Cheer's Cheer Camp

Planet Cheer will hold a cheer camp for ages 5-14 from noon-4 p.m. on April 28, in the Filer High School Gym. Cost is \$25 and includes a T-shirt. Campers will perform at the Planet Cheer banquet at 6 p.m. that evening. Register online at www.planetcheeringinc.com.

IGA Men's State Fourball Championship

The Idaho Golf Association Men's State 4-Ball Championship (2-Man Best Ball) is May 11-12 at Jerome Country Club. Information or to register: www.theiga.org.

Canyon Springs GC League

The Canyon Springs Ladies Golf Association Tuesday Night League begins May 1 at 6 p.m., with an association meeting will follow. The Rock Chuck Classic is May 12. Cost is \$90 per team. Sign up at Canyon Springs Golf Course at 734-7609. Information: Jan Hall 420-5742.

Clear Lakes 2-Lady Best Ball Invite

The Clear Lake Country Club Ladies Association 2-lady best ball invitational is May 10 with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. The entry fee

is \$38 per person or \$76 a team. Cart fee is \$12 a person or \$24 a team. Send entries to Preston Otte, 403 Clear Lake Lane, Buhl, ID 83316. Information: 543-4849.

Mustard Tree Wellness Clinic 5K

This 5K fun run/walk event to benefit The Mustard Tree Wellness Clinic is May 12, at 10 a.m. at CSI in front of the Taylor Building. Preregistration is through April 30, with race day registration at 9 a.m. Entry Fee is \$25, children 14-and-under are free when accompanied by a participating adult. Information: Amy Hinjosa 280-6614 or Nicole Sheen 320-7997.

Donkey Basketball

The Buhl High School football team and FFA members are hosting Donkey Basketball on May 1 in the high school gym at 7 p.m. Advance tickets (\$8 for adults, \$6 for grades 7-12 and \$4 grades K-6) are available through any Buhl football player or FFA member. Tickets bought at the door cost an additional \$1. Information: Stacy Wilson or Felipe Zamora, 543-8262,

Twin Falls HS Softball

All future Bruin softball players, Twin Falls high school's summer softball program is holding tryouts for their 10-under and 12-under teams at the TFHS softball fields on April 28 from 10 a.m.-noon. Information: Sarah, 420-1490 or via email at phillipsle@tsfd.org.

Jerome Fast-Pitch Softball

The Jerome Recreation District is taking reg-

istration for AA Fast-Pitch League for girls 14-16-years-old through May 11. Cost is \$40 for in-district residents; \$45 for out-of-district. Register by phone at 324-3389 or in person at 2032 S. Lincoln or online at jeromerecreationdistrict.com. Information: 324-3389.

Men's Softball League

The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is taking rosters for the summer league season through May 4. Cost is \$950 for a 16-game season and a double-elimination tournament. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:45, 8 and 9:15 p.m. at Harmon Park starting May 27. Information: Brandy Mason, 736-2265 or bmason@tfid.org.

Spring Basketball Leagues

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley's iSCORE Sports Academy is holding spring basketball leagues through May 25. Games will be played on Tuesday and Friday nights, depending on the league. Cost is \$70, \$50 for Boys and Girls Club members. Information: Brett Vriesman, 736-7011, bvriesman@bgcmv.com.

Jerome CC Golf Lessons

The Jerome Recreation District, through Jerome Country Club and head pro Troy Vitek, is offering golf lessons for adults and juniors July 24-26. Golfers can register through July 24. Register by phone at 324-3389, in person at the JRD, 2032 S. Lincoln or online at jeromerecreationdistrict.com. Information: 324-3389.

— Staff reports

Riverhawks

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to be and we can't execute. We're not where we're supposed to be on bunt coverage, stuff like that."

The teams played a shortened Game 2 due to darkness, with Canyon Ridge winning 7-5 in four innings.

Canyon Ridge's Garrett Basham went 3-for-4 with two RBI and Gates drove in

three. Andrew Peterson went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI for Filer, which dropped its fourth straight.

Canyon Ridge is at Burley on Friday, while Filer wraps up the regular season at American Falls on Saturday. The Wildcats then begin the Class 5A District IV tournament at Buhl

next Wednesday.

"It's that time of the year. It's the end of the season the guys, they can turn it up another level. We've got a week to figure things out and make a run in the tournament," Richardson said.

CANYON RIDGE 7, FILER 5, FOUR INN. (DARKNESS)

SCOREBOARD

Odds

NBA	LINE	UNDERDOG
Atlanta	4	Dallas
Chicago	11	Cleveland
Houston	6 1/2	New Orleans
Detroit	4	Philadelphia
Memphis	11	Orlando
New York	7	at Charlotte
at Washington	3	Miami
Boston	5 1/2	Milwaukee
Toronto	7	New Jersey
Denver	8 1/2	at Minnesota
Utah	7 1/2	Portland
at Sacramento	PK	L.A. Lakers
San Antonio	5	at Golden State

NBA STANDINGS

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	38	27	.585	-
x-New York	35	30	.538	3
x-Philadelphia	35	30	.538	3
New Jersey	22	43	.338	16
Toronto	22	43	.338	16

SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	46	19	.708	-
x-Atlanta	39	26	.600	7
x-Orlando	37	28	.569	9
Washington	19	46	.292	27
Charlotte	7	58	.108	39

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Chicago	49	16	.754	-
x-Indiana	42	24	.636	7 1/2
Milwaukee	31	34	.477	6
Detroit	24	41	.369	25
Cleveland	21	44	.323	28

WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	47	19	.712	-
x-Denver	37	28	.569	9 1/2
x-Utah	35	30	.538	11 1/2
Portland	28	37	.431	18 1/2
Minnesota	26	39	.400	20 1/2

PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Lakers	41	24	.631	-
x-L.A. Clippers	40	26	.606	1 1/2
Phoenix	33	32	.508	8
Golden State	23	42	.354	18
Sacramento	21	44	.323	20

Wednesday's Games	Colorado	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
Scutaro, cf	4	0	1	0	Presley, lf	
Colvin, ss	0	1	0	1	Tabata, rf	
Gonzl, lf	3	1	0	0	McClellan, ct	
Tlwtz, ss	4	0	1	0	Walker, 2b	
Gambi, 1b	1	0	0	1	McGee, 3b	
Fowler, cf	1	0	0	1	Palvaz, 2b	
Cuddy, rf	3	0	0	0	Barnes, ss	
RBNcr, p	0	0	0	0	McKinn, cr	
Rosario, c	3	0	0	0	JMCnl, p	
Nelson, 3b	3	0	0	0	Navarr, ph	
Nicasio, p	1	0	0	0	Resop, p	
MTrynl, p	0	0	0	0	Watson, p	
EYons, ph	0	0	0	0	JHughs, p	
Rogers, p	0	0	0	0		
Helton, 1b	0	0	0	0		
Totals	26	23	2	3	Totals	32 1 9 1
Colorado	000	000	110	—	Pittsburgh	000 000 — 1
Pittsburgh	000	000	110	—	DP-Pittsburgh 2, LOB-Colo 4, Pittsburgh 6, 2B	
Fowler (4), McCutchen (5), HR-Alvarez (3), CS (2), Presley (2), Barnes (3), S.J.-McDonald, SF-Colvin, Giambi.						

CARDINALS 5, CUBS 1	Colorado	Pittsburgh	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Scutaro, cf	4	0	1	0	Presley, lf		
Colvin, ss	0	1	0	1	Tabata, rf		
Gonzl, lf	3	1	0	0	McClellan, ct		
Tlwtz, ss	4	0	1	0	Walker, 2b		
Gambi, 1b	1	0	0	1	McGee, 3b		
Fowler, cf	1	0	0	1	Palvaz, 2b		
Cuddy, rf	3	0	0	0	Barnes, ss		
RBNcr, p	0	0	0	0	McKinn, cr		
Rosario, c	3	0	0	0	JMCnl, p		
Nelson, 3b	3	0	0	0	Navarr, ph		
Nicasio, p	1	0	0	0	Resop, p		
MTrynl, p	0	0	0	0	Watson, p		
EYons, ph	0	0	0	0	JHughs, p		
Rogers, p	0	0	0	0			
Helton, 1b	0	0	0	0			
Totals	34	21	10	3	Totals	30 4 8 3	
San Francisco	001	100	000	—	Pittsburgh	000 000 — 1	
Cincinnati	000	000	40X	—	DH		
Zito, p	1	2	1	1	Ed. Rappaport, First, Angel Hernandez; Second, Mark Carlson; Third, Ed Hickox; T-241, A-25.934 (48,63).		

REDS 4, GIANTS 2	San Francisco	Cincinnati	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Pagan, ab	5	1	1	0	Stubbs, cf		
McCarr, lf	5	0	2	0	Valdez, ss		
Sandoval, 3b	4	0	2	0	Votto, tb		
Posey, 1b	4	0	2	0	Phillips, 2b		
Hinch, c	3	1	2	0	Chopin, p		
Schmidt, 1b	0	0	0	0	Marshall, p		
Burris, 2b	2	0	1	0	Bruce, rf		
Pill, ph	0	0	0	0	Rolen, 3b		
Romo, p	0	0	0	0	Ludwick, lf		
BCRwrls, ss	3	0	1	0	Hanigan, c		
Arias, ph	1	0	0	0	Arroyo, ph		
Zito, p	2	0	0	0	Frazier, ph		
Hensley, p	0	0	0	0	Hoover, p		
Affeldt, p	0	0	0	0	Arrind, p		
Theriot, 2b	1	0	0	0	Harris, ph		
Cozart, ss	0	0	0	0			
Totals	34	21	10	3	Totals	30 4 8 3	
San Francisco	001	100	000	—	Pittsburgh	000 000 — 1	
Cincinnati	000	000	40X	—	DH		

RED 4, GI

BURG/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Rain showers likely. High 59.

Tonight: Chance for embedded thunderstorms. Low 38.

Tomorrow: Cooler, maybe a brief shower. High 51.

ALMANAC - BURLEY**Temperature**

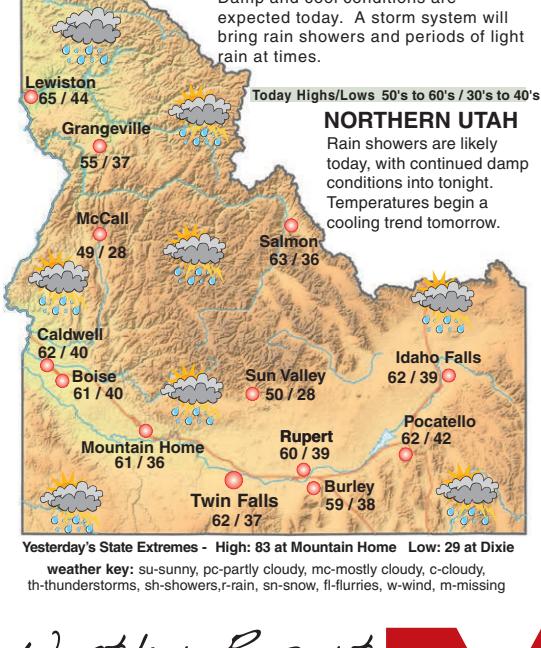
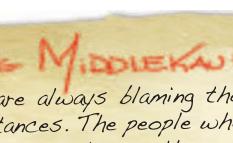
Yesterday's High	80°
Yesterday's Low	45°
Normal High / Low	60° / 36°
Record High	85° in 1977
Record Low	26° in 2009

Precipitation

Yesterday's	Trace
Month to Date	0.09"
Avg. Month to Date	0.88"
Water Year to Date	5.90"
Avg. Water Year to Date	6.36"

IDHO'S FORECAST**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**

Unsettled weather is expected today with several rain showers. Rain may be moderate at times. Rain may mix with snow tonight.

**Weather Report**
Sponsored By:**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST****Today**

Rain showers expected

High 62°

Tonight

Chance for some thunderstorms

Low 37°

Friday

Much cooler, scattered showers

51° / 34°

Saturday

Partly sunny, maybe a late shower

59° / 39°

Sunday

Still the chance for a brief shower

63° / 40°

Monday

More mild, some sunshine

67° / 43°

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	82	54	0.00"
Challis	76	38	trace"
Coeur d' Alene	72	48	0.00"
Idaho Falls	78	31	0.00"
Jerome	78	50	0.02"
Lewiston	79	57	trace"
Lowell	76	50	0.10"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malta	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Pocatello	79	42	0.00"
Rexburg	77	41	0.00"
Salmon	79	43	n/a"
Stanley	67	32	0.15"
Sun Valley	71	37	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**Temperature**

Yesterday's High	79°
Yesterday's Low	51°
Normal High / Low	59° / 36°
Record High	84° in 1977
Record Low	27° in 2009

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

Precipitation

Yesterday's	0.02"
Month to Date	0.18"
Avg. Month to Date	0.98"
Water Year to Date	6.53"
Avg. Water Year to Date	7.44"

A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

Moon Phases

First	April 29
Full	May 6
Last	May 12
New	May 21

Humidity

57%

5 pm Yesterday 29.81 in.

Barometric Pressure

29.81 in.

Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 10:19 AM	Moonset: 12:44 AM
Friday	Moonrise: 11:18 AM	Moonset: 1:26 AM
Saturday	Moonrise: 12:20 PM	Moonset: 2:03 AM
Sunday		

Today's U.V. Index

Low 1 Moderate 3 High 7 10

The higher the index the more sun protection needed

Sunrise and Sunset

Sunrise: 6:39 AM

Sunset: 8:33 PM

Sunrise: 6:37 AM

Sunset: 8:34 PM

Sunrise: 6:36 AM

Sunset: 8:35 PM

Sunrise: 6:35 AM

Sunset: 8:36 PM

Sunrise: 6:35 AM

Sunset: 8:38 PM

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www.dayweather.com**REGIONAL FORECAST****NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday	City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday	City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Boise	61	40	40	Atlanta	81	62	62	Orlando	87	71	71
Bonners Ferry	60	40	51	Atlantic City	58	47	59	Philadelphia	87	62	62
Burley	59	38	51	Baltimore	63	43	61	Portland, ME	87	63	63
Challis	60	35	48	Billings	75	46	55	Raleigh	87	64	64
Coeur d' Alene	57	40	52	Birmingham	83	64	65	Rapid City	87	64	64
Elko, NV	58	37	56	Blacksburg	63	46	59	Rio de Janeiro	87	71	71
Eugene, OR	52	37	57	Charleston, WV	54	40	50	Sacramento	87	63	63
Globe, AZ	50	35	50	Chicago	53	41	49	St. Louis	87	64	64
Grace, AZ	50	35	50	Cleveland	54	38	46	St. Paul	87	64	64
Hagerman	64	38	55	Denver	80	50	71	Salt Lake City	87	66	66
Hailey	56	33	46	Des Moines	65	45	48	San Diego	87	65	65
Idaho Falls	62	39	49	El Paso	58	36	52	San Francisco	87	66	66
Kalispell, MT	63	42	51	Fargo	59	39	57	Seattle	87	66	66
Jerome	60	39	51	Honolulu	81	71	71	Washington, DC	87	66	66
Lewiston	65	44	59	Las Vegas	78	62	81	Winnipeg	87	66	66
McCall	50	37	52	Little Rock	84	65	65	Zurich	87	66	66
Malls	58	39	47	Los Angeles	67	54	52				
McMurdo, MT	55	35	50	Memphis	84	68	73				
Pocatello	62	42	49	Milwaukee	51	40	44				
Portland, OR	56	43	57	New Orleans	83	67	84				
Rupert											