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SCOUTING AND SKIING IN SWITZERLAND



Ryan Seastrom, a Twin Falls High School student, poses Monday afternoon at his home in Twin Falls. Seastrom, an Eagle Scout and Congressional Award winner, will participate in the first World Scout Winter Games in Kandersteg, Switzerland. He left Tuesday, and will participate in the ski event.

T.F. scout to participate in first World Scout Winter Games

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

The uniform may explain why Ryan Seastrom carries himself with a sense of purpose that eludes many young men. He's a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

This week, Seastrom and 12 other scouts from across the United States will be among a select few who will participate in the first World Scout Winter Games held in Kandersteg, Switzerland, Feb. 28 to March 3. Seastrom and other Scouts from the U.S. left Tuesday for Dallas, where they gathered before heading to the games.

Over these few days, Boy Scouts from at least eight nations will extend the 2007 centennial celebration of world scouting by competing in various skiing, snowshoeing, snowboarding, curling and triathlon events.

"I'm an avid skier and this just sort of fell into my lap last November,"

Seastrom said. "I'm actually the only one who will be representing Idaho and the Snake River Council at the games."

Except for about \$700 from each athlete, the Boy Scouts of America International Division, based in Dallas, is funding the trip to Switzerland.

"International holds silent auctions

and has individual donors who help raise money for things like this," said Cindy Jesinger, Snake River Council representative for International Scouting. "Nothing is paid for out of the local chapters."

The Boy Scout program began in 1907 when Englishman Robert Baden Powell, a decorated hero of the Boer War, began using outdoor woodcraft and survival skills to give boys and young men some direction. Since then, the movement has expanded to a membership of more than 28 million in 156 countries.

Seastrom, a Twin Falls High School senior, credits scouting with helping him develop character traits needed to meet his own goals as a citizen and student.

Encouraged by his parents, Seastrom joined Troop 90 Cub Scouts in the third grade, and went on to spend six months

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— Ryan Seastrom

Wells doesn't qualify for federal funds

By Cassidy Friedman and Elaine Swanson
For the Times-News

WELLS, Nev. — A magnitude 6.0 earthquake shook this town last week but apparently didn't do enough damage to warrant federal money for rebuilding, state and federal officials said Tuesday.

Under federal Emergency Management Agency rules, the town's public infrastructure needed to have sustained more than \$2 million in damage to qualify for disaster help.

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The historic district of Wells, Nev., sustained severe damage Thursday after a 6.0 earthquake. But it was not severe enough to warrant federal aid.

Farms may be exempted from emission rules

By Elizabeth Williamson
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Under pressure from agriculture industry lobbyists and lawmakers from agricultural states, the Environmental Protection Agency wants to drop requirements that factory farms report their emissions of toxic gases, despite findings by the agency's scientists that the gases pose a health threat.

The EPA acknowledges that the emissions can pose a threat to people living and working nearby, but it says local emergency responders don't use the reports, making them unnecessary. But local air-quality agencies,

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Jerome traffic signal gains support from city, ITD, schools

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

Efforts to buy a traffic signal for Tiger Drive and State Highway 25 in Jerome may soon get a green light.

Residents of the area have long complained that a light is needed, but the city and state have been slow to get one.

The Idaho Transportation Department found in 2006 that a light at the intersection by Jerome High School is warranted because of the number of accidents there.

The state sent Jerome City Administrator Travis Rothweiler a letter informing him about that, but it was never received at City Hall, he said.

After the Times-News brought the letter to Rothweiler's attention, he scheduled a meeting Monday with ITD and the Jerome School District.

"We discussed the merits of the project and our ability to capture funding," Rothweiler said.

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Gooding hospital deal passes legal litmus test

Proposal now enters 42-day appeal

By Kate Poppino
Times-News writer

GOODING — Months of preparation came down to about three minutes of courtroom action Tuesday.

Burley attorney Bill Parsons made his case. No one from the public objected. And Fifth District Judge John Melanson gave his blessing to a deal that created a new nonprofit entity to manage the county-owned Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

The deal between the board of the hospital's taxing district and St. Luke's Health System, signed and finalized in December, put the hospital under the guidance of Partners In Health, a nonprofit that will be able to borrow and raise enough money to build a new facility on the south edge of town. The deal, which hospital officials described as their only option to replace the current, aging building, had never been tried before in Idaho by a critical-access hospital — a designation for rural hospitals

that specialize in acute care.

Tuesday's hearing was requested by the hospital to ensure the deal was legal. The arrangement, carefully marketed to county residents since August, was supported by 86 percent of residents in an October survey. Tuesday's hearing reflected that, with Parsons noting the lack of complaints and simply asking Melanson if he had any questions.

"To our knowledge, there has been zero opposition to this," Parsons said.

And the lack of any at the hearing, he later said, didn't surprise him. The proposal met everything required by statute, he said, including the authority of the district board to create the nonprofit — and the whole process was more to ensure no one challenges the arrangement in the future than to fend off current criticism.

"It's sort of an insurance policy. If you will," Parsons said.

Anyone objecting to the court's decision does have 42 days to

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Dean Martis, a pulmonologist at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital, draws a patient's blood Tuesday afternoon at the hospital in Gooding.




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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today	Tonight	Thursday
		
Partly to mostly cloudy	Variablely cloudy	Scattered clouds
High 52	Low 32	53 / 29

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy, but likely dry. Highs, upper 40s.
 Tonight: A few clouds overhead. Lows, upper 20s.
 Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. Highs near 50.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

College of Southern Idaho's madrigal and jazz ensembles in concert, 7:30 p.m., C.S.I. Fine Arts Center auditorium, no cost (donations at the door), 732-6767.

William Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors," presented by College of Southern Idaho Theater Department, 8 p.m., C.S.I. Fine Arts Theater, Twin Falls, \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students, 732-6781 or tickets.csi.edu.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, noon, Riley Creek Restaurant, 607 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, 312-5057.

Twin Falls County Democrats Central Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Idaho Pizza Company, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public, 422-3663.

EXHIBITS

Sally Machlis' "Books of a Talwan Autumn," 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, 732-6655.

FAMILY

Candlelight Tales, 30-minute, "end of day" presentation for preschoolers and early elementary-age children (may wear pajamas), 7 to 7:30 p.m., in the Storytime Gym, Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@tlibd.org.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St., 733-4068.

Hayburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158.

Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 733-6900.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outdoor Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

SilverShoekers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weighs-in from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bridgeview Great Room (north entrance, third floor), Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

To list an event, submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, Rm. 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

CORRECTIONS

An article about the Twin Falls County Sheriff's election that appeared on the Magic Valley page Tuesday contained two errors:

Candidate Ron Kirtland

works for a local real estate agency, but does not own it.

Candidate Tom Carter's age was incorrect. He is 67.

The Times-News regrets the errors.

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON

Moussaoui appeal says lawyers barred from discussing evidence

WASHINGTON — Lawyers urged Zacarias Moussaoui not to plead guilty to terrorism charges. They said they couldn't tell him why. In newly filed court documents, Moussaoui argues that court-imposed secrecy undermined his ability to present an adequate defense. His new lawyers say Moussaoui's guilty plea should be thrown out and a new trial should be convened for the man who once claimed to have been a part of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist plot.

Moussaoui was not allowed to see the classified evidence against him and was shut out from closed-door hearings in which that evidence was laid out. His lawyers could advise him, but they could not discuss everything — only the evidence approved by prosecutors or the judge.

Defense lawyers say they were barred from even discussing with Moussaoui evidence that could help prove his innocence. They say Moussaoui faced an unconstitutional choice: plead guilty or go to trial without knowing the evidence.

Moussaoui appeals because his plea was unknowing, uncoerced and invalid, attorneys Justin Antonipillai and Barbara Hartung wrote.

BRITAIN

Drug-resistant TB may be spreading faster than experts feared

LONDON — Drug-resistant tuberculosis is spreading even faster than medical experts had feared, the World Health Organization warned in report issued Tuesday. The rate of TB patients infected with the drug-resistant strain topped 20 percent in some countries, the highest ever recorded, the U.N. agency said.

"Ten years ago, it would have been unthinkable to see rates like this," said Dr. Mario Ravigione, director of WHO's "Stop TB" department. "This demonstrates what happens when you keep making mistakes in TB treatment."

Though the report is the largest survey of drug-resistant TB, based on information collected between 2002 and 2006, there are still major gaps. Data were only available from about half of the world's countries.

MONTANA

Bush administration official testifies at contempt hearing

MISSOULA — A Bush administration official appeared before a federal judge Tuesday, urging him not to hold the U.S. Forest Service in contempt over the use of a fire retardant that

environmentalists say kills fish and plants.

Agriculture Undersecretary Mark Rey, who oversees the Forest Service, acknowledged the agency was slow in preparing environmental studies related to the effects of the chemical firefighting tool dropped from airplanes.

"There is no way to put a positive face on the fact that we dropped the ball," Rey testified in court. "We're sorry."

While Rey was contrite, U.S. District Judge Donald W. Molloy was visibly frustrated by the delays. Molloy has threatened to hold the Forest Service in contempt, accusing the agency of skirting the law so it can keep fighting wildfires with the retardant.

Government study finds pesticides prevalent in West's national parks

BILLINGS — Pesticides, heavy metals and other airborne contaminants are raining down on national parks across the West and Alaska, turning up at sometimes dangerously high levels in lakes, plants and fish. A sweeping, six-year federal study released Tuesday found evidence of 70 contaminants in 20 national parks and monuments — from Denali in Alaska and Glacier in Montana, to Big Bend in Texas and Yosemite in California.

The findings revealed that some of the Earth's most pristine wilderness is still within reach of the toxic

byproducts of the industrial age.

"Contaminants are everywhere. You can't get more remote than these northern parts of Alaska and the high Rockies," said Michael Kent, a fish researcher with Oregon State University who co-authored the study.

NORWAY

Arctic vault opens to protect world's seeds from doomsday threats

LONGYEARBYEN — Norway opened a frozen "doomsday" vault Tuesday deep within an Arctic mountain where millions of seeds will be stored to safeguard against wars or natural disasters wiping out food crops around the globe.

Biblical references repeatedly cropped up as guests at the opening ceremony carried the first seed deposits into the vault in the remote Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard. "This is a frozen Garden of Eden," European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said, standing in one of the frosty vaults.

Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg called the vault an "insurance policy" and added his own biblical comparison: "It is the Noah's Ark for securing biological diversity for future generations."

— The Associated Press

FOUR DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Feb. 29 — Opening night of "A Year with Frog and Toad," presented by Oakley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, Oakley, 88 ticket, 677-2787.

March 1 — "Music in Harmony," presented by Snake River Barbershop Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society, 2 and 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, \$6 for general admission, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students, 878-5464.

March 1 — "A Year with Frog and Toad," presented by Oakley Valley Arts Council, 2 p.m., malinee, Howells Opera House, Oakley, 88 ticket, 677-2787.

March 1 — Magic Valley Youth Orchestra Winter Concert, with orchestra director Diane Davis and chamber ensemble director Carson Wong leading young musicians in selections from classical works to movie themes, 3 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, public invited, suggested \$2 donation, 423-9086.

March 1 — William Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors," presented by College of Southern Idaho Theater Department, 8 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Theater, Twin Falls, \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students, 732-6781 or tickets.csi.edu.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Feb. 28 — Mindoka County Beet Growers annual meeting, with buffet lunch and election of officers for three-year terms, 1 p.m., Rupert Elks Lodge, 436-3497, 431-4397 or 312-4465.

Feb. 28 — TAB (Teen Advisory Board) interested teens invited to read reviews, make recommendations for the young adult collection, suggest teen programs and add input into remodeling of new young-adult area, Yscapes, 6 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 733-2964 ext. 110.

Feb. 28 — Precceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting, 7 p.m., at the home of Joy Mitchell, 203 Orchard Drive W., Twin Falls, 316-2345.

Feb. 28 — Desert Sage Quilters Guild monthly meeting, with program: "Get Acquainted with Your Library," 7 p.m., KMYT station community meeting room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 733-3478.

March 1 — Magic Valley Iris Society annual meeting, with bingo iris party to follow, 11:30 a.m., Riley Creek Restaurant, 611 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, visitors and new members welcome, 734-3613, 308-7054 or 324-8489.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Feb. 28 — Adult Trivia Night fundraiser, sponsored by Modern Woodman Service Club, O'Leary R.T.S.O. and I.R.C. (Intermediate Resource Classroom) kids; five-member teams compete on trivia knowledge, 7 p.m., O'Leary Junior High cafeteria, Twin Falls, \$10 per person or \$50 per team of five and \$1 to attend, concessions for sale and door prizes for all, 732-8337 or 734-0367.

Feb. 29 — First of 47-day Girl Scout Cookies Sale campaign, booth sales at local grocery stores, (208) 377-0111 or www.girlscoutcookies.org.

Feb. 29 — Donkey Basketball fundraiser, game between Flir High School FFA Chapter and Castleford High School FFA Chapter, 7 p.m., Flir High School gym, advanced game tickets: \$7 for adults, \$6 for 7-12th graders, \$5 for K-6th graders or at the door: \$8 for adults, \$7 for 7-12th, and \$6 for K-6th; proceeds to support Flir FFA Chapter activities, 326-4968.

March 1 — Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop No. 65 and Girl Scout Troop No. 640 35th annual Pancake Supper, also includes eggs, sausage, hash browns and beverages, 3 to 8 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, \$5 single and \$14 family, 734-7393.

March 1 — Bingo, Grand Bethel Project for Bethel No. 43, Job's Daughters also includes silent craft auction, 3 to 6 p.m., Twin Falls Masonic Temple, corner of Blue Lakes and Falls Avenue, 326-4286.

March 1 — The 6th annual Magic Valley Chapter Rally for "Wildlife" banquet and fundraiser, featuring Dutchoven meal, silent and live auctions and raffish, 5:30 p.m. doors open, Furniture Now building, Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, (208) 316-3633 or (208) 420-1233.

March 1 — The Blue Lakes Rotary Club Bunko fundraiser, includes door prizes, raffish, game prizes and a no-host beer and wine bar, 6 p.m., Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St., Twin Falls, proceeds to support the club's community projects, \$20 per person, 734-2097.

March 1 — The Flir High School Rodeo Club 2nd annual dinner and auction, featuring barbecue beef, baked beans and Dutch-oven cobbler, 6 p.m., dinner with auction to follow, Flir High School cafeteria, 731-4257.

March 2 — Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main St., free-will offering, 536-2315 or 543-6980.

EDUCATION

Feb. 28 — Jerome Public Library "Let's Talk About It," with discussion of book "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Afghanistan), 7 p.m., at the library, no cost (library card not required), books available for checkout, 324-5427 or 324-3441.

Feb. 28 — The Kimberly and Hansen libraries book discussion group, with "English Creek" by Ivan Doig led by Janet Counts, 7:30 p.m., Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison St. W., books available for checkout at Kimberly and Hansen libraries, 423-4556 or 423-4122.

Feb. 29 — Brown Bag Lecture Series, with Annette Rousseau on Hagerman Fossil Beds Unusual Fossils, noon, Program Room, Twin Falls Public Library, bring lunch or pre-order "lunch to go," 734-2787.


FAMILY

Feb. 29 — KBC (Kids, Books and Crafts), children in K-5th grade are invited to read and do crafts, 4:30 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, no cost, 733-2964 ext. 110 to preregister.

SPORTS

March 1 — Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays Shoot, 9 a.m. start time, 11 miles north of junction of I-84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$20 members and \$23 non-members, 733-6065.

March 2 — Beginning day of Hartford Disabled Ski Championships, a week-long event hosted by Fairfield's Soldier Mountain Ski area; includes 50-70 races, two X-Games winners and 46 representatives from Hartford Insurance Company; also includes charity raffle, live-band party and closing banquet dinner-ceremony at The Mint in Halley; Soldier Mountain Ski Area, Fairfield, 788-3788, 726-9013, 726-4056 or 423-2985-5134.



Snowpack level

SEASONAL PERCENTAGE					
	% of Avg.	**peak			
Watershed	112%	80%	Oakley	100%	80%
Salmon	100%	84%	Salmon Falls	105%	84%
Big Wood	104%	82%			As of Feb. 28
Little Wood	104%	78%			
Big Lost	107%	84%			
Little Lost	96%	76%			
Hennys Fork/Teon					
Upper Snake Basin					

* A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.

** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in 1997.

* A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average.
 ** No indicator rain forecast for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

Damage

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State and federal officials set the damage amount for public facilities at only \$700,000—all of it covered by commercial earthquake insurance, said Dan Burns, spokesman for the Nevada Department of Public Safety.

No estimate of the cost of damage to private homes was available Tuesday, but Burns said FEMA would not help pay for those repairs, either.

Burns said that while many homes were damaged, only "a couple" are uninhabitable and a handful were severely damaged.

"It's a disappointment that they didn't qualify for federal aid," Burns said. "But they didn't qualify because the public entities were too well prepared. That's good."

However, a state disaster relief program will provide as much as \$28,800 in repair money to homeowners who cannot otherwise afford the work, Burns said.

To access those needs, the Nevada Division of Emergency Management will schedule a public meeting.

Burns said inspectors, who found cracked over chimneys and cracked walls, have reported "only a few homes

were destroyed."

But the word that reached Wells Mayor Rusay Tybo was that the federal government declined to pitch in because it simply doesn't care.

"I'm very upset at the lack of respect at the federal level for the human factor," Tybo said.

"We have elderly people whose homes were severely damaged. These homes are all they have. We have families living in motel rooms."

"At the national level everything has boiled down to cold, hard cash ... and we don't qualify," he said.

FEMA spokeswoman Kim Walz said the agency has not turned down the state — the state has not asked.

"The estimated cost is in," Walz said. "It's up to the state to determine if there is a need for federal aid."

Burns said his state can cover the damage without FEMA help. Nevada has more than \$5 million set aside for this program. The Small Business Administration will also be providing local customers with low-interest loans, he added.

After the initial 40-second, 6.0 quake Thursday morning, emergency personnel went house-to-house and made

preliminary evaluations of structural damage in homes and public buildings. These were followed up by city-hired structural engineers.

"This is as it should be," said City Manager Jolene Supp. "But the problem is that with each major aftershock, some ranging from 4.2 to 5.0 on the Richter scale, these evaluations have had to be repeated. The evaluation teams have been in some homes three and four times. Both the teams and the homeowners are exhausted."

Inspectors have been marking structures with ribbons: Green means the home is fine; green with orange indicates some concerns; and striped red and white indicates the building is unsafe.

Tybo described "heroic" efforts of city staff over the past few days.

"Staff has worked all weekend and late into the night to ensure city services to all residents," he said. "The backhoes start up at 6 a.m. The public works crew has worked until dark daily to repair leaks in the city's water system. With each major aftershock, a leak or a break appears somewhere. This staff is exhausted."

Supp said she has been working to place city and school services in safer places within the city.

"The sheriff's department has been red-lined out of their second-floor city office space," she said. "We are sharing space with the sheriff's department on the main floor at City Hall here today. They will be moving to the Frontier telephone building soon."

Supp said the city's water tank moved several inches, stressing water lines, and that bolts were blown in some airport hangars, where doors are skewed and won't open.

"There is damage to the hangar aprons," Supp said. "The building at the trap range has issues. The swimming pool is trashed."

Supp said the town public works building has been red-lined and City Hall was damaged. Supp said she arranged for mental health counselors to come to City Hall today.

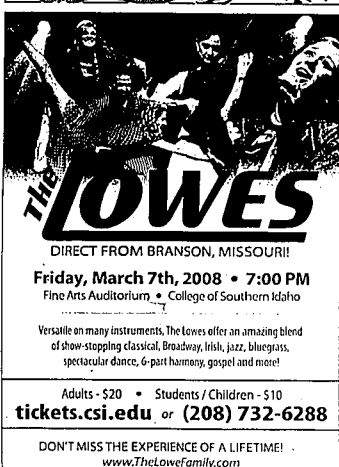
"They will be there to teach us coping skills," she said.

Tybo said the staff needs time to recover from the stress.

"Their elasticity is getting brittle," Tybo said. "We can't keep expecting them to cope with this degree of stress."



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Jerome

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The light there would cost about \$400,000, Rothweiler said, and could be funded through the state and city, with the city covering two-thirds of the cost and the number of lanes within the city's roadway jurisdiction.

State funding for the light is tight, though, and according to ITD's letter it would not become available until 2012. That's a long time for a signal that city officials and community members agree is needed now. And the cost of the light for the city would be equal to the amount it spends annually on street maintenance, Rothweiler said.

So during Monday's meeting officials discussed some innovative funding ideas to get a light to the intersection sooner.

The regional director was supportive of our ideas and concepts and invited us to make a presentation to the state (ITD) board," Rothweiler said. That could happen in May or June, he said.

One idea that city officials came up with — which the

Jerome City Council would have to authorize — would be to use city cash reserves. The city could then be reimbursed by the state, Rothweiler said.

The possibility of a stoplight coming soon to Jerome sounds great to resident Mark Griffith. Griffith and his daughter, Jerome High School sophomore Mackenzie Griffith, were in a car accident at the intersection in December.

"I'll tell you if we could get a light in there in the next year, that would be great," Mark Griffith said. "I think it would save some person's life."

Mackenzie Griffith, who suffered vision loss and has been out of school recovering since the accident, has said a stoplight at the intersection would be a dream come true.

Rothweiler said his goal is to have the light operational one year from now.

"I don't know if it's going to be feasible, it would require lots of cooperation," Rothweiler said. "But I think we can get there if we think of plausible, out-of-the-box solutions."

Scout

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building two baseball dugouts at Harmon Park as an Eagle project in 2005.

His efforts outside of scouting have been recognized with a bronze, silver and gold Congressional Award. Established during President Jimmy Carter's administration in 1979, the awards are designed to challenge students between ages 14 and 24 to stretch their abilities in the city's volunteer system.

With each major aftershock, a leak or a break appears somewhere. This staff is exhausted."

"I like a challenge and doing a little extra to try and make things better," Seastrom said. "I plan on attending

University of Southern California in Los Angeles to major in civil or environmental engineering."

Seastrom's dedication to scouting traditions and scholarship made him a well-rounded candidate for the winter games.

"We were looking for long-term scouts who have ethical standards, the emergency preparedness skills for that environment and, of course, they have to ski," Isinger said.

"I spoke with both him and his parents and was very impressed when he wrote me a wonderful letter saying how he wouldn't let the state or council down."

Gooding

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Thursday, seeking federal loan insurance that could lower their rates by as much as two percentage points. That alone, he said, could save them \$4 million.

The hospital is tentatively planned for early 2010, and Gooding city officials are already preparing for it. Gooding City Clerk Carmen Korson said the city may have to enlarge some of its water and sewer lines in the area, but that she won't know the extent of the work needed — if any — until the hospital finishes and submits its engineering study. The site, on the edge of town, already has lines nearby, and a housing subdivision is planned for the same area.

Farms

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environmental groups and lawmakers who oppose the rule change say the reports are one of the few tools rural communities have for holding large livestock operations accountable for the pollution they produce.

Opponents of the rule change say agriculture lobbyists orchestrated a campaign to convince the EPA that the reports are not useful and misrepresented the effort as reflecting the views of local officials. They say the plan to drop the reporting requirement is emblematic of a broader effort by the Bush-era EPA to roll back federal pollution rules.

The EPA requirement that farms report large emissions of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide from animal manure has been on the books since the 1990s. The EPA does not set limits for the releases; it merely requires that farms disclose emissions over certain levels. Local public health officials say that if people in an area started getting sick with symptoms pointing to emissions, knowing who was reporting big releases of the gases would be most helpful.

The EPA proposed dropping the farm emissions reporting requirement in the aftermath of lawsuits brought by communities against several big farms sought stronger controls of emissions.

The livestock industry has lobbied for years for the rule change. The EPA posted the proposal in the Federal Register while

Congress — which is deeply divided on the issue — was on its December holiday recess. The public comment period ends March 28. The change would take effect in October.



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Blackouts cascade through Florida's power grid

Outages affect up to 3 million

By Jessica Gresho
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — A relatively minor glitch in Florida's electrical grid somehow triggered a chain reaction Tuesday that caused a nuclear plant to shut down and briefly cut power in patches from Daytona

Beach through the Florida Keys.

Up to 3 million people — about a fifth of Florida's population — lost power at various points during the afternoon, though there were no safety concerns at the nuclear plant. And while many areas were hit hard, the outages were short lived

and only about 20,000 people lacked electricity during the evening commute home. Most of the evening outages were due to bad weather, not the grid problem, officials said. An equipment malfunction in a substation near Miami disabled two power distribution lines between Miami and Daytona Beach, and in response, Florida Power & Light's Turkey Point

nuclear plant south of Miami stopped operating around 1 p.m., Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Kenneth Clark said. The utility was trying to determine what caused equipment failure and a fire at the substation, but the company said it was not the kind of problem that should have created the widespread blackouts.

Grid problems caused both Turkey Point reactors to shut down, said the utility's nuclear spokesman, Dick Winn. All the safety systems worked just like they were supposed to and both of those units are in stable condition right now, he said. Clark agreed the plant's safety was not in question. The outages had no connection to terrorism.

Homeland Security Department spokeswoman Laura Keelner said, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez said the outages were technical, not criminal. "It's a matter of just a cascading effect," he said. Florida emergency management officials said the outages cut power to 2 to 3 million people during the heat of a day that saw temperatures reach the 80s.

Senate Republicans have change of heart, welcome Iraq debate

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In an about-face, Senate Republicans on Tuesday agreed with Democrats to advance an anti-war bill because they said the debate would give them time to nail progress in Iraq.

The change of heart came after months of blocking similar measures. But unlike most of last year, security conditions in Iraq have improved, and Republicans say they now feel they have the upper hand on the debate.

"We welcome a discussion about Iraq," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell declared.

The measure, by Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin and Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, would cut off money for combat after 120 days. It had been expected to fall short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a procedural hurdle and move ahead.

But after Republicans agreed in a private meeting that the debate could help make their case, the Senate voted 70-23 to begin debating it this evening.

Aides said a final vote could come later this week, but may be pushed into next week.

The White House said the president would veto such a measure.

"This legislation would substitute the political judgment of legislators for the considered professional military judgment of our military commanders," the administration said in a statement.

Democrats said they welcomed the debate, although they accused Republicans of stalling on plans to debate other issues, namely the nation's housing crisis.

Reid said "a civil war rages" in Iraq and shouldn't be the responsibility of U.S. taxpayers.

"Americans need to start taking care of Americans," he said. "We cannot spend a half billion dollars every day in Iraq."

In recent months, violence in Iraq has subsided significantly and the Baghdad government has made small steps toward political reconciliation, including plans to hold provincial elections on Oct. 1.

While Democratic voters remain largely against the war, polls have shown, the security improvement has helped to cool anxiety among Republicans and turned voters' focus to economic problems at home.

Still, Republicans say they have more convincing to do if they are to control the White House next year.

Sen. John McCain, the GOP's likely presidential nominee, said this week that to win the White House he must convince a war-weary country that U.S. policy in Iraq is succeeding.

If he can't, "then I lose. I lose," the Arizona Republican said. He quickly backed off a remark, McCain was not expected to return for the debate. But he said he opposes the bill.

"If ever there was a case for precipitous withdrawal from Iraq — and I believe there never was — now is the last time anyone should consider such a step," he said in a statement.

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Clinton, Obama clash over NAFTA, health care, Iraq war

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND — Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama clashed over trade, health care and the war in Iraq Tuesday night in a crackling debate at close quarters one week before a pivotal group of primaries.

Charges of negative campaign tactics were high on the program, too.

"Senator Obama has consistently said I have health

care whether they can afford it or not," said Clinton, insisting it was not true.

Responding quickly, Obama countered that former first lady had consistently claimed his plan "would leave 15 million people out ... I dispute that. I think it is inaccurate," he said.

The tone was polite yet pointed, increasingly so as the 90-minute session wore on, a reflection of the stakes in a race in which Obama has won 11 straight

primaries and caucuses and Clinton is in desperate need of a comeback.

Clinton also said as far as she knew her campaign had nothing to do with circulating a photograph of Obama wearing a white turban and a wraparound white robe presented to him by elders in



Clinton



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Wajir, in northeastern Kenya.

The gossip and news Web site The Drudge Report posted the photograph Monday and said, without substantiation, that it was being circulated by "Clinton staffers."

"We have no evidence where it came from," Clinton said, making clear that's not

the kind of behavior she wants in her campaign.

"I take Senator Clinton at her word that she knew nothing about the photo," Obama said.

The two rivals, the only survivors of a grueling primary season, sat about a foot apart at a table on stage at Cleveland State University. It was the 20th debate of the campaign, 10 months to the day after the first.

The race was far different in April 2007, Clinton the front-runner by far. Now Obama holds that place, both in terms of contests and delegates won.

Both Obama and Clinton were on the receiving end of pointed questions from Tim Russert of NBC News, one of two moderators for the event.

Asked whether he was waffling on his pledge of agreeing to take federal funds for the fall campaign, Obama said he was still contesting the primaries.

"If I am the nominee I will sit down with John McCain and make sure we come up with a system that is fair to both sides," he said. Obama could presumably raise far more money than the federal system provides, but accepting government money precludes that.

The equivalent question to Clinton concerned the income tax returns that she and her husband, former President Clinton, file jointly. "I will release my tax returns," Clinton said. If she becomes the Democratic nominee, she then added she might do so "even earlier."

but not before Tuesday's primary.

The two rivals also debated NAFTA, the free trade agreement with Canada and Mexico that is wildly unpopular with blue-collar workers whose votes are critical in any Democratic primary in Ohio.

Neither one said they were ready to withdraw from the agreement, although both said they would use the threat of withdrawal to pressure Mexico to make changes.

"I have said I would renegotiate NAFTA," said Clinton. "I will say to Mexico that we will opt out of NAFTA unless we renegotiate it."

Obama said Clinton has tried to have it both ways, touting the trade deal in farm states where it is popular while finding fault with it in places like Ohio.

"This is something I have been consistent about," said Obama, who said he went to the American Farm Bureau Federation to tout his opposition and used it as an issue in his 2004 Senate campaign.

"That conversation I had with the Farm Bureau, I was not ambivalent at all," said Obama.

On the war, both candidates denounced President Bush's record on Iraq, then restated long-held disagreements over which of them was more opposed.

Clinton said she and Obama had virtually identical voting records on the war since he came to the Senate in 2005.

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EDITORIAL

Modest compensation keeps
Idaho's Legislature grounded

It's not great money — \$16,116 in salary, \$10,004 in tax-free per diem and a \$2,200 office fund — for what's essentially a year-round job nowadays. But don't feel sorry for the 105 members of the Idaho Legislature. A lot of perks attend to the job — great health plan, a pension, fire life insurance and gifts from lobbyists. All told, lawmakers probably do as well or better than the average Idaho wage-earner's \$32,225-a-year.

And that's low enough to keep our citizen Legislature from becoming a professional Legislature.

There are some drawbacks to the modest compensation for Idaho lawmakers, of course. Even if he or she could get permission from the boss, a schoolteacher from, say, Piler, couldn't afford to serve in the Legislature. Neither could a Pocatello IT worker, a Coeur d'Alene firefighter or a Lewiston mill worker.

That fact skews the composition of the Legislature heavily toward the retired, the self-employed and the well-to-do — making it the nation's oldest.

And it probably gives lobbyists who buy meals for lawmakers and ply them with presents more influence than they should have.

But would more pay curb that influence? Probably not. Nor would it significantly increase the diversity of the Legislature.

Not much will change as long as the Legislature meets in Boise from January through March. That's simply not a practical part-time job for the average wage-earner.

Yet there are some things the Legislative Compensation Commission can do to make running for the Legislature easier for more people: ensuring benefits are competitive, for example, and assuring that the tax-free per diem keeps up with out-of-pocket costs.

Perhaps more importantly, lawmakers could spend a little more to hire more staff. Any lawmaker can request assistance from the Legislative Service Office, but it doesn't have the manpower to deal with the individual needs of all 105 of them.

So many lawmakers get the bulk of their information from lobbyists, who aren't exactly an objective source.

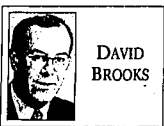
There's no sentiment among Idahoans that we need a year-round, California-style professional Legislature. Idahoans want to be represented by people they can talk to in the grocery store, in church or at the coffee shop.

They like the idea of sending their neighbors to Boise, and they appreciate the fact those folks aren't getting rich in the process.

Our view:
Idaho legislators are probably underpaid, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The truth about McCain's record

You wouldn't know it to look at them, but political consultants are as faddish as you are. And the current vogueish advice among the back-room set is: Go after your opponent's strengths. So in the first volley of the general election campaign, Barack Obama has attacked John McCain for being too close to lobbyists. His assault is part of this week's Democratic chorus: McCain isn't really the anti-special interest reformer he pretends to be. He's more tainted than his reputation suggests.

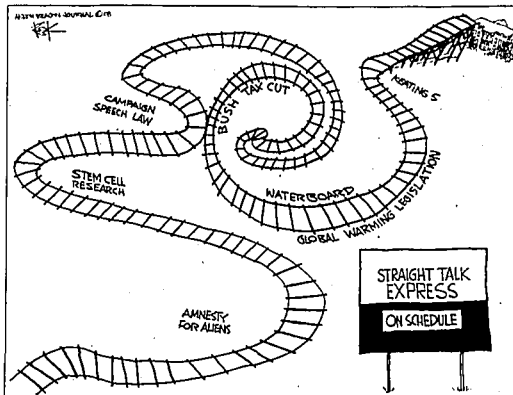


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Well, anything is worth trying, I suppose, but there is the little problem of his record. McCain has fought one battle after another against lobbyists and special interests. And while I don't have space to describe all his tussles, or even the lesser ones like his fight with the agricultural lobby against sugar subsidies, I thought, in vote about these changes, it might be worth noting some of the McCain highlights from the past dozen years:

• In 1996, McCain was one of five senators, and the only Republican, to vote against the Telecommunications Act. He did it because he believed the act gave away too much to the telecommunications companies, and protected them from true competition. He noted that AT&T alone gave \$700,000 to Republicans and \$455,000 to Democrats in the year leading up to the vote.

• In 1998, McCain championed anti-smoking legislation that faced furious opposition from the tobacco industry. McCain guided the legislation through the Senate Commerce Committee on a 91-9 vote, but then the tobacco companies struck back. They hired 200 lobbyists and spent \$40 million in advertising three times as much as the Harry-and-Louise health care reform ads. Many of the ads attacked McCain by name, accusing him of becoming a big government liberal. After weeks of bitter



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debate, the bill died on the Senate floor.

• In 2000, McCain ran for president and reiterated his longstanding opposition to ethanol subsidies. Though it crippled his chances in Iowa, he argued that ethanol was a wasteful giveaway. A recent study in the *Journal of Science* has shown that when you take all impacts into consideration, ethanol consumption increases greenhouse gas emissions compared to regular gasoline. Unlike, say, Barack Obama, McCain still opposes ethanol subsidies.

• In 2002, McCain capped his long push for campaign finance reform by passing the McCain-Feingold Act. People can argue about the effectiveness of the act, but one thing is beyond dispute: It was a direct assault on lobbyist power, and earned McCain undying enmity among many important parts of the Republican coalition, who felt their cash money influence was being diminished.

• In 2003, the Senate nearly passed the McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act. The act was opposed by the usual mix of energy, auto and mining

companies. But moderate environmental groups were thrilled that McCain-Lieberman was able to attract more than 40 votes in the Senate.

• In 2004, McCain launched a frontal assault on the leasing contract that the Pentagon had signed with Boeing for aerial refueling tankers. McCain's investigation exposed billions of dollars of waste and layers of contracting irregularity.

• In 2005, McCain led the congressional investigation into the behavior of the lobbyist Jack Abramoff. The investigation was exceedingly unpleasant for Republicans, because it exposed shocking misbehavior by important conservative activists.

Over the past few years, McCain has stepped up his longstanding assault on earmarks. Every year, McCain goes to the Senate floor to ridicule the latest batch of earmarks, and every year his colleagues and the lobbyists fume. For years, McCain has proposed legislative remedies — greater transparency, a 60-vote supermajority requirement — that were brutally unpopular with many col-

leagues until, suddenly, now.

Over the course of his career, McCain has tried to do the impossible. He has challenged the winds of the money game. He has sometimes failed and fallen short. And there have always been critics who cherry-pick his compromises, ignore his large efforts and accuse him of being a hypocrite.

This is, of course, the gospel of the mediocre man: to ridicule somebody who tries something difficult on the grounds that the effort was not a total success. But any decent person who looks at the McCain record sees that while he has certainly faltered at times, he has also battled concentrated power more doggedly than any other legislator. If this is the record of a candidate with lobbyists on his campaign, then, every candidate should have lobbyists on the bus.

And here's the larger point: We're going to have two extraordinary nominees for president this year. This could be one of the great general election campaigns in American history. The only thing that could ruin it is if the candidates become demagogues and hurl accusations at each other that are an insult to reality and common sense.

Maybe Obama can start this campaign over.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I then taught at Bicket for four years. In the spring and fall it was stiflingly hot. It wasn't uncommon in the first seven weeks of school when the fall temperatures reached into the '80s and '90s that the upstairs rooms approached the upper '90s. I was at Bicket in 1998 when the building was converted from coal to natural gas. The building has since been outfitted with swamp coolers. The ability to teach and

learn in those sweltering rooms upstairs is now quite bearable and rather comfortable.

I also taught for five years at Sawtooth and can speak firsthand at how well the building is kept up with new heating and cooling, carpet and other upgrades.

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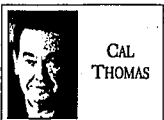
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STEVE HOY
Twin Falls

If you believe big media, the economy is in trouble. If you worry about job layoffs and your inability to pay bills, you may be thinking about voting for Democrats this fall, which is the point of the negative media coverage. Every four years when a Republican president is elected, big media carry stories about economic gloom and doom. But is it true? It depends on the standard you use.

Last week, *The Washington Post* carried a story that is a mystery for what it tells us. It was about a Maryland couple whose mortgage lender took back what remained of a \$95,000 home equity line of credit. The lender explained that the couple's home had fallen in value and that the lender was trying to shoulder the risk that they might owe more than the house was worth. The couple was using the equity line to pay preschool tuition for their twins.

A good financial adviser might have helped them avoid this predicament, but we are immediately led to the supposedly bottomless well of the federal government. Politicians, especially Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, pledge to shoulder the responsibility of making



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sure that people whose mortgages are higher than they can reasonably afford and whose debts are larger than they should be get bailed out by the rest of us who made right financial decisions and practice living within our means. I know, this sounds cold, but only to those who live this way.

Lenders across the country are pulling the plug on equity lines and tightening credit decisions and making people for whom the housing market was their pot of gold.

Much of this economic "pain" is self-inflicted. Rather than purchasing homes they could not afford — or putting them down, making them cash poor — they might have invested their equity in balanced mutual funds (the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 11.59 percent over a 10-year period). Such a path could have avoided the tight spot in which many now find themselves.

Some of the lust for bigger and better is human nature, but a lot is the result of consumerism. The Times watch is no longer enough. We now must have a Rolex, though both accurately tell time. The adequate low-end automobile is insufficient. We must trade up to a luxury car with numbers and letters on the rear that make nothing, but convey "status." And the house we are living in, which would have been more than adequate for our parents and certainly our grandparents, must be upgraded to larger digs in order to impress, if not growing families, than enlarged egos.

When none of this brings the promised happiness and fulfillment, we turn to drink, or pills, or other means of escape. We divorce and seek significance in new things and relationships on what quickly becomes a personal boulevard of broken dreams.

We can't say we haven't heard about the endless pursuit of stuff. The writer of Ecclesiastes wrote, "Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income." As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner

except to feast his eyes on them" (*Ecclesiastes 5:10-11*). But as our wants and needs are confused, desires become entitlements and politicians are afraid to tell people what they need to hear. Instead they tell them what they want to hear. Anger and envy swirl, as does frustration with a political system that was not designed to indulge its citizens in their lusts or subsidize their greed.

Who will tell us that unending and expanding prosperity with home values soaring is what is best? The economy always able to afford them is a fantasy that is bound to end in heartache for those who buy into it?

The economy isn't bad. We are bad for believing that. The economy is what is best. We have an abundance of things, but a deficit of character. The economy is a false god, a golden calf. When this false god doesn't deliver, we complain to politicians who are happy to accept our faith in them to give us what we want — if we will only pledge to them our allegiance at election time.

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Figuring out what whites like

Six weeks ago, 29-year-old Culver City, Calif., Internet copy writer Christian Lander started a blog stuffwhitepeople.wordpress.com, on a whim, thinking he'd poke fun at himself and fellow white people.

Spending roughly two hours a day writing satirical posts about "stuff white people like," Lander had no idea how much his little inside joke would catch on. In the first week, the site received about 200 hits a day. The next week, it jumped to 600, and then 4,000 the next. By last week, he was averaging 300,000 daily hits.

Lander, who arrived in Los Angeles from Toronto 2 1/2 years ago, came up with the idea for the blog after talking to a Filipino friend about how much they both liked the HBO police drama "The Wire." For some reason he's already forgotten, they both wished that more white people watched the show. Which got him thinking: What exactly do white people like?

By "white people," Lander doesn't actually mean the more than 221 million Americans who identify that box on the decennial census. But that's part of the fun. Lander is doing to whites what scores of journalists and politicians



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do to non-white minorities every day: "essentializing" complex identities—that is, stripping away all variety and reducing them to their presumed authentic essences.

One irony-deficient reader complained that the blog was less about white people than it was about yuppies. And without knowing it, she was cutting to the heart of the joke. Lander is gently making fun of the many privileged, educated, upper-middle-class whites who think they are beyond ethnicity or collectively shared tastes, styles or outlook. He's essentially reminding them that they, too, are part of a group.

"I'm writing about the white people who think they're absolutely unique and individual," Lander told me. "I'm calling them out and poking fun of myself. The things I put are all the things I like too."

And what are those things? Recycling, expensive sandwiches, standing still at concerts,

Toyota Priuses, natural medicine, irony, public radio, breakfast places, vegetarianism, organic foods and being an expert on ethnic cultures are just a few.

Lander thinks that most of his readers are actually members of the elite group he's lampooning.

As unusual as Lander's site is, it is also part of a sociological trend among whites who live in increasingly non-Anglo cities and regions: their transformation into a minority group. Whites used to think of themselves as standard-issue American—they had the luxury of not having to grapple with the significance of their own racial background; they were "us" and everyone else was "ethnic." Not anymore.

"Demographic shifts have put a new kind of pressure on that category of people who were once just considered the norm," says Mike Hill, author of "After Whiteness: Unmaking an American Majority."

"White identity is becoming particularized and minoritized. No longer the normative category, it's becoming one of many identities."

This pressure naturally leads to a greater sense of self-consciousness as the new minority begins to

negotiate their relationships with members of other minorities (everyone else).

Still, Lander is less concerned with cross-ethnic and racial relations than he is with how whites treat each other. As a one-time graduate student in the Midwest, he got tired of coastal condescension of the fly-over states and the glib assumption that "red-staters are evil and stupid."

"Too many white people don't like to be reminded that they're white. They like to think that white people are those evil corporate right-wingers or the uneducated masses who vote the wrong way. But 'enlightened whites' are white people too and have just as much of a group mentality as they think the red states have."

Still, Lander doesn't want you to think he's angry or taking himself too seriously. "First and foremost, it's satire. It's funny," he says. "I'm trying to make people laugh."

But he's doing so in a brave new world in which we're all becoming minorities, and nobody's really sure who's going to have the last laugh.

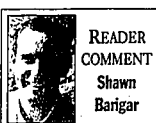
Los Angeles Times columnist Gregory Rodriguez is director of the California Fellows Program at the New America Foundation.

T.F. schools levy: A wise investment in human capital

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce urges voters to support the upcoming Twin Falls School District Plant Facilities Levy. As a business organization, the chamber advocates activities, events, and projects to enhance our community's economic vitality and quality of life. The proposed continuing investment in our school facilities is critical to the continued prosperity of the Twin Falls area.

The Twin Falls School District's plant facilities levy has been in place for the past 50 years. This proposed levy will not increase the current tax rate for property owners. The district has shown wisdom in how it has shown wisdom in the past, allowing effective use of facilities for a long period of time. The renewal of the levy will further the life of existing facilities.

Quality schools are a key factor for businesses who are considering expansion or relocation in the Twin Falls area. According to research from the Economic Policy Institute, a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank that seeks to broaden the public debate about strategies to achieve a prosperous and fair economy, a forward-thinking approach to investing in education will help to equip today's and tomorrow's citizens with the skills and attitudes they need for economic and civic success. Investment in this "human capital" provides future returns to the economy through labor productivity. A solid education increases worker earnings and helps to solve social problems, which can also weigh heavily on the economy. This research confirms the



READER COMMENT
Shawn Barigar

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value of investing in educational programs, technologies, and infrastructure from preschool through primary and secondary education. Planning for the future growth and needs of our education system to serve our children is important. The proposed levy renewal will allow the district to fund facility maintenance, technology upgrades, remodeling, and additions.

The Chamber encourages voters to learn more about the levy at the school district website at www.tfsd.k12.id.us. We urge voters in the Twin Falls School District to head to the polls on Tuesday, March 11, to vote "yes" on the levy renewal. Through the levy, we call for the opportunity to invest in our children, in our community, and in the future well-being of our area.

Shawn Barigar is the president and chief executive officer of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. This letter reflects the views of the chamber's board.

QUOTES IN THE NEWS

"We are very humble.

We are here to make music."

— New York Philharmonic music director Lorin Maazel before performing in North Korea, noting that he hoped the concert could spark other cultural and social exchanges with the communist country.

"We're not gonna change. I'm too country."

— Tonya Harris, of Port of Call, Ga., after she and her husband won about \$115 million, after taxes, in a Mega Millions lottery jackpot.

"What I am expecting from China is what I am expecting from others:

Use all influence possible with the North Koreans to convince them that it is time to move forward."

— U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice asking China to use its influence to jump-start the stalled process of dismantling North Korea's nuclear programs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Family, village sacrificed in pursuit of American dream

Why are so many of our children and young adults turning to alcohol and drug use? Sometimes they are escaping child abuse and low self-esteem, but more often, they just want to belong and have a sense of wholeness and place of security. We sacrifice the family and village in the pursuit of the American dream.

Drugs and alcohol fill the void in our children's lives and the emptiness gets bigger with their use. Why do we put our children at risk? Addiction is taking them to places they don't even want to go.

The jails are full and running over. We catch and release the drug offender when we could educate, prevent and treat with much less expense. Our jails have a revolving door for repeat offenders. One prosecuting attorney said, "We cannot incarcerate our way out of this problem."

Our children should be educated from the elementary on up on drug awareness and the consequences of using. That can't be done when the

funding for the curriculum is taken away.

The old Alcoholics Anonymous saying, "I don't have a drinking problem ... I have a coping problem." The government isn't going to fix it so maybe the community better.

Watch the commercials being directed to our youth. Drink and you'll have friends and a good time. The advertisements are at the eye level of our children in the magazine racks in the convenience stores and supermarkets.

Our children will never know the value of a village unless we give it back to them. The village must take care of its own.

LOYD T. BAKEWELL
Twin Falls

Let's help Idaho Power lower cost of electricity

Take an early morning stroll down any busy street and breathe in the exhaust fumes from hundreds of gas and diesel engines, spring and summer. Take a slow drive in the country and smell the feeding corns and the manure piles and cesspool

manure settling ponds. In late summer and fall, the air is full of dust from harvest time.

Ours is an agriculture-based economy and we must keep the price of a gallon of milk equal to a gallon of gas—all a necessary evil for our economy.

Look at your power bill—so high because Idaho Power co. must buy power generated out of state.

In the 1950s, we built the breeder reactor using uranium for fuel. We transferred power to light up Arco and prove atomic-powered generators were feasible.

Surely France learned about our Idaho technology and started building atomic-powered generators, and it never quit. It now sells its Idaho-acquired knowledge to unfriendly Islam.

We also developed the naval prototypes of submarine and other vessels with atomic-powered engines

for years and still safely generating refueled and remodeled with modern equipment.

Meantime, our first reactor, BWR-1, is a roadside tourist attraction.

It's only wrongdoing was spewing harmless, beneficial water vapor in our air from a cooling tower recovering water to be reused to cool the reactor and scare the uneeducated about nuclear fallout.

Let's pull our heads out of the sand and do all we can to let Idaho Power Co., which has the knowledge generating and distributing electric power, to lower the cost of our electricity.

DALLAS M. CHRISTOPHERSON
Jerome

School system must learn to live within a budget

Evidently, Mr. Dobbs has not been keeping an eye on

the stock market and the recession that we are in but will be asking taxpayers to dig deeper for millions of dollars more on March 11 for the new high school, which may or may not have been needed.

I believe that we, the taxpayers have been hoodwinked into believing that \$49.7 million is all that would be needed, but behind closed doors, school officials knew differently.

As a homeowner whose property taxes were recently

increased by 25 percent, I don't care to hear any more about the wants and needs of the school system.

I will be voting no on March 11 for the simple reason that if my family has to live on less, I expect the school system to live within a budget just as taxpayers are forced to do!

If any one institution will bankrupt the homeowners and renters, it is this school system.

TONY SALIERNO
Twin Falls

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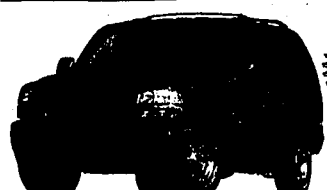
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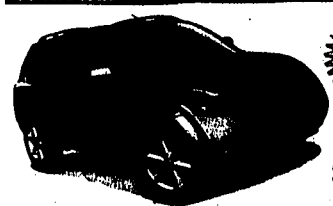
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Houston's Yao out for season with stress fracture



Houston Rockets center Yao Ming speaks at a press conference after it was announced he would not play for the rest of the NBA season due to a stress fracture in his left foot Tuesday in Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — All-Star center Yao Ming is out for the season with a stress fracture in his left foot, a stunning blow to the surging Houston Rockets.

General manager Daryl Morey made the announcement Tuesday, hours before the Rockets put their 12-game winning streak on the line against the Washington Wizards.

Yao was having a terrific season, averaging 22 points and 10.8 rebounds per game.

"It is not an injury we feel he can play with," Rockets team doctor Tom Clanton said.

If Yao chooses surgery, Clanton said, it would involve placing screws across the bone

Without Yao, Houston wins 13th straight

HOUSTON (AP) — In their first game without Yao Ming, Luther Head had 40 points to lead the Houston Rockets to a 94-69 win over the Washington Wizards on Tuesday night for their 13th straight victory.

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ing to a 7-0 lead and never trailing as they coasted to their 17th win in the last 18 games. The streak is their longest since their championship season of 1993-94, and the longest active streak in the NBA. Houston started 41-year-old Dikembe Mutombo in place of Yao, but also used the 6-foot-9 Carl Landry in the spot.

That possibility is weighing heavily on him though.

"If I cannot play in the Olympics for my country this time, it will be the biggest loss in my career to right now," he said.

He doesn't even want to think about how his absence in the game would affect his fans in China.

"I don't want to try, actually and I don't want to know either," he said.

Coach Rick Adelman and Morey told the team before Tuesday's showaround. Yao said it was a difficult day for him from the moment he walked into the building.

to hold it together. The second option would be to treat it with a cast and crutches, both options involve a healing time of about four months.

Clanton would not say when Yao could play again, but said he doesn't expect the center to miss the Beijing Olympics in August.

T'wolves trounce visiting Jazz

MINNEAPOLIS — Al Jefferson and Rashad McCants scored 22 points, while Randy Foye added a season-high 20 for the Minnesota Timberwolves, who made the visiting Utah Jazz — not themselves — look like the worst team in the Northwest Division with a 111-100 victory Tuesday in Minneapolis.

Minnesota forced 24 turnovers and held the Jazz to 6-for-21 shooting in the final quarter to get its first win against the Northwest Division.

Carlos Boozer had 34 points and Deron Williams finished with 18 points and nine assists for the Jazz. Mehmet Okur had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Boozer was held to just five points in the fourth quarter after scoring 17 in the first half and 12 in the third quarter.

HEAT 107, KINGS 86

MIAMI — Miami broke an 11-game losing streak as Shawn Marion scored 24 points on 10-of-14 shooting and Udonis Haslem added 17 to beat the Kings.

Dwyane Wade finished with 15 points and nine assists for the Heat, who won for just the second time in their last 28 games — and did so in style, with their largest margin of the season in their first win since trading Shaquille O'Neal to Phoenix.

Spencer Hawes scored 16 points, while Ron Artest and Kevin Martin each finished with 14 for the Kings.

MAGIC 102, NETS 92

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Hedo Turkoglu scored 17 his 25 points in the fourth quarter and the Magic won their third straight game.

Rashard Lewis added 25 points, and slam dunk champion Dwight Howard had his 50th double-double of the season (17 points, 10 rebounds).

Vince Carter had 26 points and Richard Jefferson 20 for New Jersey.

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Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer knocks the ball away from Minnesota Timberwolves forward Ryan Gomes, left, in first quarter of Tuesday's game in Minneapolis.

the longest active streak in the NBA.

blockbuster trade.

BUCKS 105, CAVALIERS 102

MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd hit a winning 3-pointer as the final horn sounded against the new-look Cavaliers.

Mo Williams scored a season-high 37 for Milwaukee, which has won three of its last four games, with victories over Cleveland, Denver and Detroit.

James scored 35 for the Cavaliers, who struggled to integrate the four new players they obtained in a recent

SUNS 127, GRIZZLIES 113

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Steve Nash led the Suns and Grant Hill had 23.

Luigi Gay led the Grizzlies with a career-high 36 points. Hakim Warrick scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

— The Associated Press

No. 18 Vanderbilt upsets top-ranked Vols

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Volunteers found out being No. 1 can be tougher than beating No. 1.

Shan Foster scored 32 points and No. 18 Vanderbilt knocked off Tennessee 72-69 on Tuesday night — a day after the Vols moved into the top spot in the rankings for the first time in school history.

The Vols (25-3, 11-2 Southeastern Conference) beat then-No. 1 Memphis on Saturday night 66-62 on the western edge of Tennessee for their ninth straight victory to earn that spot themselves, then had to travel back to the middle part of the state to defend their top ranking for the first time.

Vanderbilt (24-4, 9-4) has hosted the No. 1 team nine times in its 56 years at Memorial Gym, and the Commodores improved to 6-3 overall in those games with victories in the most four, including then-No. 1 Florida last year. The Commodores also now have won all 18 home games this season and 31 of their last 32.

Jermaine Beal added 17 points and Alex Gordon 11 as Vanderbilt won its seventh straight. The Doves moved into a tie with Kentucky for second in the SEC East, a mere game behind the Vols with three games to play.

Chris Lofton led Tennessee with 25

points. Tyler Smith, playing with the flu, had 11 points and a career-high 17 rebounds.

The Commodores celebrated by high-fiving classmates as they walked and skipped between the student section and the campus officers keeping them off the court.

These rivals separated by less than 200 miles hadn't played in Nashville with both ranked since 1968. Vandy won that game also.

This time, the Commodores had a sell-out crowd making it even louder than what the Vols faced from a bigger group in Memphis' FedExForum.

accomplished," said his mother, Kathy Wilcox. Also attending the opening ceremony were Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, Boise Mayor Dave Bieter, and Special Olympics chairman Timothy Shriver, son of founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

"I guarantee the (games) will enrich and change each and every one of your lives," Otter told those attending the opening ceremony.

Kirk Grogan is a global messenger for Special Olympics.

"During the next few days you're going to be inspired, motivated and encouraged as these athletes demonstrate their skills to the best of their abilities," he told those gathered for the opening ceremony.

CSI men slip to No. 3 in final juco rankings

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will enter postseason play as the third-ranked team in the nation.

The 27-1 Golden Eagles slipped to the No. 3 spot as the final NCAA Division I Poll of the season was released Tuesday. After suffering a 90-78 loss to fourth-ranked Salt Lake Community College last Friday in Twin Falls, the Golden Eagles rebounded for a 105-87 Saturday win.

However, CSI's Friday loss was enough to vault undefeated Wallace State Community College of Hanceville, Ala., into the top spot. The 29-0 Lions picked up 13 of a possible 16 first-place votes. Pressession No. 1 Chipola College (Fla.) moved into the No. 2 spot, as the 29-1 Indians garnered two first-place votes.

The Salt Lake Bruins retained their previous No. 4 ranking. The Bruins center the last week of Seaside West Athletic Conference play with a 26-2 record, both losses coming at the hands of CSI.

The Golden Eagles can wrap up their first outright SWAC regular-season title

NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll

Released Tuesday, Feb. 26

College (last-yr. vote)	Rank	Pts.	1st PW
1. Wallace St.-Hanceville, Ala.	1	250	2
2. Chipola, Fla. (0)	2	241	3
3. CSI, Idaho	3	271	1
4. South Lake, Cal.	4	262	4
5. University of Mississippi	5	242	5
6. Oklahoma-Warrior, Okla.	6	253	6
7. Midland, Texas	7	251	8
8. Odessa, Texas	8	263	9
9. Cowley County, Kan.	9	262	10
10. Tyler, Texas	10	239	11
11. Iowa Western	11	273	12
12. Arkansas-Fort Smith	12	263	13
13. Arizona Western	13	243	14
14. Walters, Tenn.	14	272	15
15. Middle Tenn.	15	254	16
16. Southwestern Illinois	16	254	17
17. Kentucky State	17	244	18
18. Missouri St.-West Plains	18	264	19
19. (tie) Three Rivers, Mo.	19	246	20
20. (tie) Northwood, N.C.	20	273	21
Others receiving votes: Hutchinson, Kan.; Paris, Ky.; Texas St.; Southeastern Illinois, Ill.			

with a road sweep of Colorado State. Northwest Community College will play this Friday and Saturday. CSI defeated the 3-21 Spartans 146-96 earlier this season in Twin Falls.

Salt Lake finishes its regular-season schedule with a Friday game at Nevada State and a Saturday home stand against a 15-13 College of Eastern Utah squad.

Both CSI and SLCC have assured themselves of first-round byes at the Region 18 Tournament in Twin Falls, which will begin Thursday, March 6.

Hoosiers win first home game without Sampson

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Armon Bassett scored 23 points and Eric Gordon added 17 to lead the 12th-ranked Indiana Hoosiers past Ohio State 72-69 on Tuesday night for Dan Dakich's first coaching victory at Assembly Hall.

Dakich replaced Kelvin Sampson as Indiana's coach Friday, after Sampson resigned amid a phone-call scandal. Dakich barely won his first game Saturday night at Northwestern. But after 410 games as an Indiana (24-4, 13-2 Big Ten) assistant and one road game as head coach, he finally won one in Bloomington.

The Buckeyes (17-11, 8-7) were led by Kosta Koufos with 21 points. Ohio State lost its third straight, and has now lost five of seven.

Drake (24-4, 13-3) made six 3-pointers in a span of about four minutes to cut into a 17-point lead, then trimmed it to 85-83 on Adam Emmenecker's driving layup. Missouri State gave the Hoosiers a chance, missing three free throws in the final 26 seconds, but Mitchell stole the long inbound with 2.1 seconds left, sending the student section charging out to center court.

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Special Olympics under way in Idaho

BOISE (AP) — The 2008 Special Olympics Invitational Winter Games in Idaho have started.

The event began Monday with a torch run through downtown Boise and an opening ceremony at Taco Bell Arena.

The games go through Thursday and include cross-country skiing, floor hockey, snowboarding, and snowshoeing. Competitions are being held in Boise, Bogus Basin ski area, Tamarack Resort, and Sun Valley.

The games have drawn about 300 athletes from Idaho and several other states. Athletes from Kuwait, Austria, Romania and China are also taking part.

All delegations during the opening

ceremony wore blue and white scarves that were hand-knitted gifts from Idaho volunteers.

The Invitational games are a fire-runner to the 2009 Special Olympics World Games, which could draw as many as 3,000 competitors from 85 countries, organizers said, and bring 10,000 relatives, coaches, supporters and volunteers to Idaho.

Athletes at Monday's opening ceremony stood to take the Special Olympics oath: "For me, win. But I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Boise athlete David Gish, a snowshoer, lit the Special Olympics flame.

"It was fun," said Gish.

"I am so proud of him, all he's

— The Associated Press

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2008 Real Dairy Shootout: First-round state schedules

Class 5A

At the Idaho Center Thursday, Feb. 28
Game 1: Coeur d'Alene (20-2) vs. Madison (18-9), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Eagle (18-9), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Centennial (11-12), 5 p.m.
Game 4: Highland (20-2) vs. Timberline (17-6), 6:15 p.m.
Game 5: Lewiston (15-7) vs. Valluave (20-3), 8 p.m.

Class 4A

At College of Idaho Thursday, Feb. 28
Game 1: Skyview (17-9) vs. Century (17-8), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Bonnellville (16-7) vs. Middleton (13-11), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Moscow (19-13) vs. Pocatello (13-12), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Burley (24-0) vs. Emmett (17-6), 8 p.m.

Class 3A

At Meridian HS Thursday, Feb. 28
Game 1: Shelley (18-4) vs. Bonners Ferry (14-9), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Fruitland (20-2) vs. Buhl (17-8), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Kimberly (14-7) vs. Kellogg (16-5), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Snake River (15-6) vs. Weiser (17-8), 8 p.m.

Class 2A

At Capital HS, Boise Thursday, Feb. 28
Game 1: Fifth (20-2) vs. Orofino (15-7), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Wendell (15-8) vs. Soda Springs (15-10), 3 p.m.
Game 3: West Side (18-4) vs. Nampa Christian (13-12), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: New Plymouth (15-7) vs. West Jefferson (13-10), 8 p.m.

Class 1A

Wednesday, Feb. 27
At Valluave HS, Caldwell
Game 1: Genesee (20-3) vs. Richfield (23-1), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Shoshone (14-2) vs. Wallace (16-6), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Cascade (20-3) vs. Hagerman (17-8), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Murlough (18-7) vs. Rimrock (16-8), 8 p.m.
At Caldwell HS

Game 5: Carey (21-3) vs. Troy (17-6), 1:15 p.m.
Game 6: Clark County (17-6) vs. Council (16-9), 3 p.m.
Game 7: Clark Fork (17-4) vs. Oakley (15-9), 6:15 p.m.
Game 8: Lapwai (20-3) vs. Garden Valley (16-3), 8 p.m.
Note: The Times-News will offer live online updates from select state tournament games. Log on to MagicalCavalry.com/blogs/sports beginning this evening.

Capsules

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Brown is not only a prolific scorer for the Pirates, but an accomplished rebounder. The 6-foot-4 senior, who was a first-team all-state selection as a junior, grabbed a school-record 30 rebounds in a regular-season game against Marsburg. He also added 23 points and five assists in the win.

West Jefferson Panthers

Record: 12-10
Coach: John Tucker, fourth year
Road to state: Beat North Fremont 76-57 in the first round of the District VI tournament; lost to Rio 49-20 in second round; beat North Fremont 85-58 in an elimination game; beat Rio 39-38 in a winner-take-all, loser-out game; lost to Fifth 63-33 in the championship game.

Players to watch: Colby Ward, guard (13.3 ppg, 6.9 reb, 35.5 percent 3-point shooter), Tyson Hansen, senior (13.2 ppg, 2.8 ast, 2.5 ast, 16 McDonald's, 5th, post (10.2 ppg, 6.9 reb).

Notes: The West Jefferson offense philosophy is simple: Live by the 3, die by the 3. Senior guard Colby Ward has no problem logging over more than 10 hours in any game. Tyson Hansen sent his team to state with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer against Rio. West Jefferson has scored more than 80 points six times this season.

Class 1A

Genesee Bulldogs

Record: 23-1
Coach: Jason Boyd, first season
Road to state: Defeated Deary 44-43 in first round of 1A District II tournament; defeated Troy 48-38 in semifinals; defeated Lapwai 64-48 in championship game.

Players to watch: Beau Dahmen, 6-0, jr., forward; Gareth Ford, 6-3, sr., forward; Ty Kinyon, 6-4, sr., center.
Notes: The Bulldogs built a season of key seniors and their coach, Jeff Boyd, after winning the state title last year. But with Jason Boyd, the son of the old coach, and a talented group of players in charge, Genesee is a threat to repeat. The Bulldogs are again ready to earn their press defense and are often better than Dahmen, a skilled perimeter player.

Richfield Tigers

Record: 23-1
Coach: Gary Ward, 13th year
Road to state: Defeated Shoshone in District IV North semifinal; lost to Carey in championship game; defeated Shoshone in second-place game; defeated Oakley in district third-place game.

Players to watch: G/F Brian Buckner (5), G Michael Luzzani (5), G/D Tim Clark (9).
Notes: Richfield held the top spot in the media poll almost all year long, but was upset by Carey in the District IV North championship game. The Tigers' relentless press defense, intense and physical in half court, was incredibly difficult to stop, but they have been known to take entire quarters off at times. Last year this team went two-out-of-two at state. This time around the expectations are much higher. The \$64,000 question is whether Richfield can put four complete games together when it matters most, against top-level opposition.

Sho-Ban Chiefs

Record: 14-2
Coach: Merle Smith
Road to state: Beat Rockland, 64-52 in first round of Rocky Mountain Conference tournament; lost to Clark County, 57-55, in championship game; beat Rockland, 61-51, in second-place game.
Players to watch: Magic Smith, G, Sr. (25.8 ppg); Vidal Lavetta, G, Sr. (15.5 ppg); Dalton Johnson, G, Sr. (12.1 ppg); Vaco Proch, G, Sr. (12.1 ppg).
Notes: There is hardly a ball tone in any of the Chiefs, but they sure are fast. Magic Smith, at 6-foot, is both the point guard and the cen-

ter. He has scored more than 30 points six times this year. His supporting cast can all drill 3s to compensate for their lack of height.

Wallace Miners

Record: 12-10
Coach: Chris Carlson, first season
Road to state: Lost 52-47 to Lakeside; beat Kootenai 56-28, beat Lakeside 47-38 for second round berth in the District I tournament.
Players to watch: Dorian Holmquist, 6-4, sr., P (13 ppg, 15 reb), Jordan Blaski, 6-2, jr., PG (14 ppg), Jordan Beecher, 6-3, sr., (12 ppg).
Notes: The Miners got to state for the first time in 16 years despite losing junior point guard Nick Arthur, their leader in scoring, assists and steals, to a knee injury just prior to district play.

Cascade Ramblers

Record: 20-3
Coach: Connor Kennedy, first season
Road to state: Beat Rimrock 40-39 in first round of District II tournament; beat Greenleaf 57-49 in semifinals; beat Garden Valley 55-48 in double overtime in championship.

Players to watch: Anthony Beskoon, sr., forward (25.6 ppg), 2005. This is Cascade's eighth consecutive trip to the state tournament.

Murtagh Pirates

Record: 17-8
Coach: Kevin Cota, eighth year
Road to state: Defeated Hansen in District IV South semifinals, lost to Murlough in championship game; lost to Oakley in second-place game; defeated Shoshone in district crossover elimination game.

Players to watch: Tanner Owen (9), G Morgan Knight (9).
Notes: Coach Owen will be the maker or destroyer of this team's dreams at state. The Pirates scraped into the state tournament on the third opportunity after losing two "winners" games in quick succession. Hagerman has the experience necessary to do well at state, but whether the team can put its skillful in recent games firmly in the past is the key.

Murtagh Red Devils

Record: 16-7
Coach: Adam Johnson, second year
Road to state: Defeated Oakley in District IV South semifinal; defeated Hagerman in championship game; lost to Carey in district title game.

Players to watch: G Taylor Wilson (5), F Jesus Cabral (5).
Notes: The easiest way to sum up the Red Devils: When they're hot, they're hot; when they're not, they're not. They put together a respectable regular-season resume but caught fire in the subdistrict tournament. Wilson is the championship. The other side of Murtagh's streaky nature lies in the crossover, however, when Carey beat the Red Devils out of the game. They rely on Wilson's outside shooting, and he'll have to have four of the best games of his life if Murtagh wants to make a legitimate title run.

Rimrock Raiders

Record: 16-8
Coach: Gary Jones, 27th year
Road to state: Won district play-in game; lost to Cascade 40-39 in first round of District II tournament; beat Horseshoe Bend 47-32 in consolation game; beat Wilder 41-37 in consolation semifinal; lost to Carey 41-37 in third-place game.
Players to watch: Logan Thomas, senior guard; Chris Hipwell, senior guard.
Notes: Rimrock is the only team from the Western Idaho Conference to advance to the state tournament after finishing fourth in

the District II tournament. The Raiders, who have not lost to state this decade, are led by Thomas, a 6-foot-2 guard that has a good all-around game and often leads the team in scoring, rebounding and assists. Jones is in his 27th year as Rimrock's coach.

Cary Panthers

Record: 21-3
Coach: Dick Simpson, sixth year
Road to state: Defeated Community School in District IV North semifinals, defeated Richfield in championship, defeated Murlough in district championship game.
Players to watch: G D.J. Simpson (sr.), F Tyler Parke (5).
Notes: Simpson is the closest thing this team has to a star player, but in reality there are between three and six players that can do damage on any given night. This is another team with a lot of experience in the tournament, both in basketball and in reaching the state football championship game the last two seasons. The Panthers have been ranked in the top three of the media poll almost all season long.

Troy Trojans

Record: 17-6
Coach: Jack Wells, seventh season
Road to state: Defeated Kendrick 55-42 in District II tournament, lost to Genesee 48-38 in semifinals; defeated Nezperce 58-43 in consolation game; lost to Prairie 52-46 in third-place game.
Players to watch: Jason Smith, 6-3, guard, sr. (15 ppg); Riley Nelson, 5-9, guard, sr.; Jeffrey Nelson, 5-9, guard, sr.; Jack Garrison, 6-2, post/wing, jr. (8 ppg).
Notes: The Trojans are making their fifth consecutive trip to state, and always seem to be playing until the last day of the tournament. They won the title in 2005 and finished second in '06. Troy started the season with three consecutive losses, but rebounded with a 12-game winning streak.

Clark County Bobcats

Record: 17-5
Coach: Frank Pickett, second year
Road to state: Had a bye in the first round of the District VII playoffs; beat North Gem 61-56 in the semifinals round; beat Sho-Ban 57-55 in the district championship game.

Players to watch: Cole Waggoner, C, sr. (19.5 ppg, 7.7 rpg); Jaytee Tarpley, G/F, sr. (17.4 ppg, 12.3 rpg, 3 apg); Heath Waggoner, F, sr. (16.1 ppg, 10.3 rpg).
Notes: The Clark County Bobcats are coming off their first District V-II championship since 1977 with a close win over Sho-Ban. Tarpley's starting lineup features four players taller than 6-foot-3, three of whom are 6-foot-5 or taller. So much height and a roster that's rimmed with seniors, the Bobcats struggle at the game position. Senior Jaytee Tarpley, 6-foot-5, often brings the ball up the floor and then posts up. His running game, Cole Waggoner, averages nearly 20 points a game as a strong center with a very soft outside touch.

Council Lumberjacks

Coach: David Howe, 12th year
Record: 16-9
Road to state: Won district play-in game; lost to Wilder 46-40 in first round of District III tournament; beat Liberty Charter 62-28 in consolation game; beat Greenleaf 66-40 in consolation semifinal to finish for first state; beat Rimrock to finish for second place in game.
Players to watch: Curtis Clagg, senior post (12 ppg, 8 reb); Jesse Green, senior wing (10 ppg, 4 apg, 4 spg).
Notes: This is the 11th year Council has advanced to the state tournament under Howe. This year's team advanced to state despite losing Matt Parada, who at 6-foot-3, 250 pounds was named the 1A player of the year in foot-ball, to a knee injury. All five starters have led the team in scor-

ing during a game this season. "Right now it seems like we are playing well, but we have been playing so well; we will be a tough out if we keep playing the way we are now."

Clark Fork Wampus Cats

Record: 17-4
Coach: Brian Powell, third season in third stint at Clark Fork, seventh overall.
Road to state: Beat Kootenai 49-26 and Lakeside 66-51 to win District I title.
Players to watch: Mike Martin, 6-4, sr., PG (13 ppg, 4.5 ast); Drew Wilkinson, 6-3, sr., W (8 ppg); Jared Brogg, 6-5, sr., P (12 ppg, 9 reb); "Howie" Hill, sr., F (8 ppg, 8 reb).
Notes: Clark Fork, which went out-of-state at last year's state, enters state this year on a seven-game winning streak. Three of Clark Fork's four losses were to 3A teams, including one to state qualifier Bonners Ferry. The Wampus Cats go 6-5, 6-3, 6-1 and 6-0 in the starting lineup. "For a school our guys are pretty tall," Powell said. "As for our size, we're pretty quick." Powell said last year's experience at state, brief as it was, should be helpful this year, as all but one of the key players from last year return. "We'd like to be on Saturday for something," he said.

Oakley Hornets

Record: 15-3
Coach: Scott Ameli, fourth year
Road to state: Defeated Hansen in Magic Valley Southside consolation final, defeated Hagerman for second place; lost to Richfield in District IV third-place game.
Players to watch: G Payson Bedke (5), G Colton Bedke (5), F Mack Pickett (1).
Notes: Oakley is the Class 1A Div. I state football champion, and many of the players on that team also show their speed on the hardwood. The Hornets are capable of filling it up from inside or outside, but haven't yet put the entire package of offense and defense together for an extended period of time. Add the fact that point center for word Mitch Bedke is done for the year with a knee injury and Oakley may struggle with limited depth and the absence of one of its best players.

Lapwai Wildcats

Record: 20-3
Coach: Eric Spencer, fourth season
Road to state: Defeated Oakeside 71-43 in first round of 1A District II tournament, defeated Prairie 54-47 in semifinals, lost to Genesee 64-48 in championship game.
Players to watch: Drew Church, 6-4, sr., post; Justin Hernandez, 5-8, sr., guard.
Notes: The Wildcats have returned from a two-week status suspension this year. They finished the season No. 2 in the 1A ranks, and won 12 consecutive games before falling in the district title game. Church, a high-scoring post, lead the team on an athletic point guard, lead the way. Lapwai has won seven state championships since 1984, including its first 1A crown in 2006.

Garden Valley

Record: 18-3
Coach: Desley Jones, second season
Road to state: Beat Liberty Charter 58-40 in first round of District Three tournament, beat Wilder 41-38 in double overtime, lost to Cascade 55-48 in double overtime in consolation game.

Players to watch: Dustin Moore, sr. point guard (17 points); G Tucker, jr., guard (12.2 points); Matt Sipple, jr., forward (6.7 points).
Notes: This is Garden Valley's first trip to state since 1999. The Wolverines, who have never won a state title, were 1A Long Pin champion with Cascade in the team's split their two-game regular-season games. Garden Valley has five seniors on its 12-player roster.

Burley

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six against district rivals Minico and Jerome, and seven against state tournament qualifiers, Burley is clearly the most battle-tested team in the field. And that's certainly scary for the rest of the contenders.

"We've been on the big stages, at the Idaho Center (in last year's championship game), and in the summer at the Thomas and Mack Center (in Las Vegas)," said senior Ben Scarle. "We've played in a lot of foreign places, so there's not really a whole lot that we haven't seen."

It's a difficult regular-season schedule and a seemingly more comfortable state playoff road that has many of the team's players as the champions' slot of the Class 4A bracket before the first trip of the opening game.

Not that the Bobcats see that way. Despite having earned every excuse to talk about a second championship, they still have the "first things first" mentality.

"We have to get there first," Moon said. "We've just taken it one game at a time. We didn't even really think about (the winning streak) until the papers start saying stuff. We just prepare for the next opponent."

But don't think for a minute that the Bobcats have completely ignored their status around the state, or that they're overconfident. The possibility of sending the seniors out as two-time champions who won the last 46 games they played.

Burley wants this title just as badly as the first one, perhaps even more. Because to go undefeated, to win a second straight championship, would be the explanation point on a list of goals already boasting countless checkmarks.

Inasmuch as the team thrives on playing with a target on its collective chest night in and night out, it is also driven — albeit to a far lesser degree — by an all-or-nothing desire to avoid failure.

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The Bobcats open up tournament action on Thursday against Emmett, a team they doubled up 68-34 on the road very early in the season.

Led by the deadly-shooting Nick Hovda, the Huskies are much improved over the early-season showing. What's more, Coach Cannon, who was charged with defending Hovda in the teams' previous meeting — won't be in uniform due to a one-game suspension as a result of his ejection from Thursday's consolation game against Pocatello.

Still, Bagley remains confident in his team's ability and trusts its depth and experience to play major factors in Burley's fortunes.

Some might call it arrogance, or bulletin board material, but Burley has earned the right to say, "We've seen the enemy and the enemy is us." More simply put, the biggest threat to Burley's championship aspirations is Burley itself.

"The kids are confident, but I just hope they don't get overconfident," Bagley said. "But I think if we can play the way we're capable of doing it, we can run the offense, we're going to have a lot of success at the tournament."

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defending 1A champion Genesee (20-3).

Senior Brian Buckner is a high-scoring forward while sophomore point guard Michael Luzzani runs the show. But Richfield's hopes rest squarely on the effectiveness of its full-court pressure defense. Interestingly, Genesee also thrives on full-court defense to fuel its offense, so the contest should be entertaining.

Tigers coach Gary Ward said his team has tried learn from defending 4A champion Burley. "Our guys watch how they deal with pressure, how they execute and play defense," said Ward of the unbeaten Bobcats.

Ward said his team's success will come down to playing solid defense, executive on offense and having players step up.

"We're confident," Ward said. "I think we learned from last year. We'll try to put our guys in the right situation and see if they respond. They're prepared. I know that."

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dropped two games to Kimberly in the conference tournament, after winning the regular-season title.

But the showing against a Sugar-Salem team that beat Buhl twice during the season has the Indians ready to roll again for the playoffs. "We didn't have a very good district tournament,"

said Buhl coach Ryan Bowman, "but what the kids did on Saturday showed to me, and more importantly themselves, what we can do when we play together and take care of the little things."

The 17-8 Indians will need their best game against Fruitland on Sunday afternoon, Bowman said. The 20-2 Grizzlies have sent their backs from last year's consolation championship game.

"Experience is big for them," Bowman said. "As big for us is to take care of the boards and take care of the basketball. If we can avoid turnovers and not give them second-chance points, we'll have a good shot."

The Indians may be first-round underdogs, but Bowman isn't about to undersell his team's chances. With senior Mike Bedke (16.7 points) and Tory Cooper (13 points) leading the way, Buhl could very well make its way back to the title game.

"Once you get to the state tournament, anything can happen," said Bowman. "If we play well, we can compete with anybody."

Wilder is the only team from the Western Idaho Conference to advance to the state tournament after finishing fourth in



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Above average temperatures with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs, lower 50s.
Tonight: Scattered clouds. Low, lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Staying dry and partly cloudy. Highs, lower 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

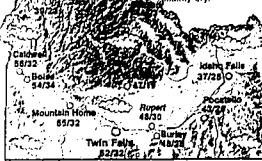
Today: Partly to mostly cloudy, but mild dry. Highs, upper 40s.
Tonight: A few clouds overhead. Low, upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. Highs near 50.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
The next couple of days will feature more clouds than anything, although areas in the far north could see a few mixed showers or flurries. Friday will feature more wind, with snow moving in Saturday.

BOISE
Today Highs 50 to 60 Tonight's Lows 14 to 17
The last few days of February will prove to be quiet on the weather front. Today through Friday expect partly to mostly cloudy skies, dry conditions and fairly consistent temperatures from day to day.

NORTHERN UTAH
There will be enough atmospheric moisture around for clouds, but no for precipitation. Today through Friday will be mainly dry.



Yesterday's State High: 55 at Lewiston. Low: 27 at Idaho Falls.
Weather key: B: Breeze, C: Cloudy, H: High, L: Low, P: Partly, S: Snow, T: Thunder, W: Wind, X: Xtra, Y: Yucky, Z: Zero.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"It's difficult to know what counts in the world. Most of us count money, power, fame, dollars. But the biggest thing I've learned is to be happy. It's not about the money, but the happiness in the world."
—Carlyle Slicker, writer

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly to mostly cloudy	Variably cloudy	Scattered clouds	Breezy with a few clouds	Cooler with passing mixed showers	Partly cloudy
High 52	Low 22	53/29	57/20	45/28	40/24

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low: 21 Normal Low: 21 Record Low: 8 in 1989	Yesterday's: 0.0 Month to Date: 0.0 Year to Date: 0.0	Yesterday's: 30% Month to Date: 30% Year to Date: 30%	Yesterday's: 30.1 Month to Date: 30.1 Year to Date: 30.1	Yesterday's: 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:57 PM

MOON PHASES

Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25
Last Day	New Moon	First Day	Full Moon	Full Moon	Full Moon

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Today	Tomorrow	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:40 AM	7:40 AM	7:40 AM	7:40 AM	7:40 AM	7:40 AM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	52/28	53/29	57/20
Idaho Falls	50/26	51/27	55/19
Lewiston	55/31	56/32	60/24
Pocatello	50/26	51/27	55/19
Rupert	50/26	51/27	55/19
Salt Lake City	50/26	51/27	55/19
Spokane, WA	50/26	51/27	55/19
Twin Falls	52/28	53/29	57/20
Vallejo, CA	50/26	51/27	55/19

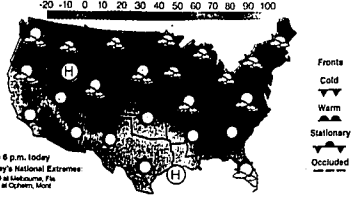
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Atlanta	52/28	53/29	57/20
Boston	50/26	51/27	55/19
Chicago	50/26	51/27	55/19
Denver	50/26	51/27	55/19
Houston	50/26	51/27	55/19
Los Angeles	50/26	51/27	55/19
Miami	50/26	51/27	55/19
Minneapolis	50/26	51/27	55/19
New York	50/26	51/27	55/19
San Francisco	50/26	51/27	55/19

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
London	50/26	51/27	55/19
Paris	50/26	51/27	55/19
Rome	50/26	51/27	55/19
Tokyo	50/26	51/27	55/19
Sydney	50/26	51/27	55/19
Auckland	50/26	51/27	55/19
Wellington	50/26	51/27	55/19
Christchurch	50/26	51/27	55/19
Dunedin	50/26	51/27	55/19
Wellington	50/26	51/27	55/19

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Calgary	50/26	51/27	55/19
Edmonton	50/26	51/27	55/19
Regina	50/26	51/27	55/19
Saskatoon	50/26	51/27	55/19
Winnipeg	50/26	51/27	55/19



Roger Clemens, right, talks with reporters after arriving at the Houston Astros spring training facility Tuesday in Kissimmee, Fla. Clemens is expected to workout with minor leaguers this week including his son, Koby, who plays catcher.

Clemens arrives at Astros camp

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Roger Clemens arrived at the Houston Astros' minor league clubhouse on Tuesday and walked straight to a fenced-in bullpen to greet his oldest son, Koby, a catcher in the Astros' system.

He snatched at a photographer who started clicking pictures. "This isn't a zoo!" Clemens barked. The seven-time Cy Young award winner was calmer a few minutes later, but refused to answer questions about the Mitchell Report or a possible criminal investigation into his denials of steroid use.

"Everything's been said that needs to be said on that," Clemens said. "We're moving forward. It's baseball time."

Clemens thinks the public is tired of hearing about performance-enhancing drugs in the sport. He sure is. "I think you ought to be asking baseball questions," he said. "I think it's time to move on and get on with baseball."

Clemens will pitch batting practice from Wednesday through Friday to minor leaguers. He arrived one day after the New York Times reported a House committee had drafted a letter asking the Justice Department to look into whether Clemens committed perjury. Clemens has repeatedly denied that he used steroids or performance-enhancing drugs, allegations brought by former personal trainer Brian McNamee.

The committee has not yet made a decision whether to send a letter to Justice. "I'm not commenting on any of that," Clemens said. "Everything's said that needs to be said on that topic."

Clemens said he hasn't spoken to Andy Pettitte since his former teammate held a news conference at New York Yankees camp last week. Pettitte

Clemens court saga continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens should know by the end of the week if Congress will ask the Justice Department to investigate whether the star pitcher or his accuser made false statements under oath.

Clemens' lawyer says they knew long ago that is where things probably were headed.

The majority and minority sides of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee met Tuesday to discuss how to proceed on the Clemens matter.

"I can't say anything about discussions today," Phil Schilliro, chief of staff for committee chairman Henry

Waxman, D-Calif., wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "Our goal is a decision this week."

At issue is whether Congress might have been led to by Clemens or his former personal trainer, Brian McNamee.

Congress got involved after hearing Clemens vigorously and repeatedly deny McNamee's allegations after they appeared in former Senate majority leader George Mitchell's report on drug use in baseball.

Congress may decide to ask the Justice Department to investigate one man, both — or neither. And then the Justice Department can opt to open an inquiry — or drop the matter altogether.

denied being there in a deposition to congressional investigators on Feb. 5. In the Mitchell Report on doping in baseball, released in December, McNamee alleged that Clemens spoke with Canseco at the party and soon after approached the trainer about using performance-enhancing drugs.

"I've made my statements on that and we're moving forward," Clemens said.

Koby Clemens said Monday that his parents seemed "exhausted" after Roger Clemens testified in a nationally televised hearing on Feb. 13. Roger Clemens said his life has slowly returned to normal since the hearing. "You put all your energy into that," he said. "I do that with just about everything I partake in. It was great. We're getting back to doing the things we love to do and we're moving forward."

Giants' Vizquel could miss start of season

(AP) — Omar Vizquel's ailing knee could keep him out of the San Francisco Giants' lineup on opening day. Pitchers Scott Kazmir of the Rays and Brandon McCarthy of the Rangers are going slow so they don't miss any time once the regular seasons start.

Vizquel will have arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Wednesday and is expected to miss four to six weeks. The 11-time Gold Glove shortstop, who turns 41 in April, tested his knee Tuesday but said the pain was too much to handle.

"My knee was feeling good," Vizquel said in Scottsdale, Ariz. "I wanted to give it a hard shot in order to make a decision. It didn't work. I felt a little pop when I was running. That's what I wanted to see — to see if I could sustain the pain, and I couldn't."

As for Vizquel's return, athletic trainer Dave Groeschner said, "The goal is the first week of the season but the knee will tell us."

Team orthopedist Ken Akizuki is scheduled to perform the operation back in the Bay Area to remove a torn medial meniscus. Vizquel was expected back in camp Thursday.

Minus Vizquel, manager Bruce Bochy plans to use Kevin Frandsen at shortstop. Once Vizquel is back,



Frandsen still could compete for the starting job at second base with Ray Durham.

Kazmir missed a scheduled intrasquad game appearance in St. Petersburg, Fla., after feeling discomfort in his elbow on his final warmup pitch. McCarthy was scratched from Wednesday's spring opener because of elbow soreness.

Kazmir had warmed up in the bullpen without a problem, then watched the first half-inning from the bench.

The AL strikeout champion threw three warmup pitches before leaving the mound and walking to the clubhouse for tests.

"I was warming up, feeling great," said Kazmir, who was 13-9 with a 3.00 ERA last season, when he led the AL with 239 strikeouts — one fewer than major league leader Jake Peavy. "On my last warmup pitch ... I just kind of felt a little discomfort."

The Rays said the 24-year-old, who agreed to a \$3,785,000, one-year contract last month, would undergo an MRI exam later in the day. His status was to be updated on Wednesday.

NFL's Colvin, Williamson among those on the move

(AP) — Linebacker Roosevelt Colvin, who played on two Super Bowl-winning New England teams but was plagued by injuries throughout his time with the Patriots, was released by the team Tuesday.

Colvin, who went out with a foot injury after 11 games last season, was signed as a free agent from Chicago in 2003. He missed 14 games in 2003, then played all 16 games the next three seasons, registering 204 sacks in those seasons.

The Patriots also cut linebacker Oscar Luna, who missed all of 2007 with a knee injury after being drafted in the seventh round last April.

With the free-agent deadline three days away, several teams cut players to create more room.

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EAT CHEAP

Mini-Cassia

It's lunchtime in Mini-Cassia. You need something cheap, quick and tasty, and you can't stomach yet another meal of the same old fare you usually turn to.

Lucky for you, three *Times-News* feature writers sought out restaurant lunches around Minidoka and Cassia counties priced

at under \$7, not including tax or tip. Then we asked a local health counselor, Jill Skeem, to

rate our choices—and to offer insight on getting a bigger nutrition bang for the dining-out buck.

Who did Jill Skeem pick as the nutrition champ for Eat Cheap: Mini-Cassia? Page C2

Fish sandwich and salad • \$4.95

Henry's at the Drift Inn, 545 F St., Rupert



Approaching Henry's at the Drift Inn moments before noon, my lunch companion and I saw other pedestrians making beelines for the door. We claimed the last available table on the lounge side of the building, leaving just open seats at the bar. Soon the staff was seating customers in the dining room, normally open in the evening.

No wonder the place is popular.

The Drift Inn is a beautifully restored historical building, a former bank on the Rupert Square. The lounge, with wood floor, high ceiling and squash-colored walls, feels like a chippy pub. Nautical decor overshadows the beer signs, and though televisions occupy every corner of the room, gorgeous tall windows provide alterna-

tives for the eye. I ordered a meal of golden, deep-fried cod strips, offered with a salad and a choice of fries or tots. For the latter—thinking I might get some whole grain—I substituted a cornmeal bun that caught my eye elsewhere on the menu. The notably friendly server obliged.

With balsamic vinaigrette on the side, the salad was simple: mostly lettuce, with token bits of carrot, cabbage and tomato. The cornmeal bun—which turned my two strips of cod into a sandwich—was whiter than I'd hoped but flavorful nonetheless. With a big, dark-green lettuce leaf, it made for a sandwich that just cried to be gobbled down.

—Virginia Hutchins

Cheesy fries and strawberry sundae • \$5.50

Cathy's Kitchen, 530 E St., Rupert

I walked into Cathy's Kitchen on a mission.

My editor, Virginia Hutchins, has won almost every nutrition challenge for Eat Cheap. She rubs it in every single time, and I wanted to put that goody-goody in her place.

So I sat down in one of the Rupert restaurant's comfy bench seats, passed on the soda and instead ordered water. I was off to a great start!

I scoured the menu for the healthiest choices. I was too late for their delicious-looking breakfasts, and I'm not a meat eater, so I skipped the affordable burger baskets.

That left me with the sides and desserts. I considered the salad, but in my experience diner greens are usually winy and unappetizing. So I went with the second-healthiest option—French fries smothered in cheese with a side of ranch dressing.

My mother always told me that French fries are healthy—fries are made from potatoes, and potatoes are vegetables. Mom is also a big fan of cheese and ranch dressing—they're chock-full of calcium, she said. Nutrition has never tasted so good!



The fries (\$2.75) were cut thick and tasted fantastic. I made sure to put extra calcium-filled ranch on my fries to impress health counselor Jill Skeem, who does out the healthiest meal awards.

I felt pretty confident in my snack choice's health benefits, but I really wanted to secure my inevitable victory. I ordered dessert—a large ice cream sundae with

strawberry topping (\$2.75). I snagged my fruit serving for the meal in the most yummy, sugar-filled way possible.

As I attacked my giant sundae, I had a chance to enjoy the homey, no-frills atmosphere. Cathy's Kitchen was packed with locals. The friendly waitress called everyone by their first names, lending a familiarity to the cafe and reminding me of the restaurants my dad frequents.

In the end, the huge sundae defected me. I surrendered before finishing it and, following the locals' lead, left a big tip. I was positive I had ordered the most healthy meal possible.

So bring it on, Hutchins. —Melissa Dablin

Turkey panino • \$6.50

Sage Mountain Grill, 225 N. Main St., Albion



broke up the potato texture.

As I waited for my sandwich to arrive, a few customers trickled in. There was a friendly couple who chatted with me about their day in the snow, and a few quiet men who sat in the lounge to watch football on the flat-screen TV.

The sandwich was the right mix of crispy on the outside and melty on the inside, and if I hadn't been mid-afternoon hungry, I wouldn't have been able to finish it.

With an interesting and varied menu, the Grill is a

gourmand's jewel in Albion's small crown. Unfortunately, the restaurant is closed due to damage from a Feb. 2 kitchen fire.

The owners estimate the restaurant will reopen by the beginning of April, with improvements in both the kitchen and dining rooms. The menu will be similar, and they may add new items based on feedback from customers—including additional paninis.

—Ariel Hansen

Chow mein and steamed rice • \$5.15

Shon Hing, 109 E. Main St., Burley



When I was a child, I judged Chinese restaurants on one thing: their fried rice.

It didn't matter if the restaurant was spotless, the service 5-star, the selection unbeatable. If the fried rice was sub-par, I turned up my nose. If it had peas mixed in, I blacklisted the place.

Although I still feel the same way about peas, my tastes have matured. So I was excited to see what Shon Hing had to offer.

The Burley Chinese restaurant peeks out from a corner at Main Street and Overland Avenue. Patrons packed the place during lunch, so I expected the meal to take a while.

Still, I felt a little frustrated when it took 15 minutes for someone to take my order. When a waitress finally came by, I tried to stay true to my juvenile self by ordering fried rice, but

she informed me that it all came with pork—a no-no for me. Disappointed, I settled for vegetarian chow mein and steamed rice.

While service was initially slow, I received my food almost immediately. I put a little sweet-and-sour sauce on the steamed rice to give it a touch of flavor and dug in.

My disgruntlement evaporated with the first taste. The chow mein's crunch-

celery, soft sprouts, mild onions and crisp noodles combined perfectly for a satisfying lunch. I finished every bite and felt satisfied, not stuffed.

The message inside my fortune cookie read: "A friend's advice is invaluable." So take my advice, friends. Go to Shon Hing and enjoy the fantastic food, but think twice if time is an issue.

—Melissa Dablin

Garden Spud with mushrooms • \$7

Stevens, 290 S. 600 W., Heyburn

Stevens isn't easy to find—the directions on Google have the street numbers reversed, and the only sign is on the building itself.

Located just north of Burley across Interstate 84, the restaurant is obviously popular. The menu is the same for lunch and dinner, and when I left after my meal, the dinner rush had people lined up literally out the door.

Predictably, the service was a little slow, but I don't blame the waitresses, who were bustling.

Much of the fare within the Eat Cheap budget was diner-standard: burgers, sandwiches and salads. What stood out were the Super Spuds, 12-ounce baked potatoes with a variety of toppings.

I chose the \$6 garden spud, which featured grilled pieces of a garden burger. For \$1 dollar more, I added one of my favorite ingredients, grilled mushrooms.

The menu noted that the spuds are topped with cheese, but didn't specify which variety, so I asked the waitress. Her description brought to mind the sort of over-processed cheese sauce that comes on



movie theater nachos, so I opted for simple shredded cheeses instead.

To keep my meal a little balanced, I didn't add the butter or sour cream that came on the side, and I didn't finish the entire potato.

The garden burger was packed with brown rice and other wholesome ingredients, and combined with the mushrooms and cheese, was surprisingly tasty.

I would have liked a side of steamed vegetables or a small salad, but the budget just didn't allow it. Sorry, Jill!

—Ariel Hansen

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EAT CHEAP: MINI-CASSIA

Chinese meal from Shon Hing takes nutrition honors

This is the new Eat Cheap reporters' first installment without a theme directing what kind of lunch to order. It should be interesting to see what appeals to them in Mini-Cassia restaurants. Let's see who picked the healthiest lunch.

Cheesy fries and strawberry sundae

Melissa Davlin, I love your competitive spirit. After, cheesy-smothered French fries and an ice cream sundae at Cathy's Kitchen are not the best choices for lunch. If so, kids across America would rejoice.

A 12-ounce soda contains 10 teaspoons of sugar, so ordering water was a great start to winning the healthiest lunch. Perhaps if you stopped there, you might have had a better chance.

Your rationale for your choices illustrates how there are good and bad aspects to every food. A potato is filled with vitamins and minerals, but how it is prepared can offset those benefits. We all need good-quality oil in our diets, and when you're frying oil used to make french fries is the problem.

Many restaurants still use oil that contains trans-fatty acids, the leading contributor to heart disease. If you want french fries, make them at home using good-quality oil and minimizing the salt.

Melissa, choosing only one calcium-rich side for your fries would have been better. French cheese and ranch dressing contain saturated fat, which offsets their benefits.

Craving something sweet after a meal indicates it was too salty. I am guessing this was the case with this lunch. Going for the sugar-laden fruit topping over caramel or chocolate sauce was the healthiest choice for your sundae topping. Did I really just write that? I think I am being dragged into Melissa's world.

Melissa, if we lived in Never, Never Land, this would be the healthiest lunch—but in the real world, not so much.

Turkey panino

Ariel Hansen, you have wanted a warm sandwich since the last Eat Cheap installment. Winter is still here, and so is our craving for warm sandwiches. The turkey panino from Sage Mountain Grill sounded like the perfect choice.

Panino, which means "sandwich" in Italian, is the latest trend to hit the American lunch scene. It is a grilled sandwich loaded with meat, cheese and anything else. The sky is the limit on the kind of panino you can create.

Turkey contains the lowest sodium and saturated fat of other processed meats, so it was a good choice. Since cheese is a key ingredient in



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a panino, eliminating it to lighten the sandwich would prevent it from binding together. Pickles add flavor to any sandwich, but the vinegar helps digest the fat and oil in the sandwich.

Ariel, french fries were the best choice of the three potato sides offered. They looked hand-cut and homemade, which means they were less processed than the Tater Tots (sorry, I know I am in Idaho) and probably contained less sodium than the potato chips. When in doubt, always choose the most processed food for the most nutrition.

This was not the healthiest lunch in the bunch, but the one that probably hit the spot best on a cold winter day.

Chow mein and steamed rice

Melissa, it appears you came off your sugar high and made a great choice for lunch.

Many people think Chinese restaurants offer the healthiest options when dining out, but it is the choice you make. Some dishes are healthy, and others contain saturated fat and cholesterol equivalent to a double cheeseburger and fries.

Melissa, your choice of chow mein and steamed rice was a good one. A vegetarian dish cuts down on the saturated fat and cholesterol in a meal. Everyone should order a vegetarian dish from time to time to give the body a break from the animal-based protein it normally gets three times a day. Some people would look at this meal and wonder about the lack of protein. There is protein in every food except some types of fruit, and Americans eat, on average, three to four times the daily protein they should. So take a break from animal-based protein from time to time and order either a vegetarian dish or one that is plant-based protein such as tofu or beans.

Though the rice was white, it still is a grain and with the vegetable medley makes a complete meal. Because the brain and gut are so connected, the rice grain, it takes seven times the amount of white rice to match the nutritional equivalent of brown rice. So, whenever it's available, order brown rice or make it instead of white rice at home.

Congratulations, Melissa, I am choosing this lunch as the healthiest of today's lunches. Welcome back to the real world! I'm sure Virginia Hutchings will be able to handle the agony of defeat, and you won't rub it in too much.

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Fish sandwich and salad

Virginia, I like your creativity in creating the lunch you wanted. Many people feel they can't substitute items when ordering. When I dine out, I often look at the entire menu to see if there is a vegetable or grain I would prefer over the one offered in the dish I want. I find the majority of restaurants are eager to accommodate your wishes.

The fish sandwich you ordered is more if you order what you want.

Ordering balsamic vinaigrette over much or Thousand Island I have lived in Twin Falls for four years, and at first thought they were the only two dressings available! Is the best choice for dressing. Requesting it served on the side helps limit the amount used.

To substitute a corned beef for the fries or Tater Tots to make a cod sandwich was a great idea. It does add a grain to your lunch and sounds like it complemented the cod nicely. Perhaps the fish sandwich will turn it into a regular menu item.

Garden Spud with mushrooms

There is no doubt we are in Idaho when a menu offers Super Spuds. Ariel, choosing a garden burger as a topping on your spud was an interesting choice and a great way to get brown rice into your diet.

More people are eating garden burgers because they either are vegetarians or want to lighten their meal. Veggie burgers are yummy and give you the feeling you are eating a hamburger without the saturated fat and cholesterol. Grocery stores and restaurants now carry them. So for a change, try one sometime.

The simple, shredded cheese was a better choice than the cheese sauce because it contains less chemicals, preservatives and food coloring.

Ariel, I congratulate you on your restraint in not ordering the butter and sour cream. These are natural toppings for baked potatoes, but loaded with saturated fat and cholesterol.

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Per serving (based on 3): 212 calories, 7 g protein, 30 g carbohydrate, 8 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 2 mg cholesterol, 154 mg sodium, 4 g dietary fiber.

Don't panic over fish warnings

By Erica Marcus
Newsday

Recent studies that found higher-than-expected levels of methylmercury in fresh tuna bought in grocery stores and at sushi bars provoked a lot of questions. I'd like to put that information in context.

Mercury levels are reversible.

According to Marion Nestle, chairwoman of New York University's Department of Nutrition and Food Studies and an expert on food safety, mercury has a "very fast" half-life of three months. Half-life is the time it takes for a given substance in the body to decrease by 50 percent. If you refrain from ingesting mercury, after three months your level will be halved. Three months later, it will be halved again. In a year, it will have decreased by about 94 percent. "If you don't eat this stuff for a year," Nestle said, "you're clean enough."

Don't stop eating fish. Fish is an important part of any healthy diet, a part that too many Americans leave out. Most fish provides a lean source of protein, and fish is one of the best sources of omega-3 fatty acids, a substance thought to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. Cold-water fatty fish, such as salmon, herring, mackerel, anchovies and sardines, tend to have high levels of omega-3. (Outside of fish, flax seed is a potent source of omega-3, as are the eggs, milk and meat of grass-fed animals.)

Pay attention to fish size.

Larger fish tend to have higher levels of mercury for two reasons: Since they are older, they have had more time to accumu-

late mercury; larger fish are usually predators, and by eating smaller fish, they ingest their prey's mercury, too. Small fish, such as sardines, anchovies, herring, catfish and pollock—not to mention shellfish such as shrimp, clams, oysters, scallops and squid—have very low levels of mercury.

Eat a wide variety of fish.

Every fish—every food—has benefits and risks. Farmed salmon, for example, has very high levels of omega-3 and low levels of mercury. But it also can contain relatively high levels of contaminants because, instead of eating a wild diet, farmed fish are fed processed foods that can contain pesticide residues and industrial byproducts. Wild salmon has much lower contaminant levels, but it also is more expensive and only seasonally available. (Frozen wild salmon is a good year-round option.) The best diets balance benefits and risks by eating many species.

There is no perfect food.

I repeat, there is no such thing as a perfect food. Despite what you may read, a diet based on blueberries or pomegranates or soybeans or herring or bacon is not a good idea. Every month brings new studies certifying the virtues of this or that food. It's natural to exonerate another it's OK to drink coffee again. The producers of infavor foods hire PR firms to alert you to their benefits, while the producers of out-of-favor foods try to convince you their products are really OK. The best you can do is eat a wide variety of foods, stay away from processed foods, and read "In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto" by Michael Pollan.

Convection ovens good for pastries

By Jane Black
The Washington Post

Q. I almost never use the convection option when I bake, because recipes never mention it. When I tried it—shortly after we got the new oven—the suggestion to lower the temperature didn't work the way they said it would, and I prefer having temperatures I can rely on. What is your opinion of convection cooking?

A. I keep trying to figure it out.

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Banana, peanut butter make for subtle oatmeal

The Washington Post

The banana and peanut butter flavors in this creamy oatmeal are quite subtle. It tastes even better the next day, so you might want to make a double batch and keep it in the refrigerator; reheat with a little extra milk.

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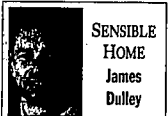
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Today's decor

What homeowners are asking their designers for.
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Singing the praises of structural insulated panels

DEAR JIM: Exactly what are insulated SIPs panels for houses? I want to add an efficient apartment to my house for my elderly mother. Can SIPs be used for large room additions or are they only for new construction? — Betsy K.



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DEAR BETSY: "SIPs" stands for structural insulated panel system and it is very energy efficient. Although the panels are most often used for new house construction, they can be used for efficient room additions of any size.

SIPs are a subset of standard foam insulated panels which have a thick foam core sandwiched between two rigid skins (sheets) of various materials. The standard panels are often used for the exterior walls to enclose post and beam framed, steel framed, etc. houses for super-insulation level.

What makes SIPs panels unique is the skins are made of OSB (oriented strand board). This creates a very strong, highly insulated panel which is self-supporting without the need for additional basic wall framing.

Once the panels are attached to the foundation and are connected together, the SIPs panels support themselves, the floors, ceiling and roof.

You may actually drive past many finished SIPs houses each day and not know it because they look identical to any other house construction method, indoors and out. The interior surface is usually finished with drywall, and the exterior can be brick, siding, stucco, etc. You may notice the walls are thicker by the depth of window and door openings.

SIPs panels are made with either polystyrene or



SIPs panels, with window and door openings already cut out, are installed at a building site.

polyurethane foam between the skins. Polyurethane has a higher insulation R-value per inch thickness, so thinner panels provide the same insulation level (up to R-45) as thicker polystyrene ones. This is a benefit if there are space constraints; otherwise, either type of foam performs well. Some have lifetime warranties.

Once your building plans are complete, the engineers at the SIPs panel manufacturer design the panels for your addition. The window and door openings are cut into the panels, and electrical chases are created. The panels are numbered for easy assembly, and the walls can be enclosed immediately at your site. Being made in a factory, the tolerances are accurate.

What makes SIPs houses and additions extremely energy efficient are the high insulation levels and the airtightness. The panels can be made in lengths up to 24 feet, so there are very few joints to seal as compared with a typical stick-built lumber house. SIPs panels also block outdoor noise.

There are several methods

for connecting the panels. Vertical splines in grooves form a strong, airtight connection. Tongue-and-groove is another commonly used design. A cam-lock design uses cams and double grooves to draw the panels together.

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DEAR JIM: I am planning to remodel my kitchen. I want to locate the range in a spot where I cannot vent the range hood outdoors. Is indoor venting effective and is it as efficient as outdoor venting? — Randy S.

DEAR RANDY: Kitchen range hoods which vent outdoors are generally more effective for removing excessive moisture and odors from cooking. They are generally quieter than indoor-venting ones of the same air

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Europe's truffle harvests drying up amid drought that farmers blame on climate change

By Jenny Barzfield
Associated Press writer

AUPS, France — Philippe Daniel opens a slim briefcase so buyers can glimpse his wares, then snaps it shut with a wary glance over his shoulder.

Daniel is not dealing in contraband but in truffles — tubers prized for their heady fragrance and rich, earthy flavor. One of the world's most sought-after gastronomical treasures, truffles fetch astronomical prices, and sellers like Daniel are always alert for spying competitors.

Daniel used to deal in big quantities, but for the past five years, drought has been parching the Var region of southeast France as well as truffle-producing regions in Italy and Spain — and today he can fit his entire weekly haul, he's not the only one.

Organizers at the market in the Var village of Aups, where Daniel plies his wares, have had to suspend the weekly wholesale auction, where many truffles are sold for thousands of dollars for mounds of truffles. The reason: these days there simply aren't enough of the fragrant fungi.

Now, foodies and tourists hunting truffles by the pile have replaced the bulk-buyers, middlemen, and most transactions at the once-bustling market are measured in grams. At the Aups market, the black truffle's price has more than doubled over the past five years, to about \$560 a pound.

Farmers say production is down by 50-75 percent this winter season and they blame global warming, warning that if thermometers keep rising — as many scientists predict they will — France's black truffle will one day be just a memory.

This is not the first time weather has caused a dramatic downturn in French truffle production. A severe drought in the early '70s, more than halved the harvest, bringing it down to about 50 tons. But the trufficulteurs, as truffle farmers are known, contend this current dry spell is longer and more acute.

"Climate change has got the seasons out of whack, it's hotter than it used to be and it rains less," said Jean Montesano, 76, a trufficulteur for more than half a century. "I want my grandson to take over, but he's continuing like this, who knows if there will be anything left."

Production in France has been in slow decline for 100 years — from 1,000 tons a year to just 50 tons, according to the Agriculture Ministry — under the march of urban sprawl into the fungus' forest habitat and the migration of farming folk to cities.

Truffles grow underground, in the root systems of host trees. Shaggy, black-skinned and egg-shaped, they are hard to distinguish from clods of dirt.

Specialized dogs sniff and dig them out, and are rewarded with doggy treats. Pigs — bigger, hungrier and harder to manage — have



A woman holds a black truffle at the truffle market in Aups, southern France, on Jan. 31. The truffle, that fabled aromatic tuber prized for its heady fragrance and rich, earthy flavor, is getting rarer in its southern European habitat because of prolonged drought.

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largely fallen out of favor.

Families jealously guard the whereabouts of the richest corners of the forest. Wealthier producers electric-fence their plantations to discourage wild boars and poachers.

Chefs have for centuries used truffles to dress up all sorts of dishes, from creamy sauces to mashed potatoes and scrambled eggs. The 18th and 19th century French epicurean Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin famously called the truffle the "diamond of the kitchen" and hailed it as an aphrodisiac that "makes women more tender and men more amiable."

Legend has it that Napoleon went on a diet of truffle-stuffed turkey and champagne in a desperate attempt to conceive a male heir. A son, Napoleon Bonaparte-Joseph Charles, was born March 20, 1811.

Truffles need just the right amount of rain at just the right time to thrive. Too little dries them; too much drowns them.

With annual rainfall in the Var down from around 40 inches in 1996 to under half that last year, Aups' once-abundant wild truffles have all but disappeared. Only one of the market's sellers, Jean Paul, still strikes out into the hardy oak forests that surround the village to hunt wild truffles. The few he finds are puny, he said.

The drought has also hit production elsewhere. In France and in Europe's other main truffle producing regions, in Spain and Italy, Croatia and Belgium also produce truffles in smaller quantities, as do North Carolina and Oregon.

Last year, the harvest of Italy's prized white truffle was down as much as 75 percent from 2006, according to Andrea Rusini, the head of truffle export company Tortumagno. Spain's 2007 black truffle harvest was down more than half from five years earlier, said Daniel Ollach, of a growers' association in the northeastern region of Catalonia.

Italy's white truffle prices were up about 60 percent in 2007 from the previous year, and one white truffle, a giant weighing about 3 pounds, 4 ounces, fetched a record \$330,000 at auction.

Stanley Ho, the East Asian gambling king, placed the

winning bid for the truffle which had been dug up in Tuscany in central Italy.

Long Kong's South China Morning Post reported it was

eaten days later, prepared by two high-caliber chefs for a 200-guest banquet. It reportedly missed the feast because of poor health.

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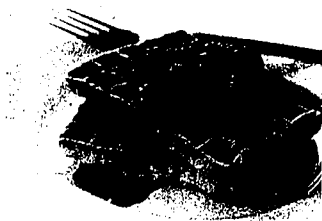
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Hot off the griddle, waffles are the star

By Sylvia Carter
Special to Nowaday

Waffles are really no more difficult to make than pancakes. The indentations do a splendid job of catching and holding melting butter and rivulets of syrup. And the store-bought reheatable kind can't hold a candle to waffles made from scratch.

At the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, waffles are held to be such an unadventurous human right that waffle-tons, green dormitory cafeteria pitchers of waffle batter stand beside them, at the ready. Students leave college with not only an education but also a fearless knowledge of waffle-baking. Unlike so many other graduates nowadays, they, at least, will not find waffles intimidating.

For decades — ever since a waffle iron entered my life — I had enjoyed making and eating waffles. Then, a few years ago, I discovered what I hold to be the be-all, end-all recipe, an overnight 'raised waffle' from Fannie Farmer, via Marion Cunningham. The recipe is easy to make and the waffles have a delectably crisp texture.

There are only a few things to remember about making waffles:

- It is not necessary, or even desirable, to wash the waffle iron between uses. Before it acquires the seasoning of time and use, you may brush oil very, very lightly across the grids, or spray lightly with cooking oil. But once the waffle has seen a few bakings, all you need do is brush any crumbs out before putting it away until next time.

- Let the iron heat up before trying to make the first waffle.

- Don't peek too soon: this is often the reason for waffles that stick to the iron.

- Waffle batter is slightly richer with fat than pancake batter, so, yes, the half cup of melted butter called for in the raised waffle recipe is correct.

- Serve waffles as they come off the iron, even if this means staggering the eating of them. Or, if you must, keep warm briefly in a 200-degree oven.

- Waffles freeze admirably, well-wrapped, so you might want to double the recipe and make extras to pop into the toaster later on.

- Waffles are usually a breakfast treat or a dessert, often topped with fruit and ice cream or whipped cream. What could be more fun than a waffle party, where several friends bring their waffle irons over and a steady stream of hot waffles are turned out?

Waffles also can be served as a side dish instead of hot breads, or as a main course, as fans of "Wildred Pierce"

will remember. The heroine of James M. Cain's novel and Michael Curtiz's film built an empire of chicken-and-waffle restaurants.

"To waffle" may have a negative connotation, but to make waffles can only be positive.

RAISED WAFFLES

Once in a while, a recipe comes along that changes your life. This recipe, from the 1896 *Fannie Farmer Cookbook*, was like that for me when I discovered it a few years ago. I went crazy making these light, crisp waffles. I have seen the recipe reprinted without provenance, but Marion Cunningham's *Recipes* (Knopf, \$22) gives credit where it is due. In her note about it, she writes, "The raised waffle recipe alone could have sold a million copies. Don't make the mistake of thinking this is just another waffle. It isn't. It has won more accolades than any recipe I know, and it deserves them all." I second these sentiments with enthusiasm. I might almost go so far as to say it is the only waffle recipe you will ever truly need.

1/2 cup warm water
1 package active dry yeast
2 cups milk, warmed
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 eggs
1/4 teaspoon baking soda

Use a rather large mixing bowl — the batter will rise to double its original volume. Put the water in the mixing bowl and sprinkle in the yeast. Let stand for 5 minutes to dissolve. Add milk, melted butter, salt, sugar and flour to the yeast mixture and beat until smooth and well blended. Cunningham wrote that she often uses a hand rotary beater to get rid of all the lumps. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let stand overnight at room temperature.

Just before cooking the waffles, beat in the eggs, add the baking soda, and stir until well mixed. The batter will be very thin. Pour 1/2 to 3/4 cup batter into a very hot waffle iron for the first waffle, bake until golden and crisp and repeat until batter is used up. Or, store remaining batter in refrigerator for several days.

Makes 8 waffles.

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An indulgence worth the weight

By Jane Black
The Washington Post

No matter what Francine cooked, her food always tasted better. If it was vegetable soup, it was richer and creamier than any I'd had. If it was rabbit, it was tender and juicy. For weeks into my six-month stint working in the French Alps, I simply took for granted that as a native, our cook Francine was generally capable of dishing out great food. Just as French women innately know how to fashionably tie silk scarves.

Then I started to pack on the pounds.

At 21, I should have been just as genetically capable of staying slim as Francine was of effortlessly producing a feast. But as summer turned into fall, most of my clothes no longer fit, and I was forced to wear a pair of brown corduroy overalls to the office. Every day.

Even back then, I was interested in cooking. So I decided to investigate. But snuff Francine insisted it was just a puree of vegetables. But I stood with her while she made it. At the last minute, in went a stick of butter. (Note that in France, one stick can weigh 250 grams — more than two American sticks of butter.)

The rabbit! Full of butter, too.

I decided to cut back, with one exception: Francine's endive gratin. If it was on the menu, I ate it. After all, overalls were, technically, still in fashion. The slight bitterness of the endive cuts the richness of the cream and cheese. But it remains a sinful, and sinfully easy to make, winter favorite for dinner parties alongside roast pork or beef tenderloin.

This French side dish is always a crowd pleaser: an elegant, less-starchy complement to roasted meat. It can be made one day in advance; reheat, covered with aluminum foil, in a 350-degree oven for 20 minutes.

ENDIVE GRATIN

6 to 8 servings

- 1 teaspoon unsalted butter
- 6 medium endives, cut in half length-



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wise, stem ends trimmed but left on
4 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
Juice of 1 lemon (2 to 3 tablespoons)
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup coarsely grated Gruyere cheese
3/4 cup heavy cream
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a 12-inch oval grain dish with the butter.

Place the endive halves cut side down in a large sauté pan. Add the broth, lemon juice and salt; bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce the heat to medium-low and cook for about 15 minutes, until the endives are fairly tender but not cooked

through. Use a slotted spatula to transfer the endive halves to drain in a colander. Pat dry with paper towels, then nestle half of the endive halves in a "V" pattern in the grain dish. Sprinkle with half of the Gruyere cheese. Use the remaining drained endive halves to form a second layer atop the cheese. Pour the cream over the top and sprinkle with the nutmeg and black pepper to taste. Distribute the remaining cheese evenly over the top and bake for about 25 minutes, until the cheese is golden brown and bubbly and the cream has almost evaporated. Serve hot.

Per serving (based on 15): 157 calories, 6 g protein, 2 g carbohydrates, 14 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 50 mg cholesterol, 307 mg sodium, 1 g dietary fiber.

Polenta can easily be cooked on panini grill

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

This is a smart use for those otherwise dismissible rolls of cooked polenta. These sandwiches could easily be made on a panini grill, as long as the cook had a light touch when pressing down. A smoked fontina is an even nicer match with the mushrooms.

Serve with soup or with a salad of mixed greens, pears and pecans. Adapted from "The Great Big Butter Cookbook," edited by Diana von Glahn (Burning Press, 2007).

POLenta FONTINA PANINI WITH MUSHROOM SAUCE

4 servings

- 2 to 3 small shallots
- 1 tablespoon thyme leaves (may substitute 1 teaspoon dried thyme)
- 1 18-ounce roll cooked polenta (ends trimmed)
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3/4 pound sliced mixed mushrooms, such as cremini, shiitake and button
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup oil-packed sundried tomatoes, drained
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded fontina cheese

Mince the shallots and the



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thyme leaves. Cut the polenta crosswise in half, then cut each half into quarters, then cut each of those quarters in half, making 16 equal slices total; set aside.

Melt 1 tablespoon of the butter in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the shallots and cook for 3 minutes, stirring, until they have softened. Add the sliced mushrooms, thyme, salt and pepper; cook for 5 minutes, stirring, or until the mushrooms are tender and have exuded liquid. Reduce the heat to the lowest possible setting; keep warm.

Meanwhile, finely chop the sun-dried tomatoes and combine with the shredded fontina cheese.

Heat the remaining tablespoon of butter on a large nonstick griddle over medium heat until the butter is bubbly. Arrange 8 polenta

slices on the griddle and sprinkle them with the tomato-cheese mixture, using most of it. Top with the remaining 8 polenta

slices to form sandwiches. Cook for 3 minutes, then carefully turn over the sandwiches and cook for 3 minutes or until the cheese has melted and the polenta has deepened in color. (For an optional panini effect, place a second pan or heavy pot on the sandwiches to press them.) Turn off the heat; sprinkle the remaining tomato-cheese mixture on top of the 8 sandwiches so that it melts slightly and let sit for 1 minute; transfer to individual plates (2 sandwiches per serving) and top with the mushroom mixture. Serve immediately.

Per serving (280 calories, 11 g protein, 2 g carbohydrates, 16 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 50 mg cholesterol, 307 mg sodium, 2 g dietary fiber).

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Leftovers on purpose

By Joe Yonan
The Washington Post

Q. What tips do you have about making fried chicken specifically for leftovers? My general method (buttermilk brine shaken off, sprinkle with salt 'n' spices, roll in all-purpose flour, and shallow-fry in canola oil) produces leftovers that don't go to waste, but I feel there must be a way to produce chicken that retains some crunch factor and improves with age.

A. Cold fried chicken might be even better than warm from the skillet; that's why it makes such perfect picnic food. It sounds like you've got a good basic method going, but I'd suggest a couple of adjustments, based on (with appreciation) from a piece in the Chicago Tribune that consulted with some of our

favorite experts: John T. Edge, author of "Fried Chicken: An American Story"; food scientist Shirley O. Corliss, author of "CookWise"; and Pam Anderson, author of "Perfect Recipes for Having People Over."

For extra moisture and flavor insurance, try first bringing the chicken for 3 to 4 hours (in 1 quart of water flavored with 1 cup of salt), then marinating in a combination of buttermilk and Tabasco sauce for another 1 to 4 hours. Combine your spices with the flour before coating the chicken, so the seasoning is embedded in the crust. And after frying, make sure to drain the chicken well (on a rack placed over a baking sheet). Let the soon-to-be leftovers cool completely before refrigerating.

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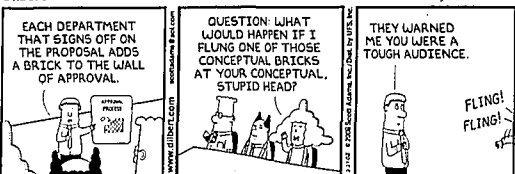
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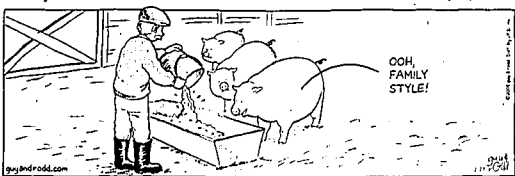
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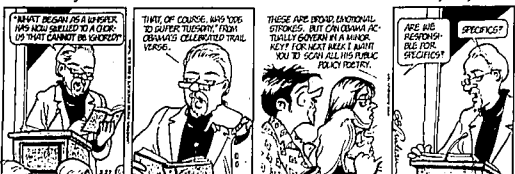
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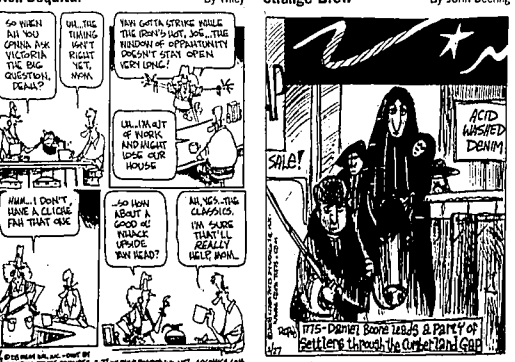


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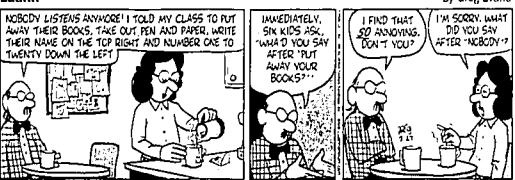
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Aquarius, dream about the future

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you have been working in isolation or have been afraid to ask for assistance, now is a perfect time to ask for support. Your reputation is enhanced when seen with the "right" people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are unlikely to voice an opinion unless you know that it is based on widespread facts and knowledge. Late in the day, make an apology or offer some plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A lack of confidence might

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temporarily disturb a key relationship. Overlook a minor difference of opinion because you will feel different tomorrow. Steer clear of public events and meetings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might run into a situation in which you are confused by the details of business plans. A good Samaritan is likely to come to your rescue and lend a hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can afford to be generous with compliments and understanding if loved ones are vague or bratty muddled. Don't dispute a bill or make payments early in the day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't neglect friends due to business pressures or expect friends to conform to an arbitrary set of structured conventions. Spend more time with your favorite hobbies and less time bemoaning your fate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can't dive into a new relationship or big splash. You will find it more comfortable to test the waters first. The

right person will understand your caution and hesitancy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your boundless enthusiasm and cheerful outlook may cause people to elect you as a mediator or umpire. Become an avid student of human nature and learn everything you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have an opportunity to splurge on luxury items or receive a gift that will brighten your day. If you aren't as sharp as your penies, you will find they really add up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You might not wear a halo, but you will have a chance to be an angel. Treat other people with respect, even if they have said or done something to offend you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It is a good day to dream about the future. Enlist the support of your friends to obtain valuable feedback. You aren't as sharp about business transactions as you'd like to think.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Partners may feel snubbed by your evasiveness if they do not understand your hyperactive pines and bustling. Quiet your pines and besting people suit your mood best.

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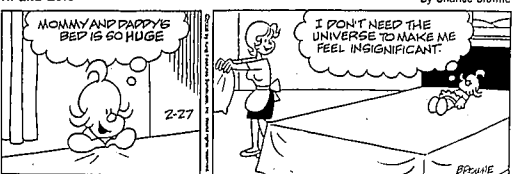
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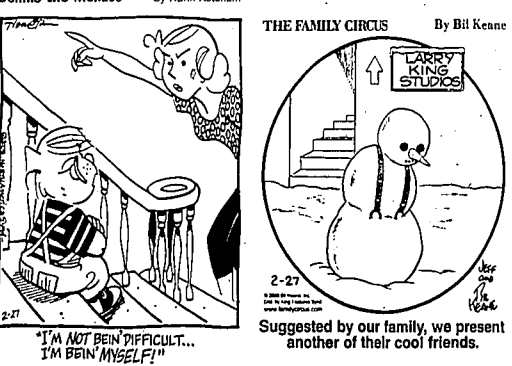
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Girlfriend's new figure gets too much exposure at dinner

DEAR ABBY: My son's girlfriend, "Liza," had her breasts enlarged several years ago. Her entire wardrobe now consists of clothing with plunging necklines that emphasize most of her "assets." Don't get me wrong, I don't expect Liza to wear turtlenecks, just to cover up some.

Whenever there's a family function, there "they" are for all to see. My husband and the siblings (all over 10) have talked about how uncomfortable that makes them. This is not one of those things that you can just turn your head from, especially when Liza is sitting across the table at dinner.

My son doesn't have a problem with it, but I would like to know if there's something you would suggest I could say — either to her or my son — to let them know how uncomfortable we are without making it sound like we're attacking her?

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DEAR "C.U.P.": Liza has invested a lot of money — not to mention the pain — in acquiring these assets. She wouldn't be human if she didn't want to display them. However, because you feel you're seeing too much of a good thing, approach your son about asking his girlfriend to dress a little more conservatively at dinner. If that doesn't



DEAR ABBY
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do the trick, lower the temperature when they're over and hand her a sweater — or serve lobster and hand out bills.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé bought a ring and necklace for me for Valentine's Day. The ring was to be a wedding ring. Both are yellow gold, which is something I have never worn, nor do I care.

The first ring he selected was white gold. Then he decided that with the yellow gold, he would get "more bang for his buck." A friend of ours, "Diana," went with him and told me the story. I told Diana I'm thinking of asking him to return the items and have the two of us look for a white gold set. Her response? "You'd better shut up and wear them. He may send you packing if you hint his feelings."

Abby, it's only a request, but this will be a lifelong remembrance for me to wear. What should I do?

— IN A TIZZY
IN OKLAHOMA CITY
DEAR IN A TIZZY: I'm guessing your boyfriend told Diana to help with the selec-

tion because he thought she'd know what you like. Frankly, he took the wrong girl. He should have taken you.

If Diana is really a friend, she should tell him she "forgets" for him and has a preference for white gold and suggest the two of you exchange the set for something you might like better.

While some readers may not agree, not all surprises turn out to be pleasant ones. The most practical way to choose wedding/engagement rings is for the man to talk to a jeweler in advance about what he can afford to pay and ask that a selection of rings in his price range be put aside for him and his girlfriend when he brings her in. That way, she can have her input, he won't feel pressured into spending more than he can afford, and everybody's happy.

DEAR ABBY: When a person cooks a meal, isn't it also his or her responsibility to do the dishes when the meal is finished? If not, then who should? I think the cook should be responsible.

— BOILING OVER
INST. LOUIS
DEAR BOILING OVER: And I think the person who eats the meal should volunteer to clear the table and help with the dishes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2008. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, was gutted by fire. Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire as justification for suspending civil liberties.

On this date:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

In 1861, in Warsaw, Russian troops fired on a crowd protesting Russian rule over Poland; five marchers were killed.

In 1922, the Supreme Court, in *Leser v. Garnett*, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1939, the Supreme

Court, in *National Labor Relations Board v. Fansteel Metallurgical Corp.*, outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until May.)

In 1979, Jane M. Byrne co-founded Chicago's Democratic political machine as she upset Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to win their party's mayoral primary. (Byrne went on to win the election.)

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight, Eastern time.

Ten years ago: With the approval of Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's House of Lords agreed to end 1,600 years of male preference by giving a monarch's first-born daughter the same claim to the throne as any first-born son.

Five years ago: The Bush administration lowered the national terror alert from orange to yellow. Iraq agreed in principle to destroy its Al Samoud II missiles, two days before a U.S. deadline. Former Russian Sen. leader Biljana Plavsic was sentenced by the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, to 11 years in prison. Children's television host Fred Rogers died in Pittsburgh at age 74.

One year ago: A suicide bomber struck Bagdad Air Base in Afghanistan during a visit by Vice President Dick Cheney, who was rushed to a bomb shelter. (Twenty-three people were killed; Cheney was unhurt.) The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 416.02 points, the worst drop since the 2001 terrorist attacks.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress Joanne Woodward is 78. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is 76. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 74. Actress Barbara Babcock is 71. Actor Howard Hesseman is 68. Actress Debra Monk is 59. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 54. Rock musician Adrian Smith (Iron Maiden) is 51. Actor Timothy Spall is 51. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 48. Country singer Johnny Van Zant (Van Zant) is 48. Rock musician Leon Mobley (Ben Harper) and the Innocent Criminals) is 47. Basketball Hall-of-Famer James Worthy is 47. Actor Adam Baldwin is 46. Actor Grant Show is 46. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 43. Actor Donald Logan is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 37. Rock musician Jeremy Deam (Nine Days) is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Roderick Clark is 35. Country-rock musician Shonna Tucker (Drive-By Truckers) is 30. Chelsea Clinton is 29. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bobby Valentino is 28. Singer Billy Groban is 27. Actress Kate Mara is 25.



THOUGHT

"All that is human must be retrograde if it does not advance."

— Edward Gibbon, English historian (1737-1794)

Venezuela seeks to root out English biz and tech terms

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez's government is taking its battle against U.S. "imperialism" into Venezuelan dictionaries, urging state phone company workers to avoid English-language business and tech terms.

Through a campaign launched Monday, newly nationalized CANTV hopes to replace "computers" and other "worldwide" stuff ("equipo" is preferred, "marketing" ("mercaderes") and "password" ("contrasena"). Stickers and banners printed

up by the company exhort Venezuelans to "Say it in Spanish. Say it with pride." The Communications and Information Ministry said in a statement that Venezuelans must recover Spanish words that are "threatened by sectors that have started a battle for the cultural domination of our nations."

Other English words targeted include "marketing" (which company prefers "raton"), "meeting" ("reunion") and "sponsor" ("patrocinador") — all of which have become common in Latin American countries.

The leftist president has sought to counter what he calls U.S. cultural imperialism on all fronts, forcing Venezuelan cinema as an alternative to the "domination of Hollywood" and forcing radio stations to play more Venezuelan music.

English is still taught in schools alongside other languages, however. And Chavez himself often breaks playfully into English, sometimes to salute his close friend, former Cuban leader Fidel Castro, saying "How are you, Fidel?"

Callaway plan offers country-Victorian style

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The Callaway is a contemporary cottage with a country-Victorian flavor. The wooden posts and railings on its wide front porch give it that country-cottage look, while the intriguing arched windows and scalloped-shingled gable fronts add dashes of nostalgic Victorian flavor.

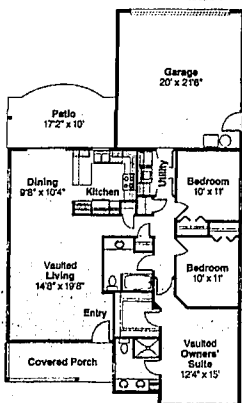
Families are sure to appreciate the multiplicity of amenities that the designers managed to fit into slightly less than 1400 square feet of living space.

Family gathering spaces fill the left side; private rooms are on the right. The vaulted living room has one wide window in the front, and two slender windows on the side. The ceiling height drops and flattens toward the rear, where the living room transitions into the dining room.

Light spills into this bright space through wide windows at the side and a set of sliding glass doors at the rear that open onto a partially covered patio. Counters in the C-shaped kitchen are extended by a peninsula with a sleek cutting bar that bounds the dining room. Standing at the kitchen sink, you can keep an eye on activities in the back yard and on the patio.

A hallway just around the corner from the Callaway's kitchen leads to the bedrooms, bathrooms, and a pass-through utility room that links with the garage. Broom, linen, and coat closets line the hallway, and a bank of cabinets fills the wall over the washer and dryer.

The owners' suite has a



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vaulted ceiling that slopes down to the left and right, a private bathroom with a double vanity and a walk-in closet that's surprisingly roomy for a home this size. Secondary bedrooms share the main bathroom, which has a combination tub and

shower.

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Check water temperature to maximize child's safety

By Gary Dymal
Newsday

It was days before the baby girl would turn a year old, and her grandmother was giving her a bath. The phone rang. Grandma took a minute to answer the call.

In that instant, the baby from an Atlanta suburb tried pulling herself up using the hot-water handle on the tub faucet. The faucet opened, and she was scalded by 140-degree water, resulting in third-degree burns over most of her body. After being airlifted to a hospital, she died less than a week later.

"That story just got to me," says Meri-K Appy, president of the Home Safety Council, which recently released results of a survey on injuries from hot tap water. "After the survey results, I guess I'm surprised that more accidents don't happen. It's amazing how so few of us think about being burned by our tap water."

According to a study by Kelton Research on behalf of HotStop (a maker of antiscalding products) and the national nonprofit Home Safety Council, about 3,800 injuries and 34 deaths occur in the home annually because of scalding from hot tap water.

Nearly 80 percent of the parents surveyed said they have not checked their water heaters for a safe temperature setting (120 degrees F).

It's an oversight, of course. Who would think household tap water could be so harmful, even deadly? Certainly not that Georgia grandmother in 2002.

Appy says that's one of the problems. It's something most of us never think about. "One way to reduce the risk is to simply adjust the thermostat on your water heater," Appy says. "Most heaters have adjustable thermostats, and dialing it down to 120 degrees can prevent some of these accidents."

Studies show that tap water at 140 degrees can burn skin in just seconds. At 120 degrees, burning can take up to five minutes.

Most prone to scalding are infants and older adults, whose skin is often softer. In addition to lessening the risk of scalding, lowering the water heater ther-

mostat from 140 degrees to 120 degrees can save almost 70 percent on water heating costs.

It is important that hot tap water be set at 120 degrees to eliminate bacteria. After dialing down the temperature, test the water with a thermometer. If necessary, adjust the thermostat again to maintain hot water at 120 degrees.

Appy says other minor steps also can be taken, including running the cold water before turning on the hot water.

"I know a lot of us are used to turning on the hot water first, then adjusting the temperature at the faucet by turning on the cold water," she says. "Just do it the other way around, so the hot water doesn't rush out."

Other safety tips:

- Test tub water using your own skin. Reach into the water up to your elbow before placing the child into the tub. If the water is too hot for your forearm, it will be too hot for the child.

- Keep children within arm's reach when they're bathing. Never leave them alone.

- Even when using the tub, turn on cold water first, then adjust tap temperature by turning on the hot water.

The tap-water study also showed that only 4 percent of adults surveyed had installed an antiscald device.

"That was very surprising," Appy says, "because many of the new devices are inexpensive and can be easy to install."

While it does not commonly endorse products, Appy says the Home Safety Council is encouraging installation of HotStop antiscald faucets, tub spouts and showerheads.

Available at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse stores (for between \$24 and \$29), these devices can be easily installed by the average adult — how hard is it to hand tighten a new shower head? — and will instantly reduce the flow of water to a trickle when it reaches unsafe temperatures.

"It's so easy, and in this case inexpensive, to prevent scalding," Appy says. "The main thing about the survey, however, is how few of us are aware of the dangers."

To review survey results, visit www.HomeSafetyCouncil.org.

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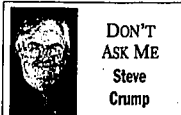
They're eating me outside of house and home

Some time ago, I called up my college student son—he lives in Columbus, Ohio—and asked him how he was doing.

"OK," he said. "I'm anxious to get my next student financial aid draw on Friday."

A clammy feeling spread from my neck down my back. "Why anxious?" I wanted to know. "So I can go to the grocery store," he replied.

"I'd heard this before, 'Eric,' I said, 'what did you have for breakfast this morning?'"



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

"Spaghetti noodles," he said. "I cooked them and mixed 'em up with a can of cold spinach." "And what did you have for breakfast yesterday?" I wondered.

"Spaghetti noodles," he said. "I didn't have any sauce, so I topped 'em with ketchup." "For those of you who think you can stop worrying about your kids after they go off to college, here's news: It only gets worse."

They spend all that money you send them on pizzas, CDs and Wiks, then must confront the cold light of an end-of-the-month draw with soggy canned vegetables over sodden, day-old pasta.

This has been a problem for years with Eric. Early in his college career, I used to ship him care packages full of various processed foods—including 42-ounce cans of Dinly Moore beef stew.

One time, I took a care package for Eric to UPS office, and while I was standing in line the bottom broke out of the box and Dinly Moore hit the concrete floor with a series of thuds.

The clerk behind the counter looked at all those cans rolling around, then looked at me and asked, "Would you like to know how much you're paying to ship one of those things?"

So I picked up a dented can of stew and handed it to her. She placed it on the scale.

"\$3.93," she said. "But I only paid \$1.59 for each can," I protested.

"My advice?" she replied. "Send him a check."

Which I mostly have since, except that I have no way of knowing how he's spending it.

For awhile, every phone conversation between us started with the same sentence: "What did you have for breakfast this morning?"

Eric had a little lunch money left, he'd say "Nothing." But if he said, "I don't want to tell you," I was out the door to the Fed Ex office.

A couple of winters ago, Eric slipped on some ice while walking home from his part-time job and injured his back. I figured it would be a spell before he could hobble to the supermarket, so I went online and found a service that delivers groceries in Columbus.

I ordered a bag of staples—milk, bread, tomato paste, canned food, Mountain Dew, nachos—and he "send."

When I got my credit card bill the following month, the tab for Eric's grocery delivery was \$287.

So he and I don't talk about money over the phone any more. At the end of our conversation, I just hand the phone to my wife, Eric's stepmother.

"How bad is it?" she'll ask. Victoria will listen for a moment or two, then hang up the phone.

"Costco," she'll say. "And use one of the big carts."

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Twin Falls man charged with poaching moose

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

An Idaho Department of Fish and Game officers arrested Douglas A. Faulkner, 50, on Feb. 4 at his home in Twin Falls. He posted a \$10,000 bond. No charges were filed against his two sons, though officers say they were hunting with him on Nov. 17, when the moose was killed.

"He has not given us a statement at all," said W. Scott Wright, a senior conservation officer in American Falls. A bullet in the moose was "tested by a ballistics expert in another state. He matched it to the exclusion of all other rifles. So the only rifle that could have fired it was Doug Faulkner's rifle."

A Power County Magistrate set a March 12 preliminary hearing.

In November game officers received a tip about possible illegal deer hunting and "stumbled on to the moose" on a hill off the reservation in Power County, Wright said. Witnesses told Fish and Game they saw Faulkner in the area hunting, Wright said. Based on their statements and evidence collected from around the kill site, a judge ordered a search warrant for Faulkner's truck and home.

Fish and Game officers searched the suspect's home at 302 Fifth Ave. N., where a large moose hide was hanging on the garage.

Faulkner, a non-reservation



Faulkner

Indian, is guaranteed fewer hunting rights than a reservation Indian, Wright said. Wright said his sons—an adult and a minor—are not being investigated at this point.

"His sons were with him when it happened," Wright said. "But at this point we don't have any reason to believe that they were involved."

The informant who led officers to the site was paid a \$500 reward from Citizens Against Poaching.

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In need of justice?

Student faces possible expulsion from Xavier Charter School

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

A child named Justice says he could use a little at his school.

Justice Garcia, 12, is worried he may be expelled from Xavier Charter School, he said Tuesday from his home while on suspension from school.

"Well, I know that I should be punished for chewing gum and leaving class early, but I don't think I should get expelled for little things like that," said Garcia, a seventh-grade student.

Garcia is scheduled to go before the Xavier Board of Trustees expulsion hearing Thursday, said his mother, Jennifer Garcia. Xavier Principal Cindy Fulcher said Tuesday that she was too busy to comment in detail.

Garcia has twice been suspended this school year and has been given 23 "tickets" from teachers for things such as having a cell phone, chewing gum, not finishing homework, not working and leaving class without permission, Jennifer Garcia said.

Students are referred to the school board if they've been suspended twice. Students with two tickets are assigned one hour of "teacher-directed service," and then, after five of those sessions, a kid is suspended, according to a letter from Xavier staff to Garcia. But that ticket policy is not specifically stated in the school's charter document or in its school board policy manual.

Garcia said one at the school told him why he was getting tickets or what the tickets could mean.

"Teachers told us toward the end of the first quarter," said Garcia, a confident kid with wispy hair. "I



Justice Garcia, a seventh-grade student at Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls, faces expulsion for a number of tickets he received for chewing gum or carrying a cell phone, among other things. Garcia, 12, is going before the board Thursday for an expulsion hearing, and his mother Jennifer says she doesn't think the charter school should suspend or expel him for such minor offenses.

didn't even understand what the tickets were for."

Some of the tickets were appropriate, Garcia conceded. He had a cell phone in his pocket once and those aren't allowed in school. But Garcia said he has a hard time understanding the fairness of some of his other tickets. For example, Garcia said he was ticketed for leaving class without permission because he had to use the bathroom, but the teacher didn't see that he was raising his hand. He said he was ticketed for missing homework because he didn't finish problems he didn't understand. He said he was ticketed for chewing gum before he knew it wasn't allowed, and for accidentally dropping a laptop computer.

Xavier requires students to be polite and attentive. All other behavior is considered disruptive, according to a letter from the school to Garcia.

Charter schools can set their own suspension and expulsion policies—with in the law, said Idaho Public Charter School Commission Program Manager Tamara Baysinger. Things like

"(Xavier Charter School Principle Cindy Fulcher) said there's no point in going to the board. She said my mom should pull me out before I'm expelled and can't go to school in Twin Falls."

— Justice Garcia, 12

harassment, intimidation, bullying and conduct disruptive of school order or of instructional effectiveness, are cited in Idaho law as grounds for suspension from public schools.

"There's room ... to determine what that means," Baysinger said. "But there are guidelines." Prior to suspending students, an informal hearing should be granted to air reasons for the suspension and to allow an opportunity to challenge those claims.

The Garcias say they never were given this opportunity. Instead, they say, Fulcher told them to seek another school.

"Mrs. Fulcher said there's no point in going to the board," Garcia said. "She said my mom should pull me out before I'm expelled and can't go to school in Twin Falls."

Fulcher, in a brief conversation at the school office, said that's not the case. "We don't do that," she said. "We talk about consequences."

Charter schools cannot counsel students away from enrollment, Baysinger said. Last fall Xavier was given a letter of defect from the state after a parent said Fulcher threatened to not accept her child.

"We're aware that some parents are unhappy and we're working with the board to learn more," Baysinger said.

Fulcher said no students have been expelled from the school since it opened last fall.

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A friendly partnership

Hagerman entitles hold monthly activities for kindergartners

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

A yellow school bus pulls up to the curb and all at once, a stream of five- and six-year-olds burst through the folding front door.

The 30 kindergartners chatter and laugh among themselves as they enter the visitor's center for the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument. Teachers for the two Hagerman classes sternly remind students to be on their best behavior.

"Having these kids come down is one of my favorite parts of the job," said Wilma Butigan, director of the Hagerman Public Library.

Butigan said the kindergartners from Hagerman Elementary make the two-block trip to the visitor's center a month for the community's youth reading program, put on by the library and hosted at the center.

"Our library is so small ... so we are lucky enough to be able to come here for the program," Butigan said.

As the students make their way to the center's projection room their eyes fix on the fossilized rendition of the prehistoric Hagerman Horse. Then they are quickly headed to the front of the room.

"Crisscross applesauce," says teacher Victoria Owsley. "Sit down, get ready to listen."

The students' heads jerk to the front, and they become quiet. They watch as Annette Rousseau, the center's education director, pulls two books from under her arm.

Because of President's Day, Rousseau said Thursday, "I thought today we could read something about our presidents."

After two stories the children start to squirm; time to switch gears. In the back of the room, tables have been

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Jacobs launches bid for Twin Falls County sheriff

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

A fifth candidate announced Tuesday he will join the race for the top law enforcement job in Twin Falls County.

The entry of Mary Jacobs, 52, in the race for county sheriff increases the number of candidates to five, including incumbent Sheriff Wayne Touseley. Jacobs and Touseley are running as Independents and will automatically advance to the November general election ballot, where they will be in a three-way race with the winner of the May

Republican primary. Jacobs was the sergeant of the Sheriff's Search and Rescue team.

Jacobs was forced to resign after saying he would challenge Touseley. He had served the department since 1989 as a reserve. After obtaining limited POST certification he also served from 1991 to 1995 as a full-time marine deputy during summers. Jacobs is petitioning the sheriff to allow him to

instead take a leave of absence through the election. He wants to return to the department if he loses the election, he said.

He and two other candidates have run afoul of the sheriff's policy, which prohibits deputies from running against the top cop. "It's a big risk, but I've been visiting with people from Buhl to Murtaugh who say change needs to be made," Jacobs said. "The public has lost trust in the department. We need to build a little trust." Jacobs said that lack of trust comes from the short-staffed patrol force. It is "a little top heavy on

administration," he said. "The deputies have pretty close to town. We need to get out there and let the people see you ... because it's supposed to be the people we're protecting."

Jacobs wants sworn officers currently serving only administrative functions to spend one to two days per week on patrol. First, he said, he would ask department heads if that plan is feasible.

Idaho law does not require its sheriffs to be fully certified. He said he would compensate for his shortage in training by delegating "running the program" to the undersheriff.



Annette Rousseau, education director for the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, reads to local kindergartners during a reading program Thursday. The visitor's center is used for the school's monthly event because the town's public library is too small.

Warren Neil Ackerman

RIGBY — Warren Neil Ackerman, age 61, a devoted husband, father and friend of Rigby, died at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008.

Warren Ackerman, son of Frank and Bea Ackerman, was born June 18, 1946, in Sacramento, Calif. It was here that he grew up and attended school. He graduated from El Camino High School and attended American River College in Sacramento, Calif. He married Norma Jean Johnson on Jan. 1, 1966, in Reno, Nev. He was previously married to Shannon Elizabeth Scheit; they later divorced. He was a member of the Catholic Church. Warren worked for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation as an electrician and at various hydroelectric plants, some of which were Shasta Dam in Redding, Calif., and



Minidoka Dam in Rupert. He enjoyed hunting, camping, snowmobiling and was a taxidermist.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his spouse, Norma Ackerman of Rigby; two sons, Robert James (Tania) Ackerman of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Matthew Scott (Mindy) Ackerman of West Jordan, Utah; one stepdaughter, Tracey Lynn Whitlington of Brian, Texas; one stepson, Ronald B. (Zetta) Miller of Rigby; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Eckersell Memorial Chapel, 101 W. Main St., Rigby, ID 83442. The family will visit with friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29, and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at Eckersell Memorial Chapel, with cremation following. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.eckersellfuneralhome.com.

Gerald Soren Jensen

RUIH — After a long illness, Gerald Soren Jensen, 83, passed away Feb. 24, 2008, at his home on the same farm where he was born.

He was the son of Soren H. Jensen and Violet Anderson Jensen. Gerald attended schools in Ruih, graduating from Ruih High School with the Class of 1942. He spent some months in the U.S. Army with the Corps of Engineers and was honorably discharged in 1945. He returned to the family farm, where he lived the remainder of his life. He married Lucille Ramsey in Filer on July 31, 1949, and they had one son, Jerry. Gerald farmed the family farm, raised registered Holstein cows and ran a dairy. He also leased several neighboring farms and did some custom farming.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 60 years and was affiliated with the York Rite and the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. He was particularly active in the Elks Arch, holding many offices several times. He was past president of the Oasis Shrine Club and participated in the



annual caravan to the Shrine Hospital in Salt Lake City on many occasions. He enjoyed hunting and shooting trap and was a life member of the Twin Falls Gun Club. As a young man, Gerald was an accomplished dancer. He greatly regretted being unable to dance near the end of his life.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, John; his elder sister, Joan, Baschi and his son Jerry. He is survived by his wife, Janice; his daughter-in-law, Mary Jensen; two granddaughters, Erica Zimmerman (Luke) of McMinnville, Ore., and Amy Jensen of Washington, Pa.; two sisters, Betty Dutt (Russell) of Kenner, Utah, and Caroline Brown (Bert) of Jerome; and many nieces and nephews.

Gerald's family appreciates the loving care provided by the Elks Lodge and Hospice during this past year, particularly by Pam and Sueanna. A memorial service will be held for Gerald at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 29, at the Methodist Church in Ruih under the direction of Pastor, Funeral Chaplain. Those who choose may make memorial contributions to the Boy's and Girl's Club or a charity of their choice.

Virgil Ray Lickley

JEROME — Virgil Ray Lickley passed away Feb. 23, 2008, at the age of 76 after a long battle with cancer.

He was born June 28, 1931, and was one of six children born to Virgil I. Lickley and Nellie (Williams) Lickley at the Lickley homestead in Jerome. Ray was raised in Jerome and in Jerome and, after attending Brown's Academy in San Diego for a short time, graduated from Jerome High School. Ray married Donna Bartholomew in Jerome on Sept. 10, 1959. They raised three children in Jerome while farming, ranching and raising registered Hereford cattle and quarter horses on the family property. He and Donna were later divorced. Ray was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was past master of the Jerome Masonic Lodge.

Many years were spent working in local road construction and maintenance, and Ray took great pride in his ability to build a road through the sagebrush and rock. In his later years, much of Ray's time was spent in property development in the Jerome area. He was instrumental in developing several Jerome properties, including Sawtooth Acres, Sage Meadow Ranch, and the Arrowhead Ranch Subdivision. Ray and his companion, Della Marzocca of Kimberly, enjoyed traveling and spending their winters in Apache Junction, Ariz., where they developed many close friendships. Ray was looking forward to the Lickley



Centennial celebration to be held in June of this year and will be sorely missed.

Survivors include his children, John (Marie) Lickley of Jerome, Linda Lickley of Jerome and Brenda (Mike) Tiley of Whitebird; grandchildren, Dustin (Kim) Lickley of Jerome, Clay Lickley of Jerome, Brooke Arellano of Boise, Amanda Arellano of Phoenix, Ariz., Luke (Meghan) Arellano of Jerome, Cody Tilsen of Jerome and Michael Martinez of Jerome; sisters, Louise (Bob) Gibbons and Jeanette (George) Gaskask; and brother, Larry (Helen) Lickley; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Virgil John Lickley; mother, Nellie Lickley; lastname; brothers, Jackie Lickley and Albert Lickley; grandson, Coryell Lickley; sister-in-law, Chlene Lickley; brother-in-law, Joe Frazier; and companion, Della Marzocca.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 29, at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with the Rev. George Gasaska officiating. Interment of the ashes will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. No viewing is planned.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Lickley House, restoration project, in care of the Jerome Country Historical Society and the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum (IFARM) in Jerome, where the Lickley homestead buildings are now located. Memorials may be left at the funeral home or mailed to the historical society at P.O. Box 50, Jerome, ID 83438.

Sarah Briggs

Sarah Briggs, 83, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at Heritage Retirement Center.

Sarah was born July 4, 1924, in North East, Pa., to Nick and Concetta Triana. She was a loving wife, mother and friend who went to be with the Lord. She married her high school sweetheart Harley Briggs on Feb. 24, 1946. She and Harley were married for 62 years. They had three children and eventually moved the family to Florida, where they resided many years.

Sarah is survived by her husband; two children, Timothy (Laura) Briggs of Amherst, Va., and Bonnie (Paul) Mench of Twin Falls;



her siblings, Laura Triana Barballo of North East, Pa., Donald (Loretta) Triana of North East, Pa., James (Roseanna) Triana of Bradenton, Fla., and Richard (Julie) Triana of North East, Pa.; one sister-in-law, Francis Triana of North East, Pa.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Daniel Mench; one sister, Freda Triana Patacca; and two brothers, Carl Triana and Sam Triana.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mustard Seed, 455 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83401. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Heritage Assisted Living, 622 Filer Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Olen Paul Clark 'Swede'

JEROME — In loving memory of "Swede," 79, of Hazelton, passed away at his home Jan. 30, 2008, to be with the Lord and to reunite with his wonderful wife, Willa, and loved ones.

He is preceded in death by brothers, Hubert McDonald and Orville Clark; sister, Edith Green; two nieces, nephews and one stepson; and one stepdaughter.

He was born in Nendesha, Kan., on Feb. 18, 1928. After losing his father in 1929, the family moved to Hazelton, where he grew up and lived for most of his life. He served in the Army and received an honorable discharge, where he was awarded a World War II Victory Medal. He had nine children; surviving are Sherry Perkins, Glen Clark, Ed Finley, Ted Finley, Jody Sisk, Dale Pinley and Tammy Sisk. He had 20 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He farmed for several years in Jerome. After selling the farm in 1972, he and Willa opened up the Snug Lounge in Eden. When the lease was up, they decided not to renew it and instead opened up the Valley Cafe. During that time while Willa ran the cafe, Swede started up Swede's Trucking, which he kept going until he retired. He enjoyed entertaining people and making them laugh. He never knew a stranger and was always quick to meet someone new. He was always there for family and friends, and he sure got a kick out of his grandchildren. He loved to go play, Gin, Runny and pool with his friends and family. In the spring, he loved to go find asparagus and bring it home to clean and bag it up so he could give it away to family

and friends. He mentioned he had about 100 people on his list he gave it to last year, and he always counted every spear so no one got cheated. He will be deeply missed by all; he was a good man, father and friend.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Valley Christian Center, 35 Main St. in Hazelton. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Valley Christian Church and/or Eden Senior Citizens Center. He wanted to be cremated and to be taken to Alinsworth, Neb., where he will be placed by his wife, Willa. Cremation arrangements took place under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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Mary Evelyn Wilmot

JEROME — Mary Evelyn Wilmot, 75, of Jerome, went home to join the choir of heavenly saints in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Feb. 24, 2008.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Larry Wilmot; four children and their spouses; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her sister, Jean; and her children and grandchildren. She was devoted to her heart as her own.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at Life Church of the Maple Valley, 425 Nez Perce (100 S. 25 E.) in Jerome. A visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 29, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 Lincoln in Jerome, where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., and again one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.



Neil Harpster, TF

See more obituaries, death notices and services on D3.

Elmer 'Frog' Hleb

BURLEY — Elmer "Frog" Hleb, a 73-year-old resident of Burley, passed away Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at the Burley Care Center after a brief illness.

He was born April 16, 1934, in W. S. H. N.D., and moved with his family to Rupert in 1942. He served in the United States Army. He was employed as a mechanic at Rupert Auto and as a truck driver for Simplot. He enjoyed bowling and old cars.



He is survived by three daughters, Korena Ortiz of Kennel, Alaska, and Tereau Preussler and Lisa Lepzke, both of Lewiston; his siblings, Gary (JoAnn) Hleb of Rupert, Ruth Jones of Blackfoot, Loretta (Blaine) Alphin of Burley, Doris Hleb of Rupert, Richard (Sharon) Hleb of Central Point, Ore., and Melvin Hleb of Rupert; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lydia Hleb.

As per Frog's wishes, cremation will take place under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley, with a private service at a later date.

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Roger Wageman Sr.

HEYBURN — Roger Rollin Wageman Sr., a 77-year-old resident of Heyburn, passed away Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, surrounded by his family.

He was born Aug. 26, 1930, to Christ and Martha Dockett Wageman. He was the seventh of 11 children. He attended grade and high schools in Hailey and Rupert. He served in the military from 1949 to 1952 during the Korean Conflict. He loved to fish, hunt, camp and have coffee with his friends. He also enjoyed his trips to Jackpot.

He is survived by his children, Jean Maddox of West Jordan, Utah, Margie (Monte) Wilkinson of Burley, Roger (Dorena) Wageman Jr. of Heyburn, Lindy Wageman and Rick (Deidra) Wageman, all of Burley, and Sherry (Jeff) Perotto of Twin Falls; 22 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bessie Grace of Twin Falls and Violet Annon of Rupert; and three brothers: Christ Wageman Jr. of Jerome, and

Dwayne Wageman and Vernon Wageman, both of Heyburn. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, two brothers, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was a good father, raising five children on his own, and a good grandfather. He will be missed by many.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at the First Christian Prayer Chapel, 1110 Eighth St. (next to Minidoka Memorial Hospital) in Rupert, with the Rev. Darcey Gritzmaier officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery with military rites under the direction of the Minidoka Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Dad, we are proud of you and all that you gave us kids. We could and would not ask for anything more. We will miss you more than you could ever know. We love you. In lieu of flowers, the family will accept memorials toward funeral expenses.

DEATH NOTICES

Dale P. Patterson

Dale Powell Patterson, 74, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, after a fight with prostate cancer.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29, at the Twin Falls LDS Stake Center, 421 Maurice St. N.; visitation from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; burial at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Caldwell.

Eldred Bair

HEYBURN — Eldred Earl Bair, 87, of Heyburn, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Paul LDS 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel, 300 S. 500 W. in Heyburn; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1250 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Carl L. Petersen

TWIN FALLS — Carl L. Petersen, 73, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

Clytie I. Freeman

BURLEY — Clytie Irene Freeman, 78, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Richard E. Cristobal

Richard Eugene Cristobal, 71, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, in Twin Falls.

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

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

St Luke's Magic Valley

Wellness Watch

Volunteer Spiritual Care Visitors: Annual Training Session

St. Luke's Magic Valley Pastoral Care is an outreach ministry that includes ordained and lay people who visit patients and families during their hospital stay. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the annual training session. Lunch is provided. Pre-register by calling 737-2834.

Thursday, February 28, 9am-3pm

St. Luke's Magic Valley Education Center, Sage Room
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Birth/Parenting

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Thursday, February 28 and Tuesday, March 4, 6:30-9pm
St. Luke's Magic Valley Downtown Campus Lobby
660 Shoshone Street East

Big Kids Klub

Help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. Pre-registration required. Call 732-3148. \$10/one child, \$15/two or more children.

Saturday, March 1, 10-11:30am
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Infant Safety and CPR Class

New parents, grandparents, and caregivers learn CPR and what to do if baby chokes. No registration required. Free.

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30-9pm
St. Luke's Magic Valley Downtown Campus Lobby
660 Shoshone Street East

Cesarean Childbirth Course

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Thursday, March 6 and Tuesday, March 11, 6:30-9pm
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Healthy Living/Screenings

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This program uses "soft" exercise to help delay the progression of symptoms and provide for a more active and comfortable life. Call 737-2126 for information. Free.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 28-March 13, 11am-noon
Episcopal Church of the Ascension
371 Eastland Drive North

Squeaky Joints Arthritis Aquatics Class

People with arthritis and related conditions are invited to attend. Call 734-2336 for information. \$3 per session or \$30 for a 12-session pass.

Mondays and Fridays, February 29-March 10, 9-10am
YMCA City Pool, 756 Locust Street

Heartsaver CPR Classes

This class offers Infant, child, and adult CPR, and AED. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2007. \$36

Tuesday, March 4, 6-10pm
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Back School

Basic anatomy of the spine, common injuries, diseases leading to back pain, and more. Call 737-2126 to register. \$25

Local businesses may request on-site classes.
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H.W. 'Brick' Zimmerman

Brick passed away on Feb. 25, 2008, at his home.

Brick was born in Remington, Ind., on Aug. 27, 1912. His parents were William and Tillie Zimmerman. He came to Idaho in 1932, working at an orchard-picking apples. He returned to Indiana after harvest. In 1933, he and Jim Sharkey, his lifetime friend, returned to Idaho, making it their permanent home. He met Dorothy Kloppenburg and was married in 1937. Brick got a job working for the city of Twin Falls as a policeman. After that, he went to work as a State Police officer in Pocatello as a lieutenant of the Eastern Idaho District. World War II found him joining the Navy as shore patrol. After the war, he and Dorothy returned to Twin Falls, opening Zimmerman's Dress Shop. They operated this store for 20 years. Dorothy passed away in 1983.

In 1984, he married Celeste

Tippin Henderson. They did extensive traveling in their motor home as members of the Family Motor Coach Association. He was a life member of BPOE 2087. He and Celeste became avid golfers, belonging to the Jerome Country Club for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Celeste; stepdaughter, Elaine (Bob) Westing of Twin Falls; two step grandsons, Todd (Jenli) Westing of Gilbert, Ariz., and Chad Westing of Boise; seven step great-grandchildren; and nephews, Larry (Ann) Nye of Portland, Ore. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and four brothers.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor Greg Lindsay officiating. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the mortuary. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to First Choice Home Care and Hospice, Box 1054, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1054.

SERVICES

Jake Chavez Garcia of Hazelton, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Samuel Adams Warnock Jr. of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Jackie Hardy of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation one hour before the funeral.

Cheryl Lynn Carroll of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Nicole Jacqueline Funk of Roy, Utah, and formerly of Jerome, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Gooding; visitation from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the Gooding LDS Chapel, 1228 Main St. (Lindquist's Roy Mortuary in Roy, Utah)

Juanita L. Bolinger of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Rebecca Faye Stapleton of Twin Falls, funeral at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White

Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before the funeral Thursday at the church.

Roy D. Ghan of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Serenity Funeral Chapel, 502 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Mae K. Herron of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the chapel.

William "Bill" E. Hone Jr. of Centralia, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

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Senate votes 30-4 to pass one-mile bill

The Senate voted 30-4 on Tuesday in favor of a bill that would allow people living more than a mile from a proposed confined animal feeding operation to testify in permit hearings.

The bill amends an old law and permits public testimony from "affected persons," which would include nearby businesses, school districts or people with secondary residences. Current law provides only for primary homeowners, but counties can change the terms themselves.

The bill passed with no debate.

Last year, the Senate passed the same bill — by the same vote — but the bill languished in a House Committee.

"This provision has no place in an open and democratic government," said Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, the



bill's sponsor.

House passes drug scholarship bill

The House passed a bill 55 to 14 on Tuesday that would offer college scholarships to students who stay drug-free.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, would fund \$4.4 million over the next several years toward scholarships for students who abstain from drugs, alcohol and tobacco. They could receive \$2,000 towards Idaho colleges.

"Positive reinforcement works in the classroom," said Block, a former kinder-

garten teacher.

They'd have to submit to random drug tests in high school, but do so once in college. If they are found in violation at college, they'd lose the scholarship, but would not have to return any money previously received.

Some lawmakers opposed the measure and said that as a pilot program for just three school districts, a large number of eligible kids would be turned away.

"It looks to me like this is being pretty selective and it's not fair to the rest of the students in the state," said Rep. Dell Reybold, R-Rexburg.

Office of Energy Resources says clean coal is a possibility

Transmission lines are the most critical part of the discussion of Idaho's energy

future, said Paul Kjellander, Idaho's director for the Office of Energy Resources.

Kjellander, in addressing the House Energy, Environment and Technology Committee on Tuesday, said that before talking about energy sources, including geothermal and other renewable types, people need to be focused on transmission lines. He said they cost between \$1.6 million and \$2.6 million per mile.

But Kjellander, a former president of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, said that Idaho is at or near capacity in most of its energy transmission lines and needs to continue to search for new energy sources.

"To say coal isn't on the table in some clean capacity would be a misrepresentation to this committee," he said.

— from staff reports

Beware of road closure in Twin Falls

The city of Twin Falls announced a closure and rerouting of traffic for the next few days.

Orchard Avenue from Blue Lakes Boulevard South to Harrison Street will be closed to through traffic for about three working days. Work began Tuesday.

After this work is completed, about 1,000 feet of Orchard Avenue from Harrison Street West will be closed for an additional three working days.

Drivers are being asked to use 3700 North Road or Paiz Avenue to bypass the construction area. Detour signs will be in place to redirect the traffic.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County

ARRAIGNMENTS (FEB. 25)

Katherine Souza, 23, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 7; \$10,000 bond; trespass; pleaded innocent; public

defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 18; \$500 bond; Patricia M. Smith, 38; two counts felony; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 7; \$1,000 bond; resisting/obstructing an officer; pleaded innocent; public

defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 18; \$500 bond; Brandon E. Skogsgren, 19, Twin Falls; two counts burglary; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 7; \$1,000 bond; Elizabeth A. Taylor, 43, Twin Falls; felony driving under the

influence; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for March 7; \$10,000 bond.

Ray D. Matberg, 44, Buhl; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 18; released on own recognition.

COMMUNITY NEWS

McCauley to celebrate 80th birthday

Ellen McCauley of Twin Falls will be honored for her 80th birthday at an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N., Twin Falls.

McCauley was born in Oslo, Norway, on Feb. 18, 1928, and came to the U.S. in 1953. She worked for a phone company, Idaho Department Store and the Idaho agriculture department. She is active in her church and volunteers at the Twin Falls Visitors Center.

Her daughters are Carla Baer of Virginia and JoAnn Tietjens of Missouri. The event is being hosted by her nieces Linda Morris, Janice Eacker, Joyce Graybeal and Ellen Hampton. The family requests no gifts.



McCauley

open house for his 90th birthday from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at his home, 959 Schodde Ave. Birthday greetings can be sent to that address.

Friedrich was born March 1, 1918, in Messler, Mo. He moved to the Magic Valley in 1958. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Idaho Baptist Church. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

His children are Don (Elinore) Friedrich, Doneva (Don) Sawyer, Brenda Betts and Ralph (JoAnn) Friedrich, all of Burley; Kathleen (Glenn) Burke of Heyburn; Wanda (Erlene) Powers of Sparks, Nev. He has 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Poulsen celebrating 80th birthday

Lawrence Friedrich of Burley will be honored at an

Beth Poulsen will celebrate her 80th birthday at an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome LDS

Stoke Center, 26 N. 100 E.

Poulsen was born March 2, 1928, in Franklin, Minn. He married Don K. Poulsen in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1946. They have lived in the Magic Valley for 49 years.

Her children are Jerry (Corie) Poulsen, Blake (Judy) Poulsen, Marsha Poulsen and Charleen (David) Capps. She has 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Wendell Scout earns Eagle award

WENDELL — Alan Benson, 16-year-old son of Jim and Lyn Benson of Wendell, will be presented with his Eagle Scout Award at 5 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion, 610 W. Main.

Benson earned 23 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he repainted and installed



Poulsen



Benson

new handicap parking spaces at the Wendell High School, the gymnasium, the football field and Wendell Middle School. He was assisted by six scouts, his scoutmaster and his father. The project took 31 hours to complete. He belongs to Troop No. 95, sponsored by Living Waters Presbyterian Church. His scoutmaster is Gudio Wistman.

He is a sophomore at Wendell High School and is active in football, wrestling and track. He is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and contributed many volunteer hours in the construction of the South-central Idaho Veterans Park. He enjoys playing the guitar.

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setup for a craft-making event, but all too soon the activities are over with and it is time to head back to school.

"I like the girl that reads to us, she's a good reader," said Gage Hammond, 6. "It's fun to come here all the time because we get to see the fossils, and sometimes we even get to dig for fossils. The dinosaurs we get to see sometimes are cool."

The day's program is typical of the monthly events with the library. Owsley said, "This program gives students the possibility to be exposed to different things," she said. "We've had lessons on bats and snakes. It's nice to be able to come down here because the topics are usually something I'm not too familiar with."

The reading program began four years ago, said Butigan, and the whole community chips in to keep it going. "We try and keep the costs pretty minimal, and when I need something there is always somebody out there willing to give," she said. "If we do a craft or something, that comes directly out of library funds."

Butigan has made the program an integral part of library activities. Although she will be retiring this spring, it is not likely that next year's kindergarten class will miss the monthly field trip.

"I've made it part of the job description," Butigan said. "As long as this amazing part-

nership with the school and visitor's center continues, so will the kindergarten reading program."

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Wood River residents to buy weekly Journal

The Times-News
—CHALEY — A group of local residents has agreed to buy the weekly Wood River Journal from Lee Enterprises, its owner for the past four years. Lee, a publicly held media company, also owns the Times-News.
Lee and the Journal have signed a purchase contract with the Limited Liability Corp., Newsies, which was created by John Sofro, a local developer and other residents of the Wood River Valley whose names have not yet been announced.
The purchase is now in the due

"Newsies has formed a group with the theme of "More Voices, More Choices (MVMC)" whose goal is to keep two viable voices in the Wood River Valley."
— John Sofro, a local developer who helped create Newsies

diligence process and is expected to be finalized in April.
Dan Gorham, a past publisher of the Journal, helped arrange the purchase and is an adviser for the buyers.
"Newsies has formed a group with the theme of "More Voices, More Choices (MVMC)" whose goal is to keep two viable voices in the Wood River Valley," Sofro said. "MVMC

believes that having a second newspaper enhances the community by providing a forum for discussion and debate of the issues, as well as keeping advertising rates competitive. MVMC is looking for financial support from the entire community as the goal is to make the Journal a valley-owned newspaper."
Sofro indicated that he would like to have 30 investors, with no individual or entity would own more than 15 percent of the newspaper. Sofro said few people in the Wood River Valley realize "The Wood River Journal is equal to its competitor, the Idaho Mountain Express, in terms of circulation and readership of its Wednesday editions — both papers having an average circulation of 14,000."

"This clearly indicates that we

presently have two equal news voices in the Wood River Valley," Sofro said. "The Wood River Journal is a highly viable newspaper that has seen significant revenue and circulation growth in the past two years and needs to continue to serve the Wood River Valley. The Journal will only continue to improve with local ownership with a local editorial advisory board."
Lee Enterprises publishes 51 daily newspapers and has a joint interest in five others, rapidly growing online sites and more than 300 weekly newspapers and specialty publications in 23 states.

Evils of 'stagflation'



A grocery checker bags a shopper's groceries at J. & F. Market in Palo Alto, Calif. Consumer confidence plunged in February as Americans worried about less-favorable business conditions and job prospects, a business-backed research group said Tuesday.

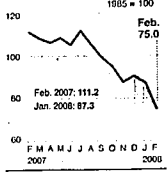
Indicators show stagnant economy, lost jobs, surging inflation

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's a toxic economic mix the nation hasn't seen in three decades: Prices are speeding upward at the fastest pace in a quarter century, even as the economy loses steam.
"Economists call the disease "stagflation," and they're worried it might be coming back.
"Already," paychecks aren't stretching as far, and jobs are harder to find, threatening to set off a vicious cycle that could make things even worse.
The economy nearly stalled in the final three months of last year and probably is barely growing or even shrinking now. That's the "stagflation" part of the ailment. Typically, that slowdown slows inflation as well — the second part of the diagnosis — but prices

Confidence waning

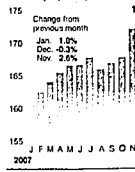
The consumer confidence index from a survey of 5,000 U.S. households: Seasonally adjusted 1985 = 100



are still marching higher.
The latest worrisome news came Tuesday: a government report showing wholesale prices climbed 7.4 percent in the past year. That was the biggest annual leap since 1981.
"We're in a slowdown," Press Secretary Dana Perino said at the White House,

Producer prices

The Producer Price Index for finished goods Seasonally adjusted (1982 = 100)



where the economists talk was still upbeat until recently. Once the twin evils of stagflation take hold, it can be hard to break the grip. People cut back on their spending as they are stung by rising prices and shivering wages. Businesses, also socked by rising costs and declining demand, from cus-

tomers, clamp down on their hiring and capital investment.
That would be a nightmare scenario for Wall Street investors, businesses, politicians and most everyone else. They're already looking to the Federal Reserve for help, but the Fed's job is complicated by the situation.
The mission of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues is to nurture economic growth and keep inflation under control. To brace the teetering economy, the Fed since September has been ratcheting down its key interest rate. Another cut is expected in March. However, to combat inflation, the Fed would be expected to boost rates instead.
"The Fed has its hands full. It is preoccupied with the economic slowdown at the

'Zombie Debt' can return years later

Credit card companies selling consumer debt for profit

By Richard J. Dalton Jr.
Newsday

MELVILLE, N.Y. — After Kim Mullen filed for bankruptcy in 1993, she cut up all her credit cards in her lawyer's office. Since then, the Levittown resident has managed to obtain a good credit rating.
But in December, a debt collector contacted her, saying she had an unpaid card balance of \$5,655 from 1992. With interest, the letter claimed, the debt had grown to \$19,400.
As old debt seems to rise

from the dead, it's taken on a name — "zombie debt." And in recent years, more and more such debt is coming back to haunt consumers, according to their advocates and lawyers who specialize in debt.
Mullen, 46, says she doesn't remember the debt and has challenged it. Others who have received such notices say the purported old debts are a result of identity theft.
Many credit card companies have started selling

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Canal company to hold retirement party

The Twin Falls Canal Company will hold a retirement party for General Manager Vince Alberdi from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 29.
The event will also give company patrons the opportunity to meet Brian Olmstead, who will replace Alberdi in March.
The event will be held at the Twin Falls Canal Company office at 357 6th Ave. West in Twin Falls.

Wheat, soybean futures advance

CHICAGO — Agriculture futures mostly traded higher Tuesday on the Chicago Board of Trade.
Wheat for May delivery rose 90 cents to \$12.145 a bushel; March corn fell 2.75 cents to \$5.305 a bushel; March oats gained 13.25 cents to \$4.1725 a bushel; May soybeans advanced 15 cents to \$14.8425 a bushel.
Beef futures traded higher and pork futures were mixed on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Free tax preparation for school employees

Liberty Tax Service is providing free tax preparation for all school employees.
Tax preparation services are available from Feb. 25 through March 3 at Liberty's offices in Twin Falls and Jerome.
For more information, call Sherri Elson at 410-9748.

Home Depot reports first decline in sales

ATLANTA — The Home Depot Inc. posted its first ever annual sales decline Tuesday and released a 2008 outlook that is more gloomy than that of its chief rival, Lowe's.
The Atlanta-based company, reporting fourth-quarter profits had declined more than 27 percent, said an earlier halt to a program to buy back up to \$22.5 billion in Home Depot stock will continue until markets improve.

— Staff and wire reports

In pursuit of progress Business Improvement District survives trial of change

It seemed like any idea was up for consideration during the Twin Falls Historic Downtown Business Improvement District's board meeting Tuesday morning.
The mayor, city officials and district board members discussed everything from throwing a huge music festival to bringing the Farmer's Market downtown. The free-wheeling exchange of ideas

may be the best indication yet that the once-struggling organization is now doing what it was created to do — market and promote downtown.
After more than two years of juggling duties it was not equipped to

handle — including parking enforcement and landscaping — the district has passed management on to better-equipped city agencies.
"We've come a long way, but it's been a wild ride," board member Jim Mason said after the

meeting, in recent years the district had struggled with financial problems and seemingly endless complaints about misuse of assessment fees from business owners.
The improvement district called the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce to help with management. The arrangement lasted a year before the Chamber asked to

That let the city itself as the only entity willing to take on day-to-day oversight of parking enforcement and maintenance in the district.
"We're trying to take back as much responsibility and control from (the improvement district) as we can," said Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow.

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COMMODITIES

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coming up with ideas that would breathe life back into the sleepy Historic Townsite. "It's been so long that we haven't had the ability to think about anything other than parking, or landscaping, or all these other issues," said Ryan Horsley, chairman of the Business Improvement District. "I think that with the city taking over these things, we will be getting back to what we're originally here for, which is to market the downtown area."

consumers facing debt-collection lawsuits, many of which involve old debt, said Mauro, who obtained a private donation for the project.

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Route Driver Nemo, Inc. is seeking a reliable driver with a Class A CDL with Hazmat & Tanker endorsement (required) to deliver industrial gases and welding supplies. Work 10 a.m.-Thurs, 4-10 hour shifts. Applicant must have good organizational and communication skills. Some heavy lifting required for this fast-paced route. Good driving record and drug testing required. Must be willing to work some overtime hours. Applicants seeking opportunity with fast-growing, established regional company may fill out application and take pre-employment screening test at: Nemo, 203 S. Park Ave, W. Twin Falls, ID 83403.

DRIVERS
Read-Mix Drivers wanted. Pay DOE. Full benefits. Apply at Idaho Concrete Co. 1254 Alderson Ave. W. Twin Falls, ID or online at www.idahocconcrete.com Drug Free Workplace EOE.

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Semi Truck Driver needed. Class A CDL. Experience with hauling potatoes and 2 years driving. Full-time, year round. MCM Trucking Call Joe 731-6460

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Ag Express Inc Paid ID. Class A CDL drivers with tank endorsement needed full & part-time year round local & interstate hauling, benefits include medical, dental, vision, 401K & vacation. Minimum age 21. Call 438-8886 or Mille at 431-4041

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- CNA - Long Term Care (PT)
- Environmental Services Tech (FT)
- LPN - Long Term Care (FT)
- Mid-Level Provider (FT)
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- Restorative Aide - LTC (PT)
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\$218,500

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Competitive wages & benefits.

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Simple Elegance

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30 Legal wrongs
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32 Three-way intersection
35 Falco of "The Sopranos"

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53 Actress Moran
55 Leg bone
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60 Understands
61 Male and female

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2 Suggestive beginning?

3 Baby's bed
4 Highway barrier
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7 Chopped with an ax
8 Employ
9 Decorative ribbon
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11 Out in the open
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21 Has permission
23 Menu plan
25 Skin openings
26 Pot meal
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29 Lawyer's files
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