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Overhaul would put Fed in charge of market stability

No fix for present woes provided by White House

By Jeanine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's a Herculean task: reworking a financial regulatory system dating back to the Civil War to deal with 21st century crises imperiling the country. Under an ambitious Bush administration plan, the Federal Reserve would take on the unwieldy role of

uber cop in charge of financial market stability. Other regulatory agencies could see their influence diminished.

The proposal won't fix the host of economic and financial problems that threaten to plunge the United States into a deep recession, but it might help guard against future troubles. It would take years

INSIDE:

See a breakdown of the proposal. See page A3
Hillary Clinton says proposed Fed overhaul 'falls short.' See page A7

AP/VIDEO

The Bush administration proposed the most far-ranging overhaul of the financial regulatory system since the stock market crash of 1929.

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Yet, the initiative, formally announced Monday, casts a fresh spotlight on the best way to protect the country from financial catastrophes in an intricate web of complex, often-changing financial products and the wide array of financial players using them in the United States and beyond. That debate probably will take center stage in the next president's administration.

Asked if President Bush's goal was to get the revamp approved before he leaves office, press secretary

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Mini-Cassia cops seize uncut meth

Street value estimated at \$200K

By Sven Berg
Staff Writer

RUPERT — A major drug bust Friday spearheaded by the Mini-Cassia Sheriff's Task Force led to three arrests for drug trafficking and the seizure of more than four pounds of uncut methamphetamine, \$57,000 in cash and several assets, including a boat and four vehicles. Minor quantities of other drugs, as well as drug-related paraphernalia, were also seized.

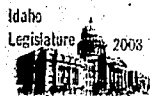
The street value of the drugs taken is estimated at nearly \$200,000.

Two of the suspects arrested — Vicky Diaz, 45, and Daniel

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From left, Idaho State Police Trooper Andy Hill, Blain County Sheriff Kevin Halverson, Rupert Police Department canine handler Chris Weber, Cassia County Sheriff's Department Lt. Randy Kidd and Rupert Police Chief Randy White pose Monday with four pounds of methamphetamine and \$57,000 in cash seized during a drug bust near Rupert Friday.



Otter rips lawmakers for bill breakdowns

Gov.: 'We didn't communicate very much'

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff Writer

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter continued Monday his criticism of the Legislature for its inability to raise money for roads, but said some problems are rooted in his relationship with the GOP leadership teams.

Otter's comments come on the heels of his reversal of support last week for a nearly \$70 million combined increase from GOP House leaders. He issued a tersely-written statement, saying it fell short of his goal of \$200 million, and the lawmakers pulled back their proposal. On Monday, he said the bill posed problems since just two-thirds of funding would benefit the state. But, he added there has been miscommunication between himself and GOP leadership in the House and Senate, and that the relationship might lack clarity.

"We talk a lot but we don't communicate very much," he told reporters at a press conference. "Rather than lead anything to supposition or anything to question, I have to be more assertive and just tell them this is exactly where I am and where I want to go rather than trying to coax along."

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The Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center nears completion Monday afternoon in Twin Falls. The 21,800 square-foot, \$7.2 million dining and event center will give customers a first rate scenic view of the Snake River Canyon. Scheduled to be opened April 14, read more about the center on BUSINESS, C1.

T.F. County jail improved, but crowding remains an issue

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff Writer

Deputies "have painted graffiti-covered walls and tables, repaired rusty surfaces, and scrubbed dusty ventilation ducts since the state sheriff's association conducted an Oct. 4 inspection of the Twin Falls County jail. But the jail's real problems — overcrowding and understaffing — still threaten its certification, inspectors say.

"Twin has had this population problem for some time," Nick Albers, executive director for the Idaho Sheriff's Association, wrote in a letter received by the Sheriff's Office March 4. "With it comes an increase in liability and exposure. I think they

are coming up against a wall. And if it keeps up like this it could potentially preclude them from certification." But after hiring four new jail deputies this year and with a probationary drug court already in place, county commissioners have no additional resources. Voters have already rejected a bond election aimed at enlarging or replacing the jail.

On Monday, the jail was simply full. But the facility regularly exceeds its capacity, forcing up to six inmates to sleep on the floor, in violation of certification standards.

In addition, the jail has one full-time employee for every seven inmates — 31 full-time people for a 226-bed jail, county Sheriff

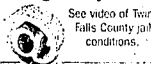


Twin Falls County Sheriff's Capt. Doug Hughes walks through the Twin Falls County jail Monday. Though recently improved, crowding remains an issue.

Wayne Tinsley said. Albers recommended that the jail boost the number of full-time employees to 44, or about one guard per five

inmates, Tinsley said. But County Commission Chairman Tom Mikessel said county resources are already maxed out, and getting more

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taxpayer support for the jail is unpopular.

"No matter what our staff is, it's dangerous," Mikessel said of complaints that jailers in the understaffed jail are not safe. "We do what we can. We fell very good that we could add four new staff last year."

"I spent a day on a shift there. The job has some risk into it, automatically. They are in an environment that has many, many risks."

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No joke: T.F. man selling Cheeto Chuck Norris on eBay

By Melissa Davlin
Staff Writer

It's crunchy. It's two kinds of cheesy. It's the closest you'll get to a Chuck Norris roundhouse kick to the face.

Two weeks ago, Jerad Reichel of Twin Falls found what he sees as a Cheeto shaped like the martial arts superstar and actor.

"I was just eating Cheetos and actually almost put it in my mouth," said Reichel, 23. "I kind of noticed that it was shaped like something."

That something, he decided, was a

snack-sized statuette of Norris winding up to do a roundhouse kick.

After showing it to friends, Reichel put it on the auction block at eBay.com. The auction, listed under "cheeto Norris looks like chuck roundhouse kicking," ends at 9:23 tonight.

Spencer Hughes of Twin Falls, Reichel's friend, sees the similarities. "I really do think it looks like Chuck



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Norris," Hughes said. "It has the mole and everything."

Norris publicist Jeff Ductos laughed, then said, "I don't know how you'd comment on a Cheeto."

Reichel's find is the latest in a food-likeness frenzy. In March, a Houston pastor found a "Cheetos," a Virginia sis-

ters sold an Illinois-shaped cornflake on eBay for more than \$1,000.

Hughes thinks the Chuck Norris Cheeto has the same potential. "For a Chuck Norris fan, really think it would go for ... at least a thousand," he said. "If I was Chuck Norris, I'd want it to go for at least a thousand."

"That might be a stretch — Monday afternoon the big bid was \$4.75 — but Reichel holds out hope.

"I've kind of set a deal with all my friends that if it sells for more than \$100, I'm going to get a tattoo of it," he said.



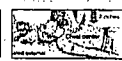
Jerad Reichel of Twin Falls is auctioning this Cheeto Chuck Norris at eBay.com.



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OK to do hands-only CPR on adults.
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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Wednesday



Partly cloudy and mild... High 49... Low 29... 53/31

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Partly cloudy and still on the cool side... Tonight: A cloudy night under partly cloudy skies... Tomorrow: Mild temperatures and partly cloudy skies.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Magic Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon... Magic Valley Toastmasters meeting... Mary Time Club meeting...

EXHIBITS

Dedication of "The Twins" sculpture delayed due to weather conditions... "Lincoln and Idaho" Traveling Exhibit...

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners... Blaine County commissioners... Jerome County commissioners... Burley City Council... Jerome City Council... Kimberly Zoning Commission... Rupert City Council... Shoshone City Council... Filer City Council...

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs... FIT and Fall Proof Exercise Class... Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease... SilverSneakers Fitness Program... Arthritis Walking Class... Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.A.) meeting...

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Blow Away: The Wild World of Weather"... Have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number...

WHAT'S NEW AT MAGICVALLEY.COM



See a video of problem areas at the Twin Falls County Jail.

Take a tour of a new event center on the Snake River Canyon rim. And cast your vote on whether a Cheeto looks like Chuck Norris.

CORRECTION

Due to inaccurate information provided to the Times-News, a Saturday story misstated which Svensen's Magic Market at Svensen's grocery store was cited by law enforcement with selling alcohol to a minor.

MORNING BRIEFING

don't say... Steve Crump



Providence moves in strange ways

Funny where a phone call can take you... On Friday, the Idaho Transportation Department announced a technical glitch.

It's quirky, funny, poignant or weird and it happens in south-central Idaho, I want to hear about it. Call me at 735-3223, or write to me at scrump@magicvalley.com

Do tell

There I learned that the state of Rhode Island compensates motorists for damage to their vehicles caused by yawning crates in public roads... You may have heard, plans to adjourn this week without appropriating any additional funds to fix the state's pothole-riddled highways...

Look, if you did up Idaho 511 and reach Rhode Island, why can't you dun Rhode Island for pothole damage you incur in Idaho?... A LOT OF PEOPLE work for the same company for 40 years... not many spend four decades in the same office...

Idaho and regular gas sold for 28 cents a gallon when Carolyn Chojnacky was hired by St. Benedict's Hospital in Jerome on April 1, 1968.

Chojnacky will be honored with a reception from noon to 2 p.m. today at what's now St. Benedict's Family Medical Center...

"It's the longest anyone has ever worked for this hospital," said Dan Lee, St. Ben's spokesman. "I do accounts-receivable now, but I've done a lot of different jobs in this office," said Chojnacky, who's 60. "It's been a good place to work."

Family, friends and co-workers will be at today's reception... The public is welcome to drop by, too...

Steve Crump is the Times-News printing editor.

AROUND THE WORLD

TEXAS

Tattered bills linked to D.B. Cooper skyjacking to be auctioned

DALLAS — A boy who found the lone piece of evidence linked to the world's only unsolved skyjacking is now a 30-something father of five who has decided to start selling his treasure. Brian Ingram was an 11-year-old at a family camping trip when he discovered three bundles of deteriorating \$20 bills on the shore of the Columbia River near Portland, Ore. in 1968.

Now Ingram's taking some of his find to auction, offering 15 bills through Dallas-based Heritage Auction Galleries. The live and online auction was announced Monday and scheduled for June 13-14. The auction announcement comes after the recent discovery of a tattered, half-cut parachute in the area where Cooper was believed to have landed. The FBI is investigating whether it was one given to Cooper.

BAHAMAS

Bahamas jury rules Anna Nicole Smith's son died of accidental drug overdose

NASSAU — A Bahamas jury ruled Monday that Anna Nicole Smith's son died from an accidental drug overdose, just like his mother. The seven-member jury deliberated for less than two hours, recommended no criminal charges in the September 2006 death of 20-year-old Daniel Smith.

The son of the former Playboy playmate died after coming to the Bahamas to meet his new baby sister on Sept. 10, 2006.

His mother died early the next year in Florida from an accidental drug overdose at age 39.

Police had said there was no evidence of homicide, and autopsies found that Daniel died from a combination of drugs, including methadone and antidepressants. But Bahamian authorities ordered the inquest amid widespread speculation over the circumstances surrounding his death.

— wire reports

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, April 1, the 92nd day of 2008. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fools' Day.

Today's Highlight

On April 1, 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II.

On this date

In 1853, Cincinnati established a fire department of paid city employees.

In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1946, tidal waves struck the Hawaiian Islands, resulting in more than 170 deaths.

In 1963, most of New York City's daily newspapers resumed publishing after settlement was reached in a 114-day strike.

In 1970, President Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

Ten years ago, U.S. District Judge Susan Webster Wright dismissed Paula Jones' lawsuit against President Clinton, saying her claims of sexual harassment fell "far short" of being worthy of trial.

Clinton later settled with Jones without apology or admission of guilt.

Five years ago, American troops entered a hospital in Nasiriyah, Iraq, and rescued American Pvt. 1st Class Jessica Lynch, who had been held prisoner since her unit was ambushed on March 23. One year ago, Iran's state television aired new video showing two of the 15 captured British sailors pointing to a spot on a map of the Persian Gulf where they were seized and saying it was Iranian territorial waters. Britain's Foreign Office immediately denounced the video.

THREE DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

April 2 — Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association (IOTFA) Jammin' for the crowd and meeting, members will jam and entertain the public from 6 to 9 p.m. with monthly meeting to follow, Idaho Pizza Company, 1855 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public and prospective members, 735-1580.

CHURCH EVENT

April 2 — Praying Prayer practice, with topic: "Center in Secret," 7:30 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-9499 or 733-8881.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

April 1 — Magic Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon, program: Danny Marona, 11:30 a.m., Blue Lakes Country Club, Golf Course Road, Jerome, 512, 731-2082 by

March 30.

April 1 — Lincoln and Idaho—Traveling Exhibit, focusing on the life and presidency of Abraham Lincoln and his relationship with Idaho, dining library hours, Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, open to the public, (208) 878-7708 through April 12.

April 1 — Mary Time Club meeting, 2 p.m., home of Ilene Mai (hostess Ruby Lierman), Burley, 735-5213.

April 2 — Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, speaker Randy Davis on the founding of Albin Christian College, location and courses, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave., W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-5057.

April 2 — Bliss Flower and Garden Club meeting, tour of Moss Greenhouse, 1

p.m., 269 S. 300 E., Jerome, container needed for planting (optional), 352-4260.

April 2 — Rupert Business and Professional Women meeting, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Drift Inn meeting room, 545 F St., Rupert, www.minicassahamber.com.

DEDICATION

April 1 — Dedication of "The Twins" sculpture, designed and created by Couer of Aleno artist David Clemens; the artist, city officials, sponsors and committee members present and second grade class to sing song about angels, 2 p.m., Scott Sterling Memorial Overlook (in front of Canyon Park Shopping Center, Twin Falls, open to the community, (208) 734-2787.

FAMILY

March 31 — Boys and Girls Club Summer Sign Ups, for non-members only, ages 6 to 18, 1:30 per day in Twin Falls, \$5 per day in Buhl, 736-7011.

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Table with 3 columns: PUBLISHER, ONLINE, and MAIN INFORMATION. Includes contact info for James G. Wright, subscription rates, and circulation data.



Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg., and Reason. Lists watersheds like Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, etc., and their snowpack levels relative to average.

Overhaul

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Dana Perino acknowledged the enormity of the plan. "We'll have to see. It is a big attempt," she said.

Democrats in Congress said the administration should be focusing its efforts on easing the country's current woes, including providing more relief for millions of distressed homeowners clobbered by the housing collapse and credit crunch. Foreclosures have hit record highs.

"We must take steps now to provide help to families who are hurting," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Chris Dodd, D-Conn., called the administration's proposal a "wild pitch."

"It's not even close to the strike zone," Dodd said. "This is a very legitimate issue, but why bring this up today when really this had

Financial overhaul at-a-glance

By The Associated Press

- **Close the Office of Thrift Supervision**, which regulates thrift institutions, and move those functions to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which regulates banks.
- **Merge the functions of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission** into the Securities and Exchange Commission to create one agency to provide unified oversight of the futures and securities industries.
- **Establish an Office of Consumer Insurance** within the Treasury Department to regulate those in the insurance industry who want to operate under an optional federal charter.
- **Work to establish as a long-term goal three major reforms:** the Federal Reserve as a "market stability regulator," a "prudential financial regulator" to take over the functions of five separate banking regulators, and a "business conduct regulator" to regulate business conduct and consumer protection.

nothing to do with the current problems we're facing?"

The plan would greatly expand the role of the Fed, created in 1913 after a series of bank panics, to oversee the stability of the entire financial system including commercial banks, investment banks, insurance companies, hedge funds, private-equity firms and

others.

Rather than checking on the health of a particular organization, the Fed's focus would be on whether a firm's or industry's practices pose a danger to overall financial stability, said Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, the former head of investment giant Goldman Sachs whom Bush put in charge of the plan.

any weapons. It is going to be useless," Gramley warned.

Others expressed concern about concentrating too much power at the Fed while also streamlining or consolidating the duties of other regulators. They feared that a safety net of checks and balances could be lost.

"The cataclysmic mistake is that if you eliminate so

many 'eyes' that monitor the markets, and the single eye, no matter how super, misses something, then catastrophe," said Anthony Sabino, a professor of law and business at St. John's University.

For similar reasons, Hovard Chernick, economics professor at Hunter College, said, "I would prefer not putting all my eggs in the Fed's regulatory basket."

Bust

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Martinez, 30 — are residents of Burley. The third suspect, Jose Jarroqui-Arribas, 48, is listed as a resident of Las Vegas, Nev.

Minidoka County Sheriff Kevin Halverson said the bust took place at an undisclosed location near Rupert. He said Friday's operation was especially notable because it is rare to catch both suppliers and buyers of drugs during the moment of a transaction.

"Everything bit at once —

the money, the drugs, the people," he said. "This will be a substantial dent in our illegal drug industry."

Task force supervisor Lt. Randy Kidd of Cassia County Sheriff's Department said Friday's bust was the result of an ongoing six-month investigation. He said Bingham County Sheriff's Department played a key role in the investigation when it notified Mini-Cassia officers that it suspected several local residents of trafficking drugs.

Kidd said suspects in Friday's bust were arrested for trafficking, but the task

force's investigation led officers to believe they were also distributing drugs locally. Both Halverson and Kidd said the bust, rather than ending the investigation, may actually widen it. Kidd said the hope is to use arrests and information gained to this point to "move up the food chain" toward the drugs' source.

Halverson said Mini-Cassia's location, "two hours from everything," has made it an important hub for drug trafficking throughout southern Idaho and northern Utah.

The task force is an intera-

gency drug enforcement group supported by both Minidoka and Cassia counties, as well as several local cities. Besides the task force, Minidoka County Sheriff's Department, Rupert Police, Department's K-9 Division, Cassia County Sheriff's Department, Idaho State Police, Bingham County Sheriff's Department and Mini-Cassia Misdemeanor Probation were credited with assisting in the bust.

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Jail

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Albers will return in a few months for a second inspection. If the county doesn't fix the jail's longstanding problems, he said, he may recommend that the legislative committee find the jail out of compliance with certification standards.

"You are occasionally not able to complete 20-minute checks on the inmates," Albers wrote in the letter. He called the checks "important in light of recent events" — referring to emergencies that have arisen in jails throughout the state.

"You have that potential of injury to staff should they have problems with inmates," he said Monday. "It puts them at greater risk."

And potentially if you had a fire or an incident where you have to move inmates, then you have insufficient staff to deal with that."

In over three and a half years, the jail has seen 100 incidents, including 27 assaults on an officer and a number of deaths, a slew of attacks on deputies.

In August, Deputy Virgil Adams, one of four deputies guarding 235 male and female inmates, was found lying on the floor, unconscious. He had been struck by inmate—wrestler—inmate, 375, pleaded guilty to attacking a jailer in that same month, ripping his radio off his shirt and wrestling him to the floor.

The letter includes a list of needed changes, many of which have already been done.

"There were too many drawings and spitwads on the walls," Albers said. The letter, however, makes no mention of inmate numbers exceeded capacity.

In addition to providing security, jailers also are responsible for maintaining other daily operations, such as feeding and clothing the inmates. Too often jailers are stretched thin between their chores, Albers said.

Albers has charged commissioners and the sheriff with designing a compliance plan to achieve the needed goals.

Commissioners currently conduct their own inspection of the jail on a quarterly basis. And the inspection may not alter the pre-existing compliance plan.

"Compliance and dollars

don't always match so we try to get it in the middle," Albers said. "It's a difficult task to want to pay for people in jail. We are moving toward compliance every day."

The funding for drug court, DUI court and other alternative probationary techniques for quelling surging incarcerated populations may face veto by Idaho Gov. L. "Butch" Otter, Capt. Doug Hughes, who runs the jail, said he is responsible for ensuring the jail does not lose its certification for health violations, but if the jail is decertified due to overcrowding, he said that fault rests with a lack of funding.

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Otter

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He didn't take a position on a \$550,000 performance audit of the Idaho Transportation Department but indicated he'll support it to get further progress on the matter.

"I'm one and a half million dollars in a good investment," he said.

He also took legislators to task for questioning whether the shortfall will be \$240 million, a figure many publicly disputed after he rejected the proposal. He said he has tried to provide all the right data and hasn't ever denied any request for figures.

"I'm surprised at some of those people — and I'm not going to name any names — but I'm surprised at some of those people that have been part of the transportation oversight for all these years still have in their mind that we don't need \$240 million," he said.

Otter meets Thursday mornings with the top GOP leadership team, but conceded that they haven't lived up to their potential.

"So many times when people discuss stuff, we don't come to a true understanding and I think we have to — I have to do much for more understanding in some of those meetings," he said. "Do you understand exactly where I'm coming from? Do I understand exactly where you're coming from? What's your bottom line here? Where are we going?"

Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Stat, said he's not interpreting the comments as a political attack on House leadership. He cited new adjustments for this session, including the arrival of Jason Kreitzenbeck as chief-of-staff,

and said that it's common for talks to break down between the governor and Legislature, he said. "It's inherent to blow up. It's bound to fail."

Senate Pro Tem Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs, said the Senate will evaluate its relationship with the governor's office as it does annually, and did not say there has been miscommunication.

"We still like to talk to him," Geddes said. "I think I've been able to communicate effectively with the governor."

Despite his comments,

Otter defended his negotiating process, and said attempts to fix unresolved issues, such as transportation funds and substance abuse treatment, are ongoing.

"I can tell you that of all the negotiations that have gone on for the last 85 days, if we have to replay those in the front pages of your newspaper everyday or the first five minutes of the newscast every night, those negotiations would constantly fall apart," he said.

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Supreme Court rules in Jerome County comp plan case

Dairy wanted to block potential housing development

By Matt Christensen
Staff Writer

The Idaho Supreme Court has ruled against a Jerome County dairy that sued to block changes to the county's comprehensive plan, a document that guides land-use decisions.

In a unanimous ruling written by Chief Justice Daniel T. Elsmann, the court found that Gilmer Dairy, 450 E. 100 S., lacked legal stand-

ing to challenge a county commissioner-approved amendment that could open the door for housing development at the 93 Golf Ranch, adjacent to the dairy.

The case highlights rising conflicts between dairy owners and housing developers and could set legal precedence because changes to comprehensive plans are rarely challenged in court. "It's going to be a unique case," said County Attorney

Mike Seib. "There's not a lot of case law dealing solely with comprehensive plans."

The dispute dates to 2005, when the Golf Ranch asked the county Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the comprehensive plan to indicate that the golf course's land would be consistent with the county's A-2 zoning designation—a zone in which land shifts from agricultural to urban activities. The dairy feared the

change from A-1 to A-2 would allow the course to develop houses next to the 943-acre confined animal feeding operation and lead to conflicts between residents and the dairy.

The planning board voted to deny the change, but the County Commission approved the revision in 2006. The dairy sued, lost in district court and appealed.

During oral arguments before the justices, Seib argued that the dairy lacked legal standing because it wasn't being harmed and

that there was no legal basis to challenge a change to a planning document.

"A change in the comp plan doesn't authorize the golf course to build houses," Seib said in an interview. "They'd still have to get the zoning changed and go through that process."

The state's high court agreed, with Elsmann writing that, "Because there was no statute authorizing Gilmer Dairy to file a petition for judicial review of the decision to amend the comprehensive plan map the district

court correctly dismissed this proceeding."

The justices ruled that a change to a planning document isn't the same as a change to a zoning designation and ordered Gilmer Dairy to pay attorney fees for the county and the Golf Ranch, which intervened in the case. Gilmer's lawyer, Julie Fischer, did not return calls seeking comment for this article.

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Gov. Otter signs grocery tax bill

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff Writer

HOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter signed a bill Monday to increase the grocery tax in Idaho, ending nearly two years of debate with state lawmakers over how to offset property tax relief.

Currently most Idahoans receive \$20 in an annual grocery tax credit and seniors get \$65. The multi-year measure would increase the credit to \$50 next year for the poorest Idahoans, and \$30 for the rest. It would increase \$10 yearly until it reaches \$100.

Increasing the tax on groceries has been a priority for legislators since they increased sales tax to 6 percent in 2006 to compensate for property tax relief. The bill passed both chambers by wide margins, despite warnings from legislators that the bill will cause fiscal shortfalls in the future.

At a ceremonial bill signing, Otter, Lt. Gov. Jim Risch — who was governor during the 2006 special session for property tax cuts — and three state lawmakers all said the legislation was a political

compromise from multiple parties that took two years because it's such a complex issue.

"It took a while to get it cooked up so everyone was willing to receive their serving of it," Otter said. "Things like this that are this momentous take a while to happen."

Seven states, including Idaho tax groceries at their full sales tax rate, according to The Tax Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan foundation based in Washington, D.C.

In 2006, Risch had advocated a phasing out of the grocery tax altogether. He said Monday that the signed bill was not his preference of a tax reduction, but still helps Idahoans.

"It is a victory for the state of Idaho, particularly for the working people of Idaho," he said.

The legislation carries a \$22 million price tag for this year's budget — \$122 million through 2016 — and some legislators have said it could lead to problems as the state's revenue declines. Sen. Dean

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Bonnie Secrist, of Elko, Nev., does some grocery shopping at Swenson's grocery store just south of Twin Falls on Jan. 4. Lawmakers passed a bill, signed by the governor Monday, providing grocery tax credit increases.



Billy Stout rolls along Main Avenue West Monday afternoon in Twin Falls with the help of his dogs Missy, left, and Sugar. Today's forecast in the Magic Valley is for mostly sunny conditions with a high of 49.

Autopsies show no violence in deaths; cause still unknown

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff Writer

Autopsies showed no signs that either of the two unnamed middle-aged men police discovered dead Friday inside a Lazy J Trailer Park home met a violent end, Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis said Monday.

Loebis declined to reveal the names of the men while Twin Falls police continue to contact their family members.

"We are awaiting the results of the autopsy done on Saturday," Loebis said. "The preliminary result is no violence apparent on either person — which doesn't mean that it's innocent

or not a crime. "And as far as cause of death we don't have enough information to answer that," he said.

The bodies were found at 450 Pole Lane Road No. 149 after 2 p.m. on Friday after neighbor Robert G. Brackett's family notified and others smelled the bodies from next door. Police who were called for a welfare check discovered the bodies and cordoned off the home as a possible crime scene.

The home was bought about five years ago by Mike Blank, Brackett said. A gray van parked out front of the home belongs to Blank's friend Mitch

Mattison, who often visited the home, Brackett said. On Monday, a family member of Mattison said the police had not told them anything yet. Mattison previously worked as a real estate agent and at the Times-News.

"I am just assuming it was the two men," Brackett said. At about 9 p.m. Monday, investigators finished their search of the home and left the home unattended, Brackett said. Police will brief Loebis on their search this morning.

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City Council near end of plan revision

By Nate Poppino
Staff Writer

Water, workforce retention and revitalizing its townsite area will be near the top of the city's priorities in the next few years, city officials decided Monday.

But the city's top priority, as voted on by those officials, could be finishing the next phase of a system that would help emergency responders locate people who call 911 from cell phones.

City Council and staff members spent much of Monday afternoon and evening finishing a strategic plan revision they began at a day-long session on Saturday. Done every two years, the process is meant to help the city determine its short-term focus.

The priorities came from closer to 30 items suggested by staff at a previous meeting or "brought up" by outgoing members on Saturday. The goal, City Manager Tom Courtney said, was to boil proposals down to 10 or 12 items, enough to be reasonably completed over the next few years.

"The day-to-day workloads such that we just don't have time to do 30 things," he said.

Monday's work wasn't the final plan — that will be drafted and approved in the next future. But it determined what goals the city will focus on for the next few years. It was a slow process — for every large issue council and staff members debated, there was at least one over the number of times "and" appeared in a goal.

What seemed like minor wording could prompt huge criticisms, such as one goal promising to "enhance" public safety. The city could always improve, Councilman David E. Johnson said, but he felt the word implied service was poor.

A longstanding proposal by Johnson to create a citizens' finance committee made it into the initial top 10 proposals, attracting five votes despite needing from other council members over the idea. Neglected proposals included a new community development topic that among other things, urged

incentives for "desired" business types to move to or develop in areas that don't unduly burden city infrastructure.

As on Saturday, road improvements prompted a lot of discussion with officials debating how best to address neighborhood roads that don't serve as large arteries or collectors. Such roads are a priority of the street department, session coordinator Mike Bergman said, and other officials emphasized the need to address them. But they didn't attract many votes during the final count.

"If we can't make tough decisions ... and we allow our neighborhoods to get to pot where we build big roads and collectors, then shame on us," Johnson said.

Issues dropped off the list may not disappear forever. A proposal to look into a community recreation center for example, could be adopted if an outside group sought city support for their own proposal, Courtney said. "Just because we don't have it set as a priority doesn't mean we can't change priorities in mid-stream," he said.

Burley will pursue airport funding

Facility would need \$15M total

By Sven Berg
Staff Writer

Burley Mayor Jon Anderson on Monday dismissed concerns the city would raise its taxes to help fund a new airport. He said the city will pursue funding for a new airport from all outside sources at its disposal. But if those efforts fail to deliver all but about \$375,000, the project will fall through.

"As for raising taxes, he said, "It's never even been talked about. If we're short of money, the project isn't going to happen. It's just that simple."

Latest estimates put the cost of building a new airport at about \$15 million. Anderson said the Federal Aviation Administration has pledged to pay as much as \$7.5 million of that amount. Additionally, he estimated selling the city's current airport would yield about \$2 million dollars, leaving a gap of about \$5.5 million. Anderson said the city may look to the federal government for a direct budget appropriation of all or most of that money.

"I've got to the point that everything was a go on the airport and we were \$5 million short, we'd have to say, 'No way,'" he said. "There's no way we'd put a \$5-million tax burden on the public."

Construction of a new airport at Burley's preferred site — north of Interstate 84 and west of Idaho Highway 27 — has long been a

center of controversy. While Burley officials contend the site is ideally suited for all of Mini-Cassia, others have predicted building an airport there would mostly benefit Burley, while stripping the area of prime commercial land. Some officials have questioned whether Burley's unilateral approach in pursuing a new airport has alienated the area's city and county governments.

Burley officials contend no other government has shown the kind of interest necessary to see a new airport through to reality.

In recent weeks, the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission (MCEDC) has stepped in as a sort of mediator between the parties and to promote the construction of a new airport. MCEDC Chairman Mark Maler said Monday he would like to see local cities, as well as both Minidoka and Cassia counties, take part in an airport authority that could choose a site viable for all of Mini-Cassia.

The trouble with that sort of arrangement is structuring it. Since an airport authority would be considered a taxing body, Maler said, voters in each entity's governing district would have to authorize by supermajority their government's membership. But Maler said it might be possible to reach an agreement whereby Burley — or any other individual government — functions as a conduit for an airport authority's operations.

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Jennie Rosezell Harvison

BURLEY — Jennie Rosezell Harvison "Garry" Blaylock Burley resident, died Saturday, March 29, 2008, at the home of her daughter in Paul.

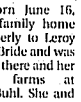


She was born Oct. 31, 1926, in Clarendon, Ark., the daughter of Joseph and Beatrice Simpson Rhoads. While working at a bomb factory in Pine Bluff, Ark., she met Booker Harvison and was later married in August of 1945. She worked from 1964 to 1984 at Ore-Ida Foods and was a member of the Rupter Freewill Baptist Church.

She was survived by her children, Pat (Nyle) Greenwell, Jane (Russell) McElhinney and Wayne (Jaunee)

Esther Lundy

KIMBERLY — Esther Lundy, lifelong resident of the Kimberly area, passed away at her home March 23, 2008. She will be greatly missed by her children and their families, her siblings, a great number of nieces, and nephews, and many, many friends.



She was born June 16, 1921, at her family home south of Kimberly to Leroy and Gladys McBride and was raised between there and her grandparent's farms at Bullfist and Bull. She and her sister, Mae, attended grade school at the Pleasant Valley School, and she graduated from Kimberly High School in 1939. After high school, her folks couldn't keep her "down on the farm" and she moved to Twin Falls and started working. She was an original "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II, working at the Swan Island shipyards near Portland, Ore.

She and her sister, Lundy in 1945, and together they had six children. They later divorced. She spent her last 28 working years at her second home, Barton's Club 93. She started as a waitress, worked her way up to cashier and waitress and then spent the last

Gary George Saltas

JACKPOT, Nev. — Gary Saltas, 67, died at his Jackpot, Nev., home on Saturday, March 29, 2008.



Gary was born in Bingham Canyon, Utah, on July 15, 1940. He was the first son of Pete G. Saltas and Wanda Hatt. He was raised in Copperfield, graduating from Bingham High School in 1958. He was an athletic letterman and a football scholarship to the University of Utah. He was an avid Utah Ute and New York Yankee fan and veteran of the United States Army.

He married Maureen Queen; they were later divorced. On Dec. 10, 1976, he married his life love, Jeanne Blackburn of Alpine, Utah, with whom he raised two daughters, Natasha and Neva.

Gary spent much of his professional career in the nightclub and casino industries. He was proprietor of Salt Lake's infamous Tin Angel Lounge in the 1960s and later general manager of Jinx Casino in Henderson, Nev., in the 1970s. His sharp mind made him an expert at all casino games, including keno, about which he wrote an authoritative book. He was a longtime resident of Jackpot, Nev., where he was greatly respected and loved. He and Jeanne built and

Danny 'Digger Dan' Garrett

WENDELL — Danny "Digger Dan" Garrett took his last ride on Saturday, March 22, 2008, surrounded by loving friends. He left to meet his Lord and Savior after a courageous battle with cancer.



He was born Aug. 9, 1949, to Jim Dan and Winna Garrett in Oklatka, Calif. He was raised in Las Vegas and came to Idaho in 1971. He lived life to the fullest, enjoying camping, fishing, hunting and especially off-roading north of Gooding and trail rides in Jarbidge and Moab. Digger

was always ready to help with a tow rope, wrench, a dollar or just a hand. He was known to many as "Dan's Mobile Service," and to others as "Digger." A little rough around the edges, but a heart of gold.

Danny is survived by Linda, his wife of 34 years; dearly loved kids, Jeremy, Cole, Stacy, Ben and Heather Lynn; grandkids, Kaylen, Christopher, Abigail, Calden, Daniel and Maya; plus many friends, in-laws and outlaws.

He will be so missed, but we know he's gone on to break trails for us and Heather Lynn. A gathering of family and friends will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at his home, 1898 E. 2900 S. in Wendell.

SERVICES

Venesa Gasaway of Paul, funeral at 9:30 a.m. today at the Emerson LDS Church, 127 S. 350 W. of Paul; burial at 3:30 p.m. today at Cedar Fort Cemetery in Lelt, Utah (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Eleanor Elizabeth Kokes of Boise and formerly of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Theodore Lamont Brower of Buhl, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Lois E. Barrington of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of the Brethren, 461 Filter Ave. W. in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Madelyn E. Blackburn of Arlington, Okla., funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the

Crates Funeral Home in Arlington, Ohio; visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Maxine Anita Keller of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Durnary Funeral Service, Gooding, Idaho.

Lala May Young of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church, 2562 Hilland Ave. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Josephine Murphy of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main in Burley; visitation one hour before the funeral, burial at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Robert D. Crosland of Burley and Overton, Nev., memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday in his daughter's home in Paul.

DEATH NOTICES

Bill E. Smith
PAUL — Bill Eugene Smith, 79, of Paul, died Monday, March 31, 2008, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. A private interment service will be held; visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 4, at Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel.

Wanda Lightner
BURLEY — Wanda Lightner, 92, died Saturday, March 29, 2008, at her daughter's home in Burley. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 4, at the Pondera Funeral Home, 302 S. Main St. in Conrad, Mont.; visitation one hour before the service, (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

Connie M. Vipperman
Connie Marie Vipperman, 58, of Twin Falls, died Saturday March 29, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

John W. Brown
HELLEVOUE — John William Brown, 57, died Sunday, March 30, 2008. A private graveside service will be held (Wood River Chapel of Hailley; www.woodriverchapel.com).

Barbara Tolman
Barbara Tolman, 69, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 30, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Lorraine Stevens
Lorraine Stevens, 74, of Twin Falls, died Monday, March 31, 2008, at St. Luke's

Sculpture installation delayed

Staff Report
The installation of the Magic Valley Arts Council's first Art in Public Places sculpture has been pushed back a week due to weather, the artist said Monday.

David Clemons' "The Twins," depicting two female figures rising out of the Snake River Canyon rock, will be installed on the canyon rim east of the Perrine Bridge on April 7. A dedication ceremony is set for 2 p.m. on April 8. The artist, city officials, sponsors and committee members will be on-hand to make comments during the dedication. In addition, Karen Sweet's second-grade students from Sweetwood Elementary will perform songs about angels.

Tax

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Camerson, R. Rupert, and co-chairman of the state's budgeting panel, has said the bill will propel the state into a \$45 million starting deficit.

Supporters of the bill point to a legislative resolution or governor's executive order that would stop the yearly increases.

Other also indicated that cutting the sales tax on food altogether — an option that's received bipartisan support — will not be revisited anytime during the next few years.

"Quite frankly, I believe it's all settled now," he said.

"Not lifting the grocery sales tax entirely means the state will still receive revenue from tourists, illegal immigrants and travelers. The credit does not apply to people on food stamps.

"It exclusively benefits Idahoans and I think that's very important," said Rep. Cliff Bayor. If Boise, the bill's co-sponsor.

Last year, Otter had vetoed a similar bill on the account it didn't emphasize relief for the poorest Idahoans.

Clemons and Arts Council Executive Director Stacy Madsen decided to delay the event on Saturday because of forecasts predicting high winds in Twin Falls and snow in Coeur d'Alene, the site of Clemons' studio. Madsen said Monday morning that she had spoken with the city's public works department and winds were too high for any work to be done.

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EDITORIAL

Going over the Legislature's head to pay for local needs

The "poison-pill" constitutional amendment to allow cities to assess local-option sales taxes to pay for transportation improvements and mass transit mercifully died in the Legislature on Monday. The Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee voted against a related bill that would have established rules for local-option taxing districts — an action that effectively killed the amendment as well.

That amendment, cooked up by House GOP leaders, would have required a two-thirds majority vote to impose a local-option tax — an impossible standard for most cities.

For 30 years, anti-tax hawks in the Legislature — most of whom also loudly espoused devotion to local control — have stonewalled this issue. It's time for a citizens' end-run.

The Idaho Association of Cities and the Idaho Chamber Alliance should start a petition drive to put local-option taxation authority on the 2010 ballot. To make the ballot, an initiative needs signatures equal to 6 percent of the registered voters in the most recent general election.

The initiative process has been overused in many states in recent years, but there are times when it is the only mechanism available for change.

The initiative was added to the Idaho Constitution in 1912, part of a wave of Populism that shaped the laws of many Western states. At the time, many legislatures and statehouses were controlled by railroads, mining companies and banks that consistently blocked progressive reforms.

Business isn't standing in the way of local-option taxation in Idaho anymore — by and large, it supports the idea. But the will of Idahoans — as represented by the city councils they elect — is still being thwarted by lawmakers who think they know better.

A good start would be local-option taxation authority for all communities much like the process followed by Idaho resort towns, where taxation is allowed with a 60 percent voter approval. But communities also should be allowed the alternative of lowering the threshold to majority approval.

Lawmakers and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter are about to leave Idaho with a \$264 million backlog in highway repair needs — a figure that may double by next year. If the state isn't even going to fill the potholes, then communities need the power pay for their own transportation needs.

Our view: The Legislature won't empower most communities to use local-option taxation to pay for transportation and infrastructure. Citizens themselves will have to do it.

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

The kingmaker named Richardson?

I liked Bill Richardson from the outset. Back when the race for the Democratic nomination was crowded, I liked Bill. I thought he was the best prepared, had the most experience, the best resume of the Democratic bunch. He had been a congressman, a diplomat and a Cabinet secretary; he is governor of New Mexico.



VICTOR LANDA

He was, and is still, among the best of our national leaders.

He could have hurdled the Los Alamos security debacle better when he headed the Department of Energy. But, by and large, he was the best prepared of them all.

One problem with the Bill is that he's not telegraphic, especially when they stand him next to the young and delectable Barack Obama in the televised debates of months past. He looked frumpy. America's voters are swayed by such things.

A classic speculation holds that if Franklin Roosevelt had campaigned in the televised political age, his wheelchair would have been his downfall.

American voters will listen to the message, but they take the appearance of the messenger into serious account. If they didn't, there'd be no work for the so-called "handlers" of presidential campaigns. America's voters are swayed by such things.

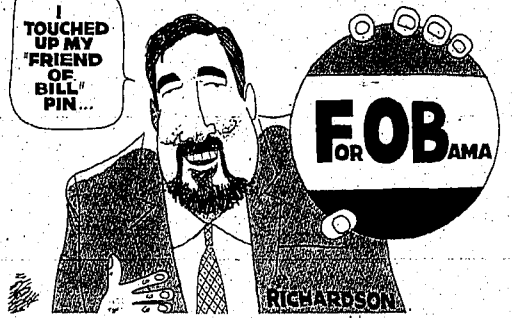
A classic speculation holds that if Franklin Roosevelt had campaigned in the televised political age, his wheelchair would have been his downfall.

I wonder if any of those handler-types asked Richardson to shave his post-campaign beard when he stood next to Obama to hand him his prize endorsement. I wonder if Hillary noticed the facial hair. I wonder if the endorsement really means anything beyond fodder for the talk shows and errant columns.

It means a great deal for the incoherent inner circle of

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The road to the White House

Delegates still need to call the Democratic presidential nomination: 399 Barack Obama 638 Hillary Clinton

the Democratic Party leadership. Folks who were once shy as cousins are now glaring at each other from opposite trenches.

Those guys and gals will jump ship and trade horses for the sheer joy of spilling one on another.

When Richardson made his move toward Obama, he set in motion a series of tumbling dominoes that affected political posturing and positioning, but little else.

Bill had been dubbed the Latino presidential candidate because of his mother's heritage, but not because he carried a majority of Latino votes in his luggage. It can't be said with certainty that endorsement brings with it a devoted Latino constituency. And you can't really say that his endorsement will sway voters in his native state, because New Mexico voted for Hillary in its primary.

So what exactly does Richardson's endorsement mean for Obama? Theater, mostly.

Richardson's resume is thick with experience in part because Bill Clinton put him in plim. Cabinet secrets. That's a breadloaf of favor they owe the Clintons.

American voters will listen to the message, but they take the appearance of the messenger into serious account.

If they didn't, there'd be no work for the so-called "handlers" of presidential campaigns. These are the people who advised Al Gore to lose the ties and wear more earth tones, the same guys who told Bill Clinton to curl his index finger when he gestured from a podium.

As if it matters. And they charge a hefty sum for their advice.

And yet, he went with Obama. The endorsement matters to the Clintons and to the Clinton campaign. And it matters to observers who make sport of speculating about back room posturing.

And, of course, the endorsement matters to Bill Richardson. It's worth another stint on the Cabinet, or maybe a place on the Democratic ticket.

He'd make a fine vice president.

But the horseshoe is not yet finished, and that's why Richardson's wager is interesting.

For those of us who like to read the political tea leaves, Richardson's endorsement of Obama is a sure winner. If Bill were talking to his mother, he'd probably say that the

Clinton campaign is "tirano patadas de algarado." In its final throes, life, in which case it wasn't so risky a wager.

And it wasn't much of a defection either. An odds maker put Clinton's chances of winning the nomination at 10-to-1 before Richardson endorsed Obama, and 20-to-1 after.

But what matters is what the voters think and do. While Idaho voters have been slowly seeping from Obama's tent, the bulk of them still like Clinton. And 20-to-1 is a viable headcount if you dig your heels in and your last name is Clinton.

This race is not over yet.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Can we believe in the candidates?

I am as impressed by the state of presidential candidates as a lyricist is of skat singing.

John F. Kennedy, in the early phase of his presidency, forced the multi-millionaire steel producers to back down on a proposed increase in steel prices. An increase that would have produced higher prices of all consumer goods. Such a stand today could force fuel prices down, allowing consumer prices of everything to follow.

In Frank Kapra's movie, "Mr. Smith Goes to Town," a well-meaning but naive bumpkin tries to use his moral standards in D.C. and soon has a fight on his hands.

In "All the King's Men," Willie Stark challenges the audience with "I'm stand-

ing on my hind legs, even a dog can do that. Have you learned to do that yet?" He eventually succumbs to near limitless power and the belief that his is the only will that counts.

Do we only send crooks to represent us, or are they only crooked as soon as they take the oath? Are you surprised that your idol has feet of clay? Do you really believe that what a candidate says in the last six months preceding election is what he truly will do? Or do you look at a candidate's past performance and predict how he or she will perform in the future? Can you demand from a candidate honest performance that punishes the good of the country that elected him or her ahead of personal or private agendas? Have you learned to stand on your hind legs yet?

VAUGHN PHELPS Twin Falls

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another idea to aid a popular program

With the Senate recently passing a bill to create a fund for historic preservation, film movies and TV shows in the state, Idaho leaders could further bolster this opportunity by asking that our transportation department revisit Professor Tom Trusky's innovative "Statewide Movie Signage Program."

Expanding our already successful Idaho Highway Historical Marker program to include tributes to films made in Idaho could be the next logical step in this popular program's evolution.

To quote Professor Trusky from last year, "The tourist-pubility value of such signage is apparent — and locals might appreciate such knowledge, too, if they are unaware of their cinematic heritage. As well, given the recent interest in bringing film production to the state, such signage would not only be public acknowledgment of Idaho's considerable contribution to the film industry, but also a reminder to contemporary filmmakers of the Gem State possibilities."

As it stands now, every day thousands of travelers pass directly by Highway 75's old North Fork Store, unmindful to the fact that, in her breakout performance in "Beverly Hills Cop," Monroe starred there in "Bus Stop."

Who knows to what high level such a pioneering program might soar? Perhaps one day we will create interactive signs, offering hologram and video clips for tourists to view.

To thwart vandals, we could program Clint Eastwood's voice to sternly announce, "Go ahead! Make my day! Because you are a mind and it doesn't have to cost the taxpayers \$30 million. The answer is in moving toward sustainability, not trying to mask the problems of the industrial dairy."

The problem is the industrial dairy, the over-concentration of the industry in a few small areas, fed an un-natural diet, given too many antibiotics and creating a mountain of waste. The solution is the antithesis of the industrial model and it doesn't have to cost the taxpayers \$30 million. The answer is in moving toward sustainability, not trying to mask the problems of the industrial dairy.

Livestock camp won't solve problems

Einstein said, "We cannot solve our problems at the same level of thinking at which we created them."

A livestock concentration camp research center will not solve the problems of the industrial dairy.

The problem is the industrial dairy, the over-concentration of the industry in a few small areas, fed an un-natural diet, given too many antibiotics and creating a mountain of waste. The solution is the antithesis of the industrial model and it doesn't have to cost the taxpayers \$30 million. The answer is in moving toward sustainability, not trying to mask the problems of the industrial dairy.

Another clear example is the push by our politicians and their handlers for new nuclear power plants. The waste issue has not been dealt with in the past and it is not being dealt with now. The proponents assure us that the waste is gone. If they've been making that claim for decades, The truth

is the blind eye of greed is pushing nukes and the economic and environmental costs will have to be covered by some future generation. The cleanest, cheapest energy is the energy we're taking, and we waste a lot. We can use it more efficiently and generate it more sustainably.

It is ludicrous to believe that ethanol, bio-diesel or any other fuel is going to replace the incredible amount of fossil fuel that we burn transporting our selves and the goods we consume. The blind eye of greed thought that pseudo solution from being thought through. There may be applications for ethanol and bio-diesel or some other fuel source, but not at the current level of consumption.

Another clear example is the push by our politicians and their handlers for new nuclear power plants. The waste issue has not been dealt with in the past and it is not being dealt with now. The proponents assure us that the waste is gone. If they've been making that claim for decades, The truth

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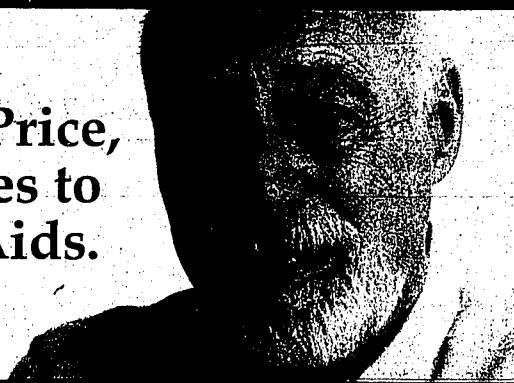
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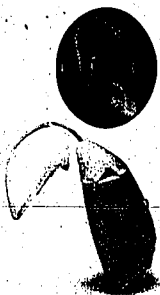
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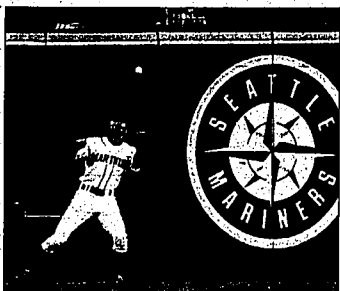
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Mariners kick off season of mounting expectations with win



Seattle Mariners right fielder Ichiro Suzuki makes a catch on the warning track during the Mariners' 5-2 win over Texas in Seattle on Monday.

By Gregg Bell
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — After Erik Bedard left his Mariners' debut, the Seattle offense woke up. Adrian Beltré hit a go-ahead groundout in the sixth inning. Jose Lopez had a two-run double in the seventh and the Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 in Monday's opener.

Bedard was acquired from Baltimore to anchor a rotation that already included Felix Hernandez, Miguel Cairo, Carlos Silva and Jarrod Washburn.

Bedard allowed three hits, including Michael Young's solo home run, in five innings and struck out five.

He walked four, one short of his career high, and went to full counts on 10 of his first 18 batters.

The Mariners struggled against Texas ace Kevin Millwood.

But they scored two unearned, go-ahead runs in the sixth inning on an error, a squibbed infield single and Beltré's hustle.

Sean Green (1-0) allowed two hits in 1-2-3 innings behind Bedard.

J.J. Putz, who saved 40 games and was an All-Star last season, got his first with a scoreless ninth.

Wearing short-sleeves, as always, while snow fell onto Safeco Field's closed roof and a chilling wind blew inside, Millwood allowed only three hits and one runner past first base through five innings.

But Ichiro Suzuki sliced a wicked liner off the glove of Young at shortstop for an error leading off the sixth. Suzuki then broke to steal second base while Lopez squibbed a soft roller to the spot fan Kinsler vacated to cover the steal attempt. Raul Ibanez then got a base hit, which scored Suzuki to tie the game at 1.

With Lopez at third and one out, Beltré hit a two-hopper that third baseman Hank Blalock tried to turn into an inning-ending dou-

ble play. But Beltré beat Kinsler's relay throw to first by a step.

Beltré flashed his own safe sign while crossing the bag as Lopez scored the go-ahead run.

Lopez hit a clinching, two-run double off Kazuo Fukumori in the seventh.

Millwood allowed only four singles and two unearned runs in six innings. He struck out four and walked three.

LSU, Stanford punch Final Four tickets

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — LSU coach Van Chancellor can thank Sylvia Fowles for his first trip to a Final Four.

Fowles had 21 points, 12 rebounds and five blocked shots, lifting LSU to a 56-50 victory over top-seeded North Carolina in the New Orleans Regional finals on Monday night. The victory sent the second-seeded Lady Tigers (31-5) to their fifth Final Four in as many seasons.

Fox North Carolina (33-3), forced to play before a hostile crowd wearing purple and gold, the loss snapped a 16-game winning streak and left the Tar Heels one victory short of a third straight Final Four appearance.

LaToya Pringle led the Tar Heels with 21 points, all but two coming in the second half, but it was not enough as the rest of her team combined for 10 points after the break.

SPOKANE REGIONAL
STANFORD 88, MARYLAND 87
SPOKANE, Wash. — Candice Wiggins scored 41 points, and got some help from unlikely sources as the second-seeded Cardinal pulled away from No. 1-seed Maryland.

Playing with a swagger and confidence bred from Stanford being denied a No. 1 seed in the tournament, the Cardinal are back in the Final Four for the first time in 11 years. They will face either Connecticut or Rutgers in the national semifinals in Tampa.

After hitting for a career-best 44 against UTEP in the second round, Wiggins was 10 of 22 shooting, including five 3-pointers, and made 16 of 19 free throws.

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Utah Jazz basketball player Carlos Boozer is pictured with his son Carmari as his wife CeCe holds twins Cameron and Cayden, right, Friday in Salt Lake City. Carlos has had to recover from a host of injuries, yet he can only imagine what Carmari has endured in the last year while battling sickle cell disease.

Boozer's ailing son shows dad how recovery is done

By Doug Alden
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Carmari Boozer can barely get his little arms around a basketball.

The 22-month-old hugs the ball to his chest as he bounces around the room before his dad sweeps him up for a father-son grin and giggle.

Carlos Boozer has had to recover from a host of injuries that come with being a power forward in the NBA, yet he can only imagine what his son has endured

in the last year. Carmari has had chemotherapy, made countless trips to the doctor and spent weeks in the hospital before and after an umbilical cord blood transplant that his parents hope wiped out his sickle cell anemia.

Six months later, Carmari is still free of the blood disorder, but Boozer and his wife, CeCe, have another six months of angst before knowing whether the procedure was a success.

"We're just looking forward to that day when he's clear completely," Boozer said.

They just aren't sure when or if that day will come. If it does, the Boozers will know that they made the right call in a series of difficult choices that ultimately led to deciding on a transplant and a search for the right donor.

They found one by producing their own through in-vitro fertilization. Two of the healthy embryos they created were implanted, and CeCe Boozer had twin boys last July. After Carmari had chemotherapy to attack the diseased blood cells, he was injected with stem cells from the twins' umbilical cord.

If the procedure goes as planned, the new cells will help Carmari's bone marrow regenerate new, healthy blood. Sickle cell is a devastating inherited disease of deformed red blood cells that can't carry enough oxygen, common among people with ancestors from Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and the Mediterranean. The abnormal red blood cells — shaped like a sickle or crescent — and have difficulty moving through the blood stream. Complications can include intense pain, stroke,

organ damage and death. Killing the cells with chemotherapy wipes out the immune system, leaving a 1-year-old like Carmari in extreme risk.

"We decided we would rather do it now while he is still healthy and the disease hasn't affected him that much, rather than wait five or 10 years down the road when he's already had kidney failure or a stroke," CeCe Boozer said.

The Boozers have been encouraged by Carmari's progress. Complications can include intense pain, stroke,

Little Davidson changed forever after Wildcats' magical run to Elite 8

By Mike Cranston
Associated Press writer

DAVIDSON, N.C. — Walk into Bob McKillop's office and you are the first thing you will see are the old issues of Sports Illustrated chronicling Lefty Driesell's dominant Davidson teams of the 1960s.

When McKillop returned to his office Monday morning, it felt like he had stepped into space for the publications telling the story of this season's remarkable Wildcats.

"Now we've got our own (magazine) issues," McKillop said. "As Lefty Driesell established a bar for us 40 years ago, we now will go down as the team that set a new bar."

McKillop was bleary-eyed but upbeat Monday, less than 24 hours after 10th-seeded Davidson's storybook run ended a 16-game season away from the Final Four. The team returned to this town of 9,000 people after Sunday's

heartbreaking 59-57 loss to Kansas at 3:30 a.m. — only to be greeted by about 300 people.

"It's crazy to talk about sports at 3 a.m.," McKillop said. "But this is a love affair."

All over town there were signs thanking the team that won 25 consecutive games and captured the hearts of this community with upset victories over Gonzaga, Georgetown and Wisconsin in the NCAA tournament.

"He Proud" proclaimed a sign in front of the town library. The window of the bank on Main Street had the message, "Thanks Cat." "I'm definitely proud of our team," star guard Stephen Curry said. "We made history for our school."

It was a drizzly, unseasonably cool day Monday as the 10th-seeded up students and residents were trying to figure out what it all means. Long in the shadow of its Atlantic

Coast Conference neighbors, Davidson, which hadn't won an NCAA tournament game in 39 years, suddenly is a household name.

"There will be people here at Davidson that 20 years from now will think about this run," McKillop said.

Davidson, a liberal arts school of 1,700 students, was so close to spilling the party of heavyweights at the Final Four.

Behind the sweet-shooting Curry, who averaged 32 points in four NCAA tournament games, Davidson (29-7) trailed mighty Kansas by two with 16 seconds left. McKillop decided to have Curry, not point guard Jason Richards, bring the ball up the court.

"We wanted Steph to take that shot and that's why we put the ball in his hands," McKillop said. "Because we felt that he had kept him from the ball, almost double teaming him, and said, 'OK,

let their big shoot a 2-pointer rather than let Steph Curry beat us with a 3.' And we were going for the win."

McKillop already was trying to cash in on the wave of publicity the Southern Conference school has received in the past two weeks. Dressed in a red tie, he was set to hit the recruiting trail later Monday with new possibilities.

"I've always a top recruit is being recruited by Davidson and an ACC power," McKillop said. "He really likes Davidson. He really likes his opportunity there. He really likes the coaches. He really likes the players. But he can't walk down the hall at his high school and say, 'I chose Davidson over ACC power.' He can't pick up the newspaper that says, 'Blank chose Davidson.'"

"How people will understand why he will choose Davidson."



Davidson head coach Bob McKillop and his team were to fans after defeating Wisconsin in the Midwest regional semifinal Friday in Detroit.

Will... the 57-year-old McKillop continue to pick Davidson? Already McKillop, a native New Yorker who has spent 19 seasons here, is being mentioned for other coaching openings.

"Of course my name is being bandied about here and there," McKillop said. "I don't dwell on the corporate ladder. Bigger isn't better. I want my staff to be in a situation where they feel very good about the way they are being treated and their compensation. That to me is vitally important."

Santana delivers as advertised, impresses in Mets debut

MIAMI — Johan Santana and one big inning were all the New York Mets needed. Santana struck out eight in seven dominant innings. David Wright hit a three-run double and New York opened its season with a 7-2 win Monday over the Florida Marlins.

DODGERS 5, GIANTS 0
LOS ANGELES — Joe Torre was victorious in his debut as manager of the Dodgers. Brad Penny allowed four hits over 6-2-3 innings in his first opening-day start. Jeff Kent hit a two-run homer off Barry Zito and Los Angeles beat the San Francisco Giants 5-0 Monday.

NATIONALS 11, PHILLIES 6
PHILADELPHIA — The Nationals took their late-inning lead on the road. Nick Johnson's tiebreaking RBI double off Tom Gordon highlighted a five-run ninth inning and Washington beat the Philadelphia Phillies 11-6 Monday.

BREWERS 4, CUBS 3, 10 INNINGS
CHICAGO — The start of the Cubs' 100th season since winning the World Series ended like so many seasons at Wrigley Field — with a loss. Tony Gwynn hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, and the Milwaukee Brewers beat Chicago 4-3 Monday.

ROYALS 5, TIGERS 4, 11 INNINGS
DETROIT — The \$130 million Tigers opened with a thud. Tony Pena Jr. hit a two-out, tiebreaking single in the 11th inning and the Kansas City Royals held on to beat Detroit 5-4 in Monday's opener.

RAYS 6, ORIOLES 2
BALTIMORE — A whirlwind offseason of change carried over into opening day for Tampa Bay, when the Rays

defending NL West champions opened the season the way they spent much of the last one: winning a close one. Braden Webb pitched six innings Monday, and the light-hitting Arizona Diamondbacks piled up three solo homers in a 4-2 victory that dampened Dusty Baker's debut as the Cincinnati Reds manager.

PIRATES 12, BRAVES 11, 12 INNINGS
ATLANTA — Tom Glavine's homecoming was long forgotten by the time Pittsburgh finally got the win. Xavier Nady hit his second homer of the game, a three-run shot in the 12th inning, and the Pittsburgh Pirates overcame a horrific ninth to ruin Atlanta's home opener, winning 12-11 on Monday night.

The Braves took advantage of four walks and a huge defensive blunder to erase the Pirates' 9-4 lead. But Nady, who led off the eighth with a homer, lined a 2-0 pitch from Blaine Meyer (0-1) into the right-field seats with two outs and two aboard in the 12th.

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New York Mets pitcher Johan Santana uncorks a pitch during the Mets' 7-2 win over the Florida Marlins on Monday in Miami. Santana threw seven innings of three-hit ball to score the win.

reversed an annoying trend at the expense of the Baltimore Orioles on Monday. James Shields pitched seven innings of five-hit ball, five walks handed and the Rays cringed to a 6-2 victory. Since its inception in 1998, Tampa Bay is 1-9 in road openers, including a seven-game skid that was the longest active run in the big

leagues. But things are different this year, beginning with the team's nickname — no longer are they the Devil Rays. **INDIANS 10, WHITE SOX 8** CLEVELAND — Their ballpark may have a new name. Little else changed about the Cleveland Indians. The defending AL Central champions won in familiar

fashion at Progressive Field — home to so much late-inning drama when it was called Jacobs Field for the past 14 years. Casey Blake hit a three-run double in the eighth inning Monday to give the Indians a 10-8 win over the Chicago White Sox. **TWINS 3, ANGELS 2** MINNEAPOLIS — With

Tori Hunter watching from the other side, Carlos Gomez made a strong first impression in Minnesota. Gomez formally replaced Hunter as the center fielder and raved around the bases, giving Iivan Hernandez and the Twins enough offense to beat the Los Angeles Angels 3-2 Monday night. — The Associated Press

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Hansbrough, Beasley unanimous selections to AP All-America first team

The Associated Press

North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough and Kansas State's Michael Beasley were unanimous selections to The Associated Press' All-America team Monday. For the first time, no senior was chosen. Beasley and Kevin Love of UCLA made it two straight years there were two freshmen chosen. Sophomore D.J. Augustin of Texas and junior Chris Douglas-Roberts of Memphis rounded out the selections, shutting out the seniors. The AP started choosing All-America teams after the 1947-48 season, and for the next six decades there was at least one member of the senior class on every first team.

Until this group, Hansbrough, a junior and the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, and Beasley, his second freshman to lead the country in rebounding, were named on all 72 ballots and received 360 points from the same national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. The voting was done before the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame sophomore center Luke Harangody was sixth in the voting with 211 points, and he was joined on the second team by seniors Stan Foster of Vanderbilt, D.J. White of Indiana and Roy Hibbert of Georgetown, and college basketball's newest star, Davidson sophomore guard Stephen Curry who led the Wildcats to the regional final by averaging 34.5 points in the NCAA tournament. The third team was senior Chris Lofton of Tennessee, junior Darren Collison of UCLA, sophomore Brook Lopez of Stanford and freshmen Derrick Rose of Memphis and Eric Gordon of Indiana.

Lofton was picked for the second team last season. The preseason All-America team was Hansbrough, Lofton, Hibbert, Collison and Michigan State guard

DREW TWINS HEADED TO NBA
The Lopez twins are going pro together. Stanford sophomore Robin Lopez is joining his 7-foot brother Brook in entering the NBA draft. The brothers made their announcement — to The Associated Press on Monday through mother, Deborah Ledford. It was expected that Brook would declare himself eligible for the NBA, but Robin was not so certain. They were prep stars in Fresno, Calif., and came to Stanford together. Now they will depart as a tandem, too. It certainly has been a very difficult decision for me because I really enjoyed my two years at Stanford," Robin Lopez said in a statement released to the AP. "I will always hoped I would have an opportunity to play in the NBA and I feel now is the right time to make that dream a reality." Brook Lopez, a third-team All-American and a first-team Pac-10 selection, averaged 19.4 points and 8.2 rebounds to go with 56 blocks this season. He scored the game-winning basket with 1.3 seconds left in an 82-81 victory over Marquette in the second round of the NCAA tournament to put Stanford in the regional semifinals for the first time since 2001. Both Lopez brothers said they will return to Stanford over time to complete their degrees.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL
TULSA WINS GAME 1
TULSA, Okla. — Jerome Jordan scored 11 10 points, including two clinching free throws, to help lead Tulsa to a 73-68 victory over Bradley in the first game of a best-of-three series in the College Basketball Invitational finals on Monday. Jordan, who also had 13 rebounds and four blocks, ignited a 13-3 run by slamming home a job from Ben Huggins to give the Golden Hurricane (24-13) a 49-48 lead.

NBA

Jazz win behind Miles' career-high 29 points

SALT LAKE CITY — C.J. Miles scored a career-high 29 points and the Utah Jazz set a team record with 153 pointers in a 129-87, rout — of the short-handed Washington Wizards on Monday night. Detroit's Williams had 12 points and 16 assists, despite resting most of the fourth quarter, and Mehmet Okur returned from a stomach virus with 16 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Carlos Boozer added 19 points and Kyle Korver scored 15, making all six of his shots. Utah outbounded Washington 40-23, had 40 assists on 50 field goals and shot almost 60 percent (50-for-84). The Wizards were wrapping up a five-game Western Conference road trip and coming off a 126-120 overtime loss to the Lakers the night before. They were also resting Carlos Butler's strained left hamstring instead of playing him back-to-back nights. Antonio Johnson led Washington with 22 points.

PACERS 105, HEAT 85
INDIANAPOLIS — Jermale O'Neal scored nine points after sitting out for more than two months with a knee injury as the Indiana beat Miami. O'Neal shot 3-for-4 from the field and 3-for-4 from the free-throw line in 18 minutes. He had missed 33 straight games with a bone bruise, and the Pacers went 12-21 during that stretch. Danny Granger led Indiana with 23 points and Mike Dunleavy added 18 as the Pacers won their second straight and their sixth of eight. Daequan Cook led Miami with 16 points and Kasib Powell and Chris Quinn both scored 15.

RAPTORS 104, BOCATS 100
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Chris Bosh scored 32 points and Toronto remained alone in sixth place in the East. Bosh hit 13 of 16 free throws and added eight rebounds and five assists for the Raptors, who won for the third time in four games to pull a game ahead of idle Philadelphia in the playoff race. Anthony Parker added 20 points and T.J. Ford added 15, including the clinching free throw with 1.9 seconds left for the Raptors, who bounced back from a home loss to New Orleans on Sunday. Jason Richardson scored 18 of his 26 points in the first half, Gerald Wallace scored 20 points and Emeka Okafor had 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Bobcats.

HAWKS 116, GRIZZLIES 99
MEMPHIS — Josh Smith had 26 points, eight rebounds and six assists as Atlanta built an early lead. The Hawks led by 39 in the third quarter and seemed to be coasting to the victory. However, Memphis opened the fourth with 13 consecutive points, part of a 23-4 run that made the game more interesting. Al Horford and Joe Johnson scored 19 points apiece for Atlanta, and Mike Bibby had 17, Josh Childress 14 and Marvin Williams 12. Rudy Gay led Memphis with 29 points, while Ben Carlos-Swarro and Kyle Lowry finished with 17 each. — The Associated Press

Boozer

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recovery so far. Six months ago, the chemotherapy had left his skin discolored and blighted and caused his hair to fall out. He spent almost six weeks in the hospital, getting scrubbed down twice daily to eradicate germs. It was miserable for Carmani and even more difficult for his parents. "It was just a hard process to get a quick kiss from his dad that he could be you," his mother said. Carmani's jet black hair has grown again, leaving him looking like any other toddler. He's certainly as active as any of his little peers and loves attending jazz games. During one recent game, his mother paused as she was taking Carmani back up to his seat, just long enough for him to get a quick kiss from his dad at the end of the jazz bench. For CeCe Boozer, it's especially gratifying to see her son healthy. She pushed for the transplant after spending months learning everything she could about the disease and possible treatments. She discussed transplants, but was told they were considered elective procedures and usually happened later in

the patient's life. She didn't want to wait that long. Because both parents are carriers for the sickle cell trait, they wanted to be sure their next child would not have the affliction. CeCe Boozer had read about genetically screening embryos for conditions like Down syndrome, but not sickle cell. She spoke to a geneticist, who came up with a test to spot the sickle cell trait. The couple went through in-vitro fertilization and found two embryos that were perfect, healthy matches. Both were implanted to increase the chances of survival and, CeCe Boozer learned a couple months later that both had taken and she would be having twins. The Boozers also learned Carmani could have the procedure done at Miami Children's Hospital in Miami, where the family lives in the offseason. On the eve of Carmani's transplant, his parents shared some second thoughts. "There were days you see kids that didn't make it — families of the kids that didn't make it," Carlos said. "That was in the back of our mind. That could be us if it doesn't go right." "They decided it was better to take a chance now rather

than later. Carmani had the procedure on Sept. 5, shortly before training camp was to begin. Jazz coach Jerry Sloan, who puts only family ahead of basketball, told Boozer to take his time and report when he was ready. "All we could do was tell him we'll support him any way we can," Sloan said. "I've handled it tremendously. He said, 'I'll be ready to go when I get home,' and he was ready to go. That tells you a lot about guys. He's got a lot going on." CeCe Boozer was surprised how little she could find out about getting Carmani a transplant. Most doctors suggested prolonged treatment with medications, which may not have been effective if Carmani's anemia was too severe. Because of Carlos' status as an NBA player, she knows people are paying attention to Carmani's story. Through Boozer's Buddies Foundation, she is letting others know everything she has learned. "There were days you see kids that didn't make it — families of the kids that didn't make it," Carlos said. "That was in the back of our mind. That could be us if it doesn't go right." "They decided it was better to take a chance now rather

his immune system is still weak. "Every little thing that happens to him, we fear the worst," his father said. Despite Carmani's health problems, Boozer has been having his two best seasons in the NBA. He leads the jazz in scoring and rebounding, and was selected to the Western Conference All-Star team for the second straight year. He said the last two months have been great because his wife and children were finally able to move up from Miami in January when Carmani became healthy enough to handle the altitude. "You go through the tough times and when things start to get sweeter, they're that much sweeter," he said. "It's so much fun right now. My whole family is back together."

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WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Matchup	Score	Time
Alabama vs. Michigan	77-66	8:00
Arizona vs. Kansas	82-71	8:00
Auburn vs. Georgia Tech	80-67	8:00
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Colts to show off brand new stadium in NFL prime-time opener

PALM BEACH, Fla. — The Indianapolis Colts will open Lucas Oil Stadium with a prime-time game against the Chicago Bears on the NFL's opening weekend. The Sept. 7 rematch of the 2007 Super Bowl won by the Colts will be played Sunday night in the new \$700-million stadium in Indianapolis. NBC will televise the game.

The Colts plan to play preseason games in the old stadium in August. They also plan to open the opening weekend schedule is a prime-time Monday doubleheader on ESPN, with Minnesota visiting the Brett Favre-less Green Bay Packers at 7 p.m. EDT and Denver at Oakland at 10:15 p.m. EDT.

Previously reported was the Thursday night season opener hosted by the New York Giants in Washington, with an earlier-than-usual starting time of 7 p.m. EDT in deference to the final night of the Republican Convention.

The rest of the NFL schedule will be announced later in April.

Palms to show off brand new stadium in NFL prime-time opener

mously approved Wayne Huizenga's sale of 50 percent of the Miami Dolphins to New York City's estate billionaire Stephen Ross. On Monday at the league meetings.

Huizenga will remain as managing partner of the club for the near future, setting no timetable for when Ross will take command.

Ross is spending about \$550 million for his share of the team and will have options to buy up to 95 percent of the Dolphins.

Ross also is buying Dolphin Stadium and surrounding land.

The 67-year-old Ross is a former minority owner of the New York Islanders who once tried to purchase the New York Jets.

Huizenga bought 15 percent of the Dolphins and 50 percent of the stadium from team founder Joe Robbie's family in 1990, then became sole owner in 1994. Total cost of those purchases was \$168 million.

Palms to show off brand new stadium in NFL prime-time opener

will hold registration for its baseball and softball program on Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the new Middle School. Baseball, softball, pitching machine and T-ball will be offered through the program. The cost is \$25, with the exception of T-ball which is \$35. There is an additional \$5.50 charge for insurance if necessary.

For more information contact Bob Hanning at 326-3327.

NFL owners unanimously approve 50 percent sale of Dolphins

PALM BEACH, Fla. — NFL owners un-

MAGIC VALLEY All-Star baseball tryouts planned

Mini-Cassia All-Star Baseball team tryouts will be Thursday and Friday at Big Valley Park in Rupert. Sign-ups begin at 5 p.m. with try-

Baseball and softball program

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and still on the cool side. Highs in the upper 40s.

Tonight: A chilly night under partly cloudy skies. Lows in the upper 20s.

Tomorrow: Milder temperatures and partly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower 50s.

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

A few scattered snow showers will remain possible through Thursday as a series of weak disturbances pass through. Additional accumulations will be small.

Today Highs 30 to 34. Tonight's Lows 8 to 9.

BOISE

Generally partly cloudy skies are expected through Thursday. Today's temperatures will still be cool, but milder all will work in Wednesday and Thursday.

Today Highs/Lows of 52/32 to 52/32

NORTHERN UTAH

Scattered snow showers, mixed with rain of lower elevations, will continue through Thursday.

Chances will be greater on Thursday!

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Yesterday's Weather. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, and Barometric Pressure. Includes sub-sections for Moon Phases and Sunrise and Sunset.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various regional cities and their weather forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various national cities and their weather forecasts.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various world cities and their weather forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various Canadian cities and their weather forecasts.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. A quote about daily commitment and positivity.

Serena, Henin to renew rivalry at Key Biscayne

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Vilas came at Serena Williams in a flurry. She sprinted to her right to chase one down, then to her left, then right, then left, finally ripping a backhand winner to end the frantic exchange.

fully more positives than negatives come from this tournament. Against Safina, Davenport totaled 91 unforced errors, including six double faults. She hit only 20 winners to 31 for Safina, seeded 13th.

because of illness trailing 6-4, 3-0. Soderling lost his first two games and the final 10 points. "You're sort of a final 10 guy."

Large advertisement for Sprint featuring a tennis match photo and text: 'Home Town WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT', 'Su Ciudad. Sus minutos para compartir.', '\$65.99', 'P & P Pet Care Service', 'First Choice HOME CARE & HOSPICE', 'Published every Tuesday ~ Rotate to get your own write-up! 733-0931'.

Stocks rise in weak first quarter

(AP) Wall Street closed a dismal first quarter with a gain Monday, rising after a reading on regional manufacturing came in better than expected.

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Despite record growth, pay still lags in south-central Idaho

By Joshua Palmer
Staff Writer

Pay in south-central Idaho remains among the lowest in the nation despite a decade of unprecedented growth.

According to a new Bureau of Economic Analysis, Idaho's 2007 per capita personal income ranked 45th

out of 50 states and the District of Columbia.

And wage growth in south-central Idaho lags even in comparison to other parts of the state.

Excluding Blaine County, the average wage paid in south-central Idaho increased 36 percent from 1996 to 2006, to an average of \$13.68 per hour. The statewide average

increased more than 40 percent during that period, to \$15.82.

The state with the highest per capita personal income was Connecticut, which reported an average annual wage of \$54,117 — the state that reported the lowest was Mississippi with an annual wage of \$28,800. Utah was the only neighboring state that ranked lower

than Idaho, however, the average annual wage was about \$10 less than Idaho.

So how could a region seeing unprecedented growth in business relocation lag so far behind?

"There is a correlation between job growth and wages because employee wages are about 70 percent of most operational costs," said

Jan Roeser, regional economist for the Department of Labor. "In other words, those business may be moving here to get more production for lower wages."

More than 15 companies that employ 100 people or more have expanded or relocated to

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Looking for your first home loan?

Look no further than your local bank. Business Editor Joshua Palmer writes about his experiences buying a home in Twin Falls. Read about it on the Southern Idaho Business blog at Magicvalley.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Kickstand to meet at Pandora's

The Southern Idaho Kickstand Chapter will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 3 at Pandora's restaurant located at 516 Hansen St. S. in Twin Falls.

Kickstand, a non-profit organization that helps innovators and entrepreneurs network with one another, will host Bruce Perry, managing director of Corporate Finance Associates, who will speak on business valuation and exit strategies.

For more information, contact Brandon Armstrong at 324-3455 or via email at Brandon.Armstrong@idahohotelconnect.com

Wasden bans Florida foreclosure company

BOISE — Mortgage Assistance Solutions, LLC, a Florida foreclosure rescue company that sent advertisements to consumers claiming their homes were in foreclosure, can no longer do business in Idaho, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said.

Mortgage Assistance Solutions entered into a settlement agreement with the Attorney General that prohibits the company from advertising or engaging in any transaction involving an Idaho consumer or property in Idaho.

Idahoans filed complaints against Mortgage Assistance Solutions alleging that the company sent advertisements stating that consumers' homes were "scheduled to be sold at auction" due to foreclosure.

— from staff reports

ON THE CREST OF SUCCESS

New restaurant and convention center to open on schedule

By Joshua Palmer
Staff Writer

With only a few details remaining, the Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center is nearing completion.

Those details are what sets Twin Falls' new meeting venue apart from the others.

The event center, the brainchild of Dan Willie, owner of the Stop N Go convenience store chain, features a central glass atrium, a bar fashioned from walnut and granite.

The restaurant decor resembles a desert lodge with 30-foot vaulted ceilings and a large stone fireplace.

But it's the convention center's sweeping views of the Snake River Canyon and the Perrine Bridge that are the heart of the Canyon Crest, said Willie.

"This took a lot of risk and sometimes I would wake up at night and think 'what I am I doing,'" he said from the convention center's terraced

balcony overlooking the canyon. "But every time I would come out here and look at the view, I would know that it was all worth it."

Willie planned a \$6.5 million project but the actual cost topped \$7 million. Financing was a challenge, he said, but the real struggle was to complete the project in time for summer events.

Dan Hall, facility event director, said the Starr Corp. broke ground in May 2007 and is expected to complete final touches within two days of its deadline.

When completed the restaurant and convention center will boast a midsize facility that will include:

- A lounge that can serve 45 people.
- A restaurant with seating for 135.
- A 400-seat convention center with a state-of-the-art audio-visual system.

- Three kitchens where as many as 24 cooks can serve 400 people in 15 to 20 minutes.

"I've been in a lot of kitchens in south Idaho including Boise, but this is the best equipped kitchen

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See video of Canyon Crest, and hear an interview with Dan Willie, owner of the convention center.



Dan Willie, owner of Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, stands in the main front entrance of the restaurant while giving a tour Monday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Ag department releases 2008 planting report

Less corn planted could translate into higher grocery bills

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Farmers are expected to plant less corn this year, which could mean higher continuing

higher costs for consumers at the grocery store.

Corn prices have skyrocketed in recent years, helped by the burgeoning ethanol industry, which turns the crop into fuel, and rising worldwide demand for food. The higher prices have hurt poultry, beef and pork companies, who use corn to feed their animals.

Farmers are expected to plant 86 million acres of corn

this year, the Department of Agriculture predicted Monday, down 8 percent from 2007, when the amount of corn planted was the highest since World War II. The decreased supply could drive corn prices even higher — a cost for food producers that could be passed on to consumers.

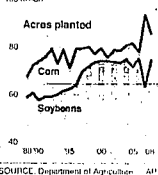
According to the Agriculture Department, corn planting is expected to

remain at historically high levels but could be down this year because of the high expense of growing corn and favorable prices for other crops, such as soybeans.

As many farmers have made that switch, soybean planting is expected to be up 18 percent this year, at almost 75 million acres. The largest increases in soybean planting are expected in Iowa and Nebraska.

Less corn planted

Farmers are expected to plant 86 million acres of corn this year, 8 percent less than in 2007.



SOURCE: Department of Agriculture

Recent storms help water outlook for south-central Idaho

By Cindy Snyder
Correspondent

Storms the last part of March are helping southern Idaho irrigators in more than one way, especially those who rely on the Snake River for their water supply.

After missing the Upper Snake River basins for most of the winter, the March storms finally found the

region. March precipitation for the Snake above Pallasades basin is 110 percent of the March average and leads the state for monthly precipitation through March 27.

In contrast, the Oakley and Salmon Falls basins have received 83 percent of normal March precipitation, while the Big Wood and Big Lost basins have received just half.

With a few days left in March and

the stormy pattern expected to last a while longer, Tom Abramovich said he expects the Upper Snake snowpack to reach its April peak. The Lewis Lake Divide SNOTEL site, which indicates how the rest of the basin snowpack is doing, had 34.7 inches of snow water equivalent on March 27, 99 percent of the 35.1 inches the site has on average for the date.

Overall, the basin is at 95 percent of the seasonal peak. Abramovich is a hydrologist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise.

More snow in the mountains should mean more water in the reservoirs for use later in the season, but equally important is the cool, wet weather in the valleys. Irrigation

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	23.95	▼ .14	Dell Inc.	19.92	▲ .31	Idacorp	32.11	▲ .61
Lithia Mo.	10.16	▼ .13	Micron	5.79	▲ .51	Supervalu	29.98	▲ .95

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	87.42	▼ .23	May Oil	101.58	▼ 4.04
April gold	916.20	▼ 14.04	April Silver	17.26	▼ .68

What to expect today in business

• WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on construction spending for February.

• NEW YORK — The Institute for Supply Management releases its manufacturing index.

• DETROIT — Major automakers report U.S. auto sales.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, Share Class, and Price. Includes funds like American Mutual, American Fund, and American Growth.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, and Change. Lists items like Soybeans, Corn, and Wheat.

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Quote on cheese from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Price: \$17.000, +0.000; Bid: \$18.000, -0.100.

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Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and INDEXES. Includes columns for Most Active, Last Chg, and various index values.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks with columns for Name, Share Class, and Price. Includes companies like American Mutual and American Fund.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Public notice regarding unclaimed property for various individuals and entities. Includes names like Vanessa Raymond and Dean Reister.

Wages

Article discussing wages and labor market conditions. Mentions that there are 700 of the most active mutual funds and the most recent commodities reports.

Article titled 'How to Read the Market Report' explaining market indicators and report structure. Includes sections on Name, Dividend, and Stock.

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Advertisement for a dining and convention center. Located at 2262 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Advertisement for Magic Valley Irrigation. Provides information about water supply and irrigation services in the Magic Valley area.



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THE HANDS ON THE TRIGGERS

Meet four Magic Valley shooters

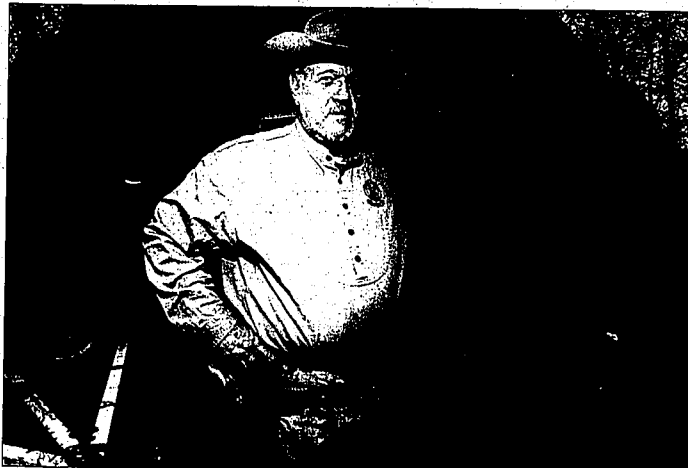
Stories by Melissa Davlin
Staff Writer

It's a bare building on the outside, but inside glows warmly. Fruit punch-colored stacking chairs rest in the back of the room next to a sign that reads "Important: Must Have Social Security Number." A note on the white board advertises free wood. Loud pops burst from the shooting

gallery on the other side of the wall, but the chatting men don't even flinch. Who are the people who meet at the Twin Falls Rifle & Pistol Club? We interviewed local shooters to discover their relationships with their guns and what role shooting plays in their lives.

Whether their lives revolve around hunting or they shoot at ranges for fun, they all contribute to southern Idaho's shooting culture.

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 208-735-3234 or melissa.davlin@tw.net.



Dave Delimont of Twin Falls has been shooting for 60 years and has a lot to say about it. Delimont poses with his favorite gun — a single-action .45 called a Ruger, used for fast-draw shooting.

THE SAGE

Dave Delimont
Twin Falls

Things sure aren't how they used to be, Dave Delimont said. "When I was a kid, we carried our guns in the trunk of our car," he said. "After school we'd go out and shoot rabbits ... and no one ever thought anything about it. And probably 75 percent of all the cars in the school parking lot had a gun in them."

It's not just media or kids these days or area growth, Delimont said. It's everything. The culture around here is changing — not as fast as other places in the country, but at a rate impossible to ignore.

"I know everybody picks on Californians here, but there's a lot of people coming from other states, too," he said. "They're not used to the culture that we have, and have had for a hundred some years here. When they see all the guns in the back of the pickups and all that, they really get concerned and they try to change things rather than trying to learn about the culture and why every household has a gun."

The change has driven Delimont to quit hunting because of newcomers to the sport who aren't as respectful as hunters in past generations.

But he's not giving up entirely. He's involved in cowboy action shooting and fast draw. He participates in local leagues. He tries to teach outsiders that, around here, a gun isn't a weapon as much as a tool.

And with the help of gunslingers like him, those tools will continue being a major part of southern Idaho's culture. "You always have that solid core that they just keep going on and on forever 'cause they love the sport," he said.

THE HUNTER

Walt Charles
Rupert

Thirty mule deer weren't enough for Walt Charles. After 50 years of shooting and hunting, the head of the Rupert Rifle & Pistol Club headed to Africa in 2002 with his wife, Norma, to bag new kinds of game, including a zebra, a wart hog and a blesbok. Pelts weren't all he took away from the trip. He has photo albums filled with pictures from Zimbabwe and stories about encountering hippos and coming within 10 feet of a lion.

"They are vicious-looking things," he said. "They have teeth on them like you would not believe."

After his trip, Charles didn't slow down. He still teaches hunter's education through the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and is one of the most distinguished teachers in the state, as a point system attests. In 1993, Charles was presented with the Fish and Game Commissioner's Award for continuing hunting heritage.

"I've been at it a few years," he said. Everything about his lifestyle proves it. He can recite the Second Amendment by heart, and a National Rifle Association sign hangs by his driveway. The kitchen smells like elk stew, and the walls are decorated with outdoor art and taxidermy. He can cite statistics about violence and talk about current events that might affect gun legislation. It's as natural to Charles as bagging a blesbok.



Walt Charles of Rupert holds a ring presented to him by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Charles has taught hunter's education classes since the '70s and has hunted in Africa.



Alonso Lopez of Twin Falls, coming back to shoot after a five-year hiatus, poses for a portrait Thursday evening at the Twin Falls Rifle & Pistol Club.

THE COMEBACK KID

Alonso Lopez
Twin Falls

Alonso Lopez knows how to shoot and has his share of hunting stories. One time, his wife shot five bullets at a deer, but the animal didn't fall. When she looked up from reloading, the deer had disappeared, but they eventually found the body where the deer had stood. Lopez's wife had shot the deer straight through the neck five times so precisely that the deer didn't immediately react. None of the stories, though, are recent.

Lopez is returning to shooting after a five-year hiatus. The former hunter and recreational shooter abandoned the pastime because of work and family. "When you're older, more things come up," he said.

But his children are out of the house now and have cleaned his guns and getting ready to return to the scene. He hopes to become a regular at the Twin Falls Rifle & Pistol Club. Lopez doesn't plan to hunt deer again, though. "That's the problem," he said. "You have to carry them."

THE COMPETITOR

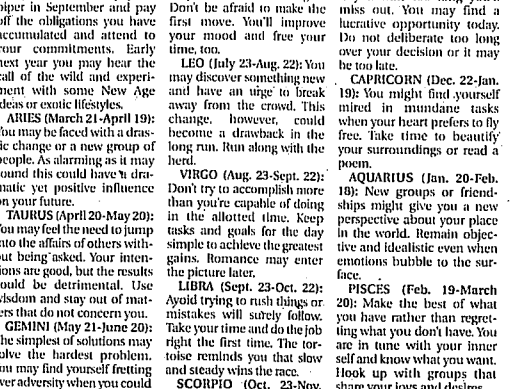
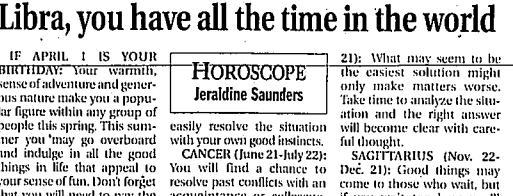
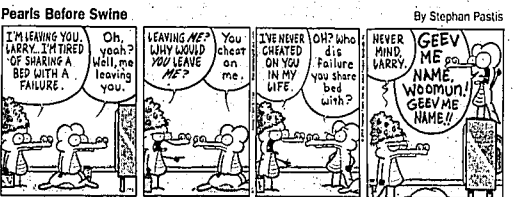
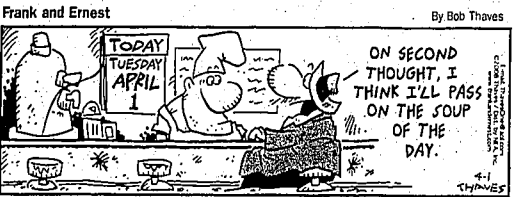
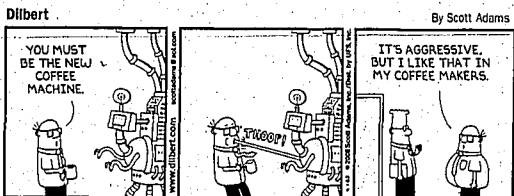
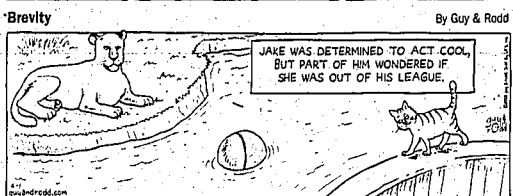
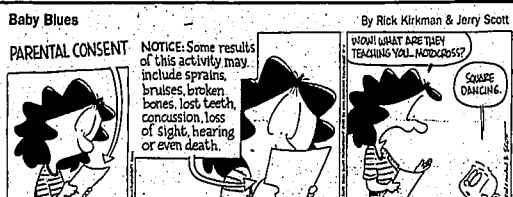
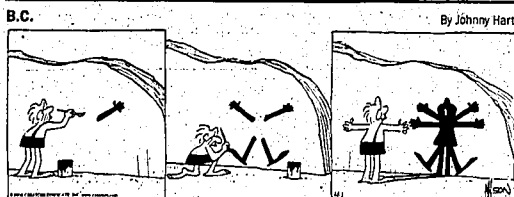
Will Brown
Twin Falls

Will Brown looks anything but menacing. His aw-shucks demeanor even more charming than his smile. But all it takes is an air rifle to turn Brown into a formidable competitor. The Twin Falls High School sophomore easily shoots perfect scores during air rifle competitions and is heading to the Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs, Colo., in April. "I'm hoping to medal in my age group, at least," Brown said. "It shouldn't be a problem for Brown, who has improved since last year, when he finished 34 out of 40."

"I didn't do too hot, but it was OK for a first time," he said. He does more than OK while competing in the local quarry shooting league. Last year, he shot his first perfect score by hitting the center of 10 targets in a row. Since then, he has earned multiple perfect scores in each of the standard shooting positions: kneeling, prone, sitting and the most difficult, standing. The teenager brushes off his accomplishments as no big deal. "The other positions, it's not too hard to get a perfect score," he said. Not too hard for him, anyway.

Will Brown of Twin Falls takes his time in preparing to shoot Thursday evening at the Twin Falls Rifle & Pistol Club. Brown will head to the Junior Olympics in April for competition rifle target shooting.





Boettle Bailey

By Mort Walker



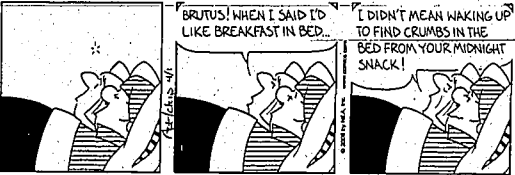
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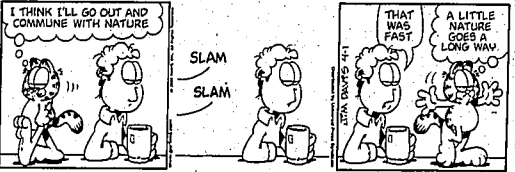
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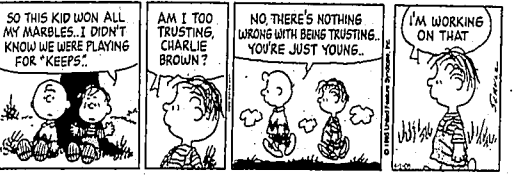
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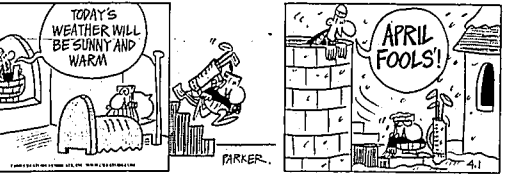
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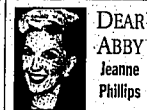


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Problems pile up for man with too much imagination



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: To say I am upset is an understatement. I have a terrible problem. My wife of 22 years, "Verna," was recently sentenced to 15 years in prison. Verna, you see, always programmed our VCR. As a result, I have no idea how to record my favorite sporting events.

I begged my daughter to show me how to operate the darned thing, but she's still mad at me because when she asked me if her blue blazer made her look fat, I replied: "No, I don't think your blazer makes you look fat. It's those double cheeseburgers you've been scarfing down two at a time that make you look so fat."

I'm thinking maybe if I run a personal ad in my local paper I could meet a nice lady and get my mind off all the sports I'm missing on TV. Here's how I plan to word it: "SWM seeking single female with lots of money and a fast car. Race, age and looks unimportant. Please send picture of car."

I know you get hundreds of letters every day with the same exact problems that I have, but please tell me what

to do. — APRIL FOOL FROM FORT SMITH, ARK. DEAR APRIL FOOL: People often ask me if I get made-up letters, and in honor of April Fools' Day, I am printing yours. By the way, forget about the personal ad. You have enough family problems already without revving up anyone else's engine.

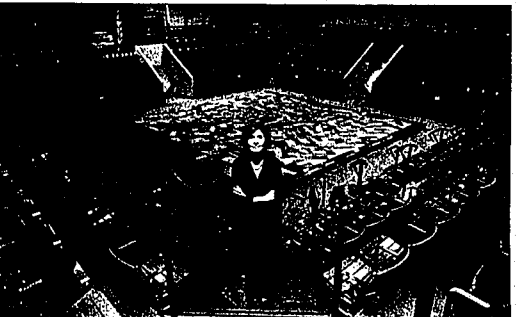
DEAR ABBY: I'm 13, and I have a problem with my parents. They have been having sex. That's not the problem, except for the fact that they don't wait for me to fall asleep before doing it. Tonight they had sex before saying good-night! How do I confront them about this?

— FREAKED OUT IN ALAMEDA, CALIF. DEAR FREAKED OUT: Tonight at dinner, say, "Mom,

Dad," I think it's time we talked about the facts of life.

DEAR READERS: The following poem was written by a longtime reader, the late Jean Wells Rogers. In March of 2002, I printed a poem she had penned titled, "Old-Timer's Bedtime," which contained the heart-warming lines: "We're old and we're wrinkled, but why should we mind? We sleep like two trees — our branches entwined." Today, I'm sharing another one of her treasures because it is both timely and relevant. Enjoy!

APRIL 1
No one goes hungry.
All people are fed.
The oceans are clean
Lake Erie's not dead.
The Irish aren't fighting
The Arabs love Jews
The swords are now plowshares
Now ain't that good news?
The water's delicious
The air is so clear
On top of a mountain
You see to next year.
Couples stay married
Children are jewels
Sure got you going!
APRIL FOOLS!



Emily Rosensteel O'Neil stands in the auditorium housing the Gettysburg battlefield map, that her father, Joseph Rosensteel, created.

Family history is tied to battlefield

By Julie Schaper - The Baltimore Sun

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Two days after the first shots of the bloodiest battle of the Civil War were fired here, a 15-year-old neighborhood boy named John H. Rosensteel walked onto the battlefield to help bury the dead. There he found the body of a Confederate soldier, a boy about his own age, and picked up a rifle lying near him. The rifle was the first item in what would become the largest private collection of Gettysburg relics, as well as a family legacy.

Since that day in July 1863, Rosensteel descendants have acquired and preserved tens of thousands of battle artifacts and shared them with the public. One family member built a museum along the Union battle line in 1921 to house them. Another created the building's famous electric map, which has educated generations of visitors about the Gettysburg battle by using colored lights to depict troop movements.

Now the museum — which the family sold to the National Park Service decades ago — is about to be razed. A new \$103 million museum and visitors' center will open nearly a mile away on the edge of the Union battleline next month. The old site will be restored to the way it looked in 1863 — a quiet spot amid rolling fields.

While the thousands of Rosensteel artifacts will provide the historical core of the exhibits at the new center, the electric map may be headed for the scrap heap — a blow to family members and some loyal Gettysburg visitors. Kathi Schme, president of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, says she first saw the map when she was in fifth grade, and later returned there with her own child. "The electric map is a national treasure," she says. "Do you know how many thousands of school kids have seen that map in the past 40 years? The things that they will be most likely to take away from their experience is the monuments and the map."

John Latschar, superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park, agrees that the map is "an icon of its age," but adds that it is "one hundred percent antiquated." From an architectural standpoint, it takes up an immense amount of space and we have consistent problems with school kids falling asleep," he said.

The new museum and visitor center, which will include two movie theaters, 12 galleries, a museum shop and "refreshment saloon," will explain the battle through exhibits designed to appeal to youth accustomed to the Internet and videos games, Latschar says. "The electric map concept, which is to orient people to the movement of troops on the battlefield, will be done much better in the new museum," he said. Emily Rosensteel O'Neil, the great-niece of the boy who collected that first rifle, doesn't object to demolition of the old museum, but she is fighting to preserve the map, which her father, Joseph Rosensteel, completed in 1963, about a year before he died of cancer. Park officials plan to cut the map — a sloped cement slab about the size of a backyard swimming pool — into pieces, wrap it in plastic and store it in a barn with no definite plans to display it again.

O'Neil argues that the map remains a valuable educational tool. "It is just an incredible way to visualize those three days," she says. "The actual intent that my father had remains viable and extremely important to so many people."

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Stonehenge dig may help unravel mysteries

LONDON (AP) — Some of England's most sacred soil was disturbed Monday for the first time in more than four decades as archaeologists worked to solve the enduring riddle of Stonehenge: When and why was the prehistoric monument built? The excavation project, set to last until April 11, is designed to unearth materials that can be used to establish a firm date for when the first mysterious set of blue-

stones was put in place at Stonehenge, one of Britain's best known and least understood landmarks. The World Heritage site, a favorite with visitors the world over, has become popular with Druids, neo-Pagans and New Agers who attach mystical significance to the strangely shaped circle of stones, but there remains great debate about the actual purpose of the structure. The dig will be led by

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IN YOUR GARDEN

Call soon for CSI community garden plot

Staff report

Do you want dirt under your fingernails this season but lack the space at home for a garden?

Only a few spaces are left for lease—in the College of Southern Idaho Agriculture Department's community garden. Applicants who want a plot should call soon. CSI said. The community garden is near the Perrine Coliseum in Twin Falls, directly across North College Road from the college's Expo Center. Throughout the growing and harvest season, the Twin Falls Farmers Market is held adjacent to the gar-

dens each Saturday.

Each 25-by-50-foot garden site is tilled, and compost is provided. Water is provided, but gardeners must control it with their own sprinklers, soaker hoses or drip systems. Gardeners also are responsible for controlling the weeds in their leased plots. The lease on each garden plot is \$40 for the entire season. Spring soil preparation usually begins about May 1, depending on weather. Information or to lease a space: Merry Olson, 732-6401 or molson@csi.edu; Caralee Perry, 732-6400 or cperry@csi.edu.

Controlling buttercups no laughing matter

By Jessica Damiano
Newsday

Q: I have a weed that appears in my yard every spring, and each year it takes over more of the lawn and the beds. I believe it is officially known as lesser celandine. It has a pretty yellow flower and bulbous roots. By late spring, it usually dies back, only to return with a vengeance the next year. Recently, I noticed its leaves in the lawn already. Is there anything I can do now or in the spring to eliminate this weed without destroying my lawn or the plantings in the beds? I have tried pulling it out, but there are now too many and I suspect pulling them out may cause it to spread more. I

have tried Weed It Gone with limited success. I'm reluctant to use a product like Roundup because of its effect on the nearby grass and plants.

A: Lesser celandine (*Platanus flava*), better known to homeowners as buttercup, is a non-native herbaceous perennial brought to the U.S. from Europe as an ornamental plant. That means it's very likely that at some point someone intentionally planted it in your yard or nearby, probably for its attributes as a vigorous-growing ground-cover.

It also has been paid homage by at least one song, and even has its own old wives' tale: For some reason, it was

widely believed by the superstitious that holding the bright yellow blossom under one's chin would reveal his or her penchant for butter, literally.

But controlling lesser celandine is no laughing matter. For small areas, digging up the weed deeply enough to remove all its tubers and bulbs can be effective. But hand pulling can actually exacerbate its invasiveness in larger areas like yours, as inadvertent separation of bulbs or tubers from stems will encourage propagation.

Triclopyr, an ingredient in some selective broadleaf post-emergent herbicides such as Ortho's Weed B Gone for Difficult to Control Perennial Weeds, or clopy-

ralid, the active ingredient in Lontrel, are effective means of control, according to the Cornell University Landscape Horticulture Program Work Team. Be sure to follow package directions carefully, knowing that more is not better. Herbicides containing 40 percent glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup, also have been shown effective in controlling lesser celandine, but as you pointed out, extreme care must be taken to avoid contact with surrounding plants and grasses.

For best results, spray in March, April or May. However, as long as rain isn't in the forecast and the temperature is above 50 degrees, you can treat the plant during winter.

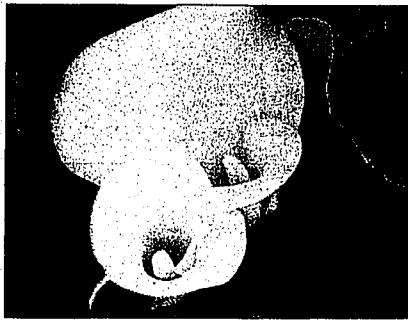
Calla lilies closely related to several houseplants

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

Q: Please recommend information sources for growing vegetables in containers and for growing calla lily and lilies of the valley.

A: Vegetable gardening in containers is covered thoroughly on a Texas A&M Web site on the subject (toggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/container/container.html). Calla lily (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) is not actually in the lily family. Also known as the common arum lily, calla lily is an arum and is closely related to houseplants such as philodendron, spatiphyllum, pothos and caladium. Check the Oregon Coastal Flowers site (www.flowersbulbs.com/history-calla-lily.php) for more information about calla lily.

Lily of the valley (*Convallaria majalis*) is a native North American plant that grows wild in forested areas. It spreads by underground rhizomes, doesn't need a lot of sun and favors moist soil.



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Joel M. Lerner is president of Environmental Design in Capitol View Park, Md.

Tip of the Week

Get on top of weeds now

The Washington Post

Chickweed, henbit and bittercress are flowering and preparing to seed. Break the life cycle of these invasive

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