

U of I will close at least 2 research centers

Livestock research complex for M.V. still on schedule

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — The University of Idaho's Agricultural Research & Extension Service plans to permanently close at least two of its 13 facilities due to budget cuts. Such moves will lead to reducing programs and jobs, school officials told legislators Monday.

Under Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's budget proposal, the agency would receive a 7 percent reduction from its original 2009 appropriation. The research and extension offices plan to close two facilities, eliminate 15 open positions and reduce travel by 25

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percent, said John Hammel, dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

"We're gonna have to do less," said Hammel, who disclosed the news to two separate committees Monday.

"We're going to have fewer people and we're going to have fewer programs." It's unclear which of the 13

centers will be shuttered. Three are in the Magic Valley: in Twin Falls and Kimberly, where the focus is agriculture

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State ag department director says cuts not dire.

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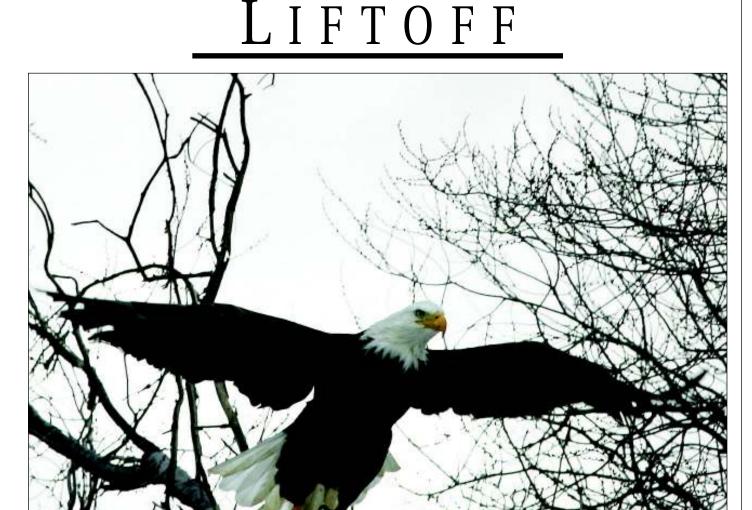
and farming; and in Hagerman, which is the state's primary aquaculture research center.

A review is already under way - it might be finished within several months — and

will result in some layoffs, primarily in staff and perhaps in faculty, as well as force research priorities to be adjusted, Hammel said. Officials are reviewing a number of issues, including whether there's a duplication of programs offered at separate centers.

About 90 percent of the agency's general fund budget

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Stennett sitting out entire 2009 session

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer, announced Monday he will not return to the 2009

Legislature. Stennett, who was diagnosed last year and missed several weeks following his surgerv, missed the

first two weeks of the 2009 Legislature as he recovered from a new treatment. Jon Thorson has been serving as his temporary replacement. In a statement, Stennett



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said he isn't sure when he will have enough stamina to resume full-time legislative duties. The prognosis remains positive but his recovery demands all of his energy and focus, the statement read.

"Public service is my life. For the past 20 years, my winters have been spent in the Statehouse. It is very disheartening to not participate this session," Stennett said. "I intend to resume my duties as soon as I am able after the session and I

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Stennett



Photo by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

A bald eagle takes flight from its perch in the back yard of a home near Box Canyon after it was spooked by a child getting off a school bus Monday afternoon near Hagerman. Trees near Thousand Springs State Park were dotted with the giant birds of prey on Monday. According to the State Parks and Recreation Web site there have been up to 40 eagles counted in the area.

Former Mini-Cassia teacher convicted Life in jail for Pepcorn on five child sex abuse counts

By Laurie Welch Times-News writer

A family divided sat quietly in two separate sections of a Minidoka County courtroom Monday as James F. Pepcorn, 70, appeared before the judge to hear that he will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Minidoka 5th District Judge Barry Wood handed down unified life sentences to Pepcorn on two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under 16 yearsold; 20 years to life for rape; and two 15-year sentences with five years determinate and 10 years indeterminate for each of two counts of sex abuse against a

child under 16.

A female witness who was a victim as a child faced Pepcorn while giving a victim's impact statement. She said although the court would hear her words they were meant for Pepcorn's ears.

"I know who you are and I know

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Pepcorn

Obama urges more efficient, cleaner cars

By Ben Feller **Associated Press writer**

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama opened an ambitious, double-barreled assault on global warming and U.S. energy woes Monday, moving quickly toward rules requiring cleaner-running cars that guzzle less gas - a must, he said, for "our security, our economy and our planet."

He also vowed to succeed where a long line of predecessors had failed in slowing U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

Starting his second week in office, Obama took a major step toward allowing California and other states to target greenhouse gases through more stringent auto emission standards, and he ordered new federal rules directing automakers

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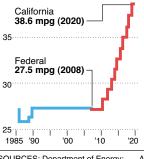
States adopt tough fuel standards

At least 14 states, including California, have tougher standards to increase fuel efficiency in new vehicles

States that adopted California's fuel standards



Fuel economy standards, passenger cars 40 miles per gallon



SOURCES: Department of Energy; Department of Transportation

Just like Legislature, counties study need for possible budget trims

By Nate Poppino **Times-News writer**

Idaho's state-level agencies have already had to cope with sizeable budget holdbacks this year, triggered by a tough economy.

Now, counties across south-central Idaho are eye-

ing their own budgets for pos- next few months. sible places to trim.

Dan Chadwick, executive director of the Idaho Association of Counties, said Monday that counties are certain to face tighter budgets this year, in part due to a 5 to 10 percent fall in sales-tax empty to trimming other revenue expected over the

Budgets were a major topic at the association's district meeting last week in Jerome, where IAC and county officials talked about ways to handle shortages — from leaving vacant positions expenses. Finding room to

said.

"Counties don't have the flexibility that the state has," he said. "The courts still have to run, the jails still have to operate."

But local governments are still trying to find savings Twin Falls somewhere.

trim can be tricky, Chadwick County commissioners sent mentioned, and preliminary out a memo on Dec. 29 asking all department heads and elected officials to look for possible cost-saving measures in their budgets, including those "that may require reducing programs and/or personnel." No specific dollar or percentage figure was

reports were requested by the end of this week.

During a quarterly budget review Monday morning, commissioners concluded that revenues seem to be okay for now, but that it's still

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Burley Rotary Club, noon, Burley Inn, 878-8382

Rupert Kiwanis Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W, 436-8124.

American Legion Post 17, 7 p.m., 1501 Oakley, Ave., Burley, 678-3428.

Snake River Flats meeting, an all-male singing group, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., Rupert, 436-6047.

<u>COMMUNITY</u>

Community Action public meeting, to help determine direction of Buhl's future, 7 p.m., Buhl Moose Lodge, (208) 543-6682.

EXHIBITS

"Russ Hepworth Restrospective," 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

"Little Reminders," collection of new work by Magic Valley native Grant Olsen, noon to 5 p.m., Magic Vallev Arts Council's La Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Main Street Plaza, Twin Falls, free admission, 734-2787 or Magicvalleyartscouncil.org.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln St., 644-2700. Jerome School Board, 6 p.m., 125 Fourth Ave. W. (new administrative building), 324-2392. Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.

Cassia County School District meeting, 7 p.m., district office, 237 E. 19th St., 878-6600. Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., 366-7418.

Hagerman Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 191 State St. N., 837-6636.

Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 342-8189.

Minidoka Memorial Hospital Board, 7 p.m., conference room, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, 436-0481.

Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SilverSneakers Fitness Program at Curves of Twin Falls, complete cardio and circuit training with resistance, state-of-the-art equipment and "Curves Smart" personalized coaching, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Twin Falls Curves, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., no cost for Humana Goldinsured, or AARP provided by Secure Horizons, 734-7300.

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Hagerman High School

High School gym, no cost, 732-6475. **TOPS Weight Support Group Chapter ID No.** 374, 10 a.m., 410 E. Third St., Rupert, 436-6037.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

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

Local chapter of the Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN) meeting, for anyone interested in suicide prevention, 1:30 pm., Canyon View Hospital west conference room, Twin Falls, mmlinn2002@hotmail.com. or 734-6760. Adult Children Anonymous (ACA) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunc-

tional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656.

Mini-Cassia Domestic Violence Support group for women meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Line Dance Classes, 6 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, \$3 donation, 410-5650 or www.galenslatter.com.

LIBRARY

Burley Public Library board meeting, 4 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., open to the public, 878-7708.

Every Child Ready to Read workshops, six weeks of literacy skills workshops with books, activities and tips for parents 7 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, 878-7708.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Faulkner Planetarium "Here Comes the Sun," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students, no cost for children under age 2 and a special price package for families with five children or less, 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO.Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the

Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio Three things to do today

• Check out the Every

Child Ready to Read — six

workshops for parents with

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Ave. There's no cost. For

more info, call 878-7708.

• If you live in Buhl or

care about that town, there

will be a community action

weeks of literacy skills

at 7 p.m. at the Burley

• Meet Kittie Wilkins. Philip Homan, Idaho State University professor and librarian, introduces you to only female horse dealer at the turn of the last century, and how she dealt with the Jarbidge, Nev., gold rush at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Public Library program room, 201 Fourth Ave. E. It's free.

Centers

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goes toward personnel-related costs, and closing two centers will save half the money needed.

The agency has extension offices in 42 of 44 counties and provides education and support in agriculture, the environment and natural resources, occasionally with federal assistance.

Part of the changes implemented parallel the progression of Idaho's agricultural industry to be more defined by livestock than crops, Hammel said. In the last 10 years, livestock receipts have grown 7.5 percent annually while crops receipts have

Stennett

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sincerely appreciate the encouragement and support from everyone."

Stennett was elected to his eighth term last November and is the longest-serving Senate minority leader in Idaho history.

Thorson, former mayor of Sun Valley, will continue to serve District 25 until the session ends.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, said she's missed Stennett this year, both as a friend and a fellow legislator who is able to work both sides of the aisle.

Greenhouse

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to start making more fuel-effi- than a dozen states should be try. It is to help America's

public meeting to help determine the direction of Buhl's future at 7 p.m. at the Buhl Moose Lodge. Go lend your voice.

Have your own pick you want to share? Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by surprise? E-mail me at patm@magicvalley.com.

grown only 5.75 percent. Meanwhile, the Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies for the Magic Valley remains a

top priority, officials said. The complex — a nearly 4,000-animal nonprofit confined feeding facility to fund research — is planned for somewhere within 20 miles of the College of Southern Idaho. Planning has gone on for more than two years, and officials said they are still reviewing sites. Officials haven't decided if they will build a new facility or leaseto-purchase.

The project's funding -\$10 million from the state.

passionate about fairness

and a lot of that has to do

with the way he was raised."

Senate Majority Leader Bart

Davis, R-Idaho Falls, said on

the Senate floor he was

"stunned" to hear the

would not return this ses-

Stennett our hopes and our

prayers he gets through this,"

"We express to Senator

Stennett

announcement

sion.

Prior to adjournment,

\$10 million from the U of I and \$5 from the dairy industry — was appropriated before the economic downturn, so the only economic impact comes from market conditions, Hammel said.

Merging other related research and teaching facilities into the center increased its total cost to \$37 million.

The agency has requested \$700,000 to fund nine positions, including three faculty positions. Otter did not include the request in his budget, according to budget documents.

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"I'm disappointed the said Davis, whose seat is just treatment hasn't been faster a few feet from Stennett's. than I had hoped it would be, "We miss his friendship. We but I want him to be well," miss his compassion." Senate Assistant Minority she said. "He is missed. He's

Leader Kate Kelly, D-Boise, has been leading the Senate Democrats in Stennett's absence. She said Monday the caucus will decide in the next few days how to proceed with leadership positions for the rest of the session.

Democrats are also without the services of Sen. Edgar Malepeai, D-Pocatello, who is caring for his ailing wife for the second session in a row.

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gym; and 11:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Declo

event.

COMING UP IN THE TIMES-NEWS

MAKE-AHEAD MEALS

How the freezer can be a busy cook's best friend. WEDNESDAY IN FOOD

Pepcorn

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what you did and I didn't want it. I came here today to finish what was started," the victim said. "I've blamed myself my whole entire life and it's your fault."

Minidoka County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Jonathan Brody said although the victim expressed a great sense of guilt and shame for what happened, guilt and responsibility never entered into the equation for Pepcorn.

The victim's diary, entered into evidence during the trial, showed she had contemplated suicide since she was 8 years-old.

Pepcorn addressed the court, stating that he never

denied the things he has done wrong and said he feels bad about those things but that he never raped anyone. He also said if the court determined that he needed therapy he would be willing to participate.

Wood said the crimes Pepcorn committed showed repeated, consistent conduct that spanned 25 years with multiple victims of both genders.

'Today in this courtroom is the first time you expressed any desire or willingness for rehabilitation therapy," Wood said.

Pepcorn was also ordered to pay court costs and was issued a \$1,000 fine for each of the five counts he was convicted of, along with a \$5,000 civil penalty for a crime of violence in each of the two cases. He was also ordered to provide DNA samples and register as a sex offender. No-contact orders were also issued for the two victims. The court has 30 days to issue an order of restitution for one of the victims.

Pepcorn, a former Cassia County school teacher, Boy Scout and church leader was convicted of the sex charges against family members by a Twin Falls jury in October 2008.

Pepcorn has 42 days to appeal the sentences.

cient cars as required by law.

The auto industry responded warily. Reducing planetwarming emissions is a great idea, carmakers and dealers said, but they expressed deep concern about costly regulations and conflicting state and federal rules at a time when people already are not buying cars. U.S. auto sales plunged 18 percent in 2008.

And industry analysts said the changes could cost consumers thousands of dollars – for smaller, "greener" cars. Obama on Monday directed the Environmental Protection Agency to review

Budget

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important to plan for a possible future decline. The No. 1 cost still seems to be what's become an ongoing problem — rising indigent medical costs covered through county funds.

After the meeting, Commissioner Terry Kramer said the budget looks slightly worse than it is because many departments make purchases early in the fiscal year. The county got a boost this year from a rare full funding of a federal program

CLARIFICATIONS

School's amended charter clarified

A story published in Saturday's Times-News about North Valley Academy in Gooding was unclear about how the school amended its charter to expand to include high school students.

Retired Services Volunteer The school notified the Program for the College of Idaho Public Charter School Southern Idaho's Office on Commission and was Aging.

allowed to impose tougher auto emission standards on carmakers to fight greenhouse gas emissions. The Bush administration had blocked the efforts by the states, which account for about half of the nation's auto sales.

The new president also said his administration would issue new fuel-efficiency requirements to cover 2011 model year vehicles.

Obama acknowledged the worries of automakers but said urgent action was needed nonetheless. He said, "Our goal is not to further burden

for untaxable federal lands,

he said. And the sudden

drop in fuel prices will ease

things as well — the county

put budget escalators into all

departments for this year

back when prices seemed

Things are similar in

Blaine County, where

County Administrator Mike

McNees said elected officials

plan to hold a budget work-

shop on Thursday morning.

The county's first-quarter

revenues don't look serious,

stuck much higher.

automakers prepare for the future."

He said that U.S. imports of foreign oil have continued to climb, even as previous presidents pledged to reverse the trend. No more, he said.

"I want to be clear from the beginning of this administration that we have made our choice: America will not be held hostage to dwindling resources, hostile regimes and a warming planet," Obama said in the ornate East Room of the White House, where an audience of environmentalists cheered him on.

that compensates counties he said. But officials want to be prepared should things head south.

> "We don't want to overreact and just panic," McNees said.

> Gooding County Commission Chairman Tom Faulkner said his county was in decent shape when the downturn started and officials think they can handle a year or two of tight budgets. But that doesn't mean they aren't looking for places to save money - hopefully without hurting services, he said.

"We're not really hurting at this point, but we realize that it probably is going to get fairly tight in the next year," Faulkner said, adding that county officials just recently met to discuss the issue.



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Woman lacked full title

Sunday's front-page story

on area poverty levels didn't

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How KMVT launched Apple's Macintosh

ast Saturday was the 25th anniversary of the introduction of Apple's MacIntosh personal computer, a legendary product launch credited largely to a famous TV commercial that ran during the third quarter of the Super Bowl on Jan. 22 of that year ... Directed by Ridley Scott ("Blade Runner," "Alien") it featured a woman athlete tossing a hammer at a "1984"-style rally in a mythical totalitarian state, smashing a video screen that bore the image of a bespectacled tyrant ..

Even at \$2,500 a pop, Macs sold like hotcakes after the ad was broadcast — that iPod in your pocket is a direct result ... Conventional wisdom is that Scott's commercial was broadcast just once ...

Not true ... The ad first ran on Twin Falls' KMVT-TV at 1 a.m. on Dec. 15, 1983, in order to qualify for advertising awards given in 1984 ... Although KMVT's audience at that hour on a Thursday morning must have been tiny, the spot won the grand prize at the 1984 Cannes International Advertising Festival and a Clio, the Oscars of the advertising business ... In 1999, TV Guide named it the greatest TV commercial of all time ...

The ad didn't make the actress, Anya Major — an amateur discus thrower — a star, but it sure made her an icon ... The 42-year-old British mother of three still gets fan mail ...

A CAREER that began as a seasonal job in the woods ended this month when Sawtooth National Forest Assistant Fire Management Officer Buz Vanskike reported for duty one last time ... In a career that spanned 36 years, the common thread has been beautiful scenery, good hunting and good opportunities ...

For Vanskike, 55, enjoying retirement will mean teaching a new generation of lead-

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ers on the fine points of emergency management operations with the Institute of Emergency Management of Idaho State University, keeping busy with carpentry projects, and taking more time for hunting and golfing ... "My career has been a lot of fun and very rewarding," he said ... "I look forward to staying in the Magic Valley and seeing all of the people I worked with over the years. The most rewarding part of my job was working and collaborating with people who had a common goal." ...

He began work in 1972 at the Shake Creek Ranger Station on a range and timber project crew with the Fairfield Ranger District, the district where he spent most of his career ... A year later, Vanskike transitioned into range management, where he stayed until 1984 ... He was promoted to minerals program manager and was kept busy administering mining claims from 1985 through 1993 ... In 1994, Vanskike became the fire management officer in the Fairfield District until 2002, before finally moving to Twin Falls and accepting the position of assistant fire management officer for the Sawtooth National Forest ...

For 20-plus years, Vanskike also has been active on the national and Great Basin **Fire Management Teams** during which he attained the position of deputy incident commander ...

Vanskike and his wife Debi have two grown sons, Chad and Kirk ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

Nuke plant slander suit dismissed

'Scammers' comment was opinion, not fact

By Nate Poppino **Times-News writer**

A slander suit over comments on a proposed nuclear power plant in Elmore County seems to be over, with both sides declaring victory.

Alternate Energy Holdings Inc., based in Eagle, sued the Snake River Alliance for defamation in August, basing its case on an Aug. 11 Boise news broadcast in which SRA Executive Director Andrea Shipley called the company "scammers."

On Jan. 16, just a few days before both parties were set to appear in court, 4th District Senior District Judge G.D. Carey granted a motion made by the watchdog group to dismiss the case — in which the group argued that Shipley stated her opinion. not a fact, and was protected by the First Amendment. He also told AEHI to cover its opponent's court costs, though those are so minimal that the group won't pursue them, said David W. Knotts, the SRA's attorney.

On Monday, Shipley celebrated the decision as proving the frivolousness of the company's lawsuit. But AEHI CEO Don Gillispie said the dismissal was prearranged through negotiations with the SRA, and that Shipley calling her statement an opinion amounted to a retraction of that statement.

"We think we achieved what we wanted with the lawsuit," Gillispie said.

Knotts said Shipley's statement was always an opinion. Her organization was fully

T.F. County, hopital clinic dispute still unresolved

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

A second day of mediation between Twin Falls County and St. Luke's Magic Medical Center Valley apparently hasn't solved an ongoing dispute regarding a clinic building in downtown Twin Falls.

Under the terms of the agreement that sold off the once county-owned hospital, St. Luke's is required to contribute \$3 million in inkind services to remodel the clinic building for use as county office space. The deal allows a maximum of \$45 per square-foot remodeled.

The county has asked for more, and after the disagreement became public, the two entered non-binding mediation talks on the matter. The first day of talks opened Dec. 16; Friday was the second day of talks.

Both sides were still unable to resolve their disagreement by the end of Friday, and have not yet decided whether to try a third round of mediation, St. Luke's Magic Valley CEO Mark Schwartz said on Monday.

He said he wasn't sure what the alternative would be to another day of talks. Hospital officials originally sought to take the matter before a judge for binding arbitration, and both sides fleetingly mentioned possible lawsuits early last year when relations soured.

Commission County Chairman George Urie said little about the matter, only that officials are "still in discussion."

"I can't speculate on the future," Schwartz said Monday.

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prepared to defend itself that she thinks the company should the case have proceeded, she said, and she in statement.

'We would have proved that we were speaking truth to power, and sometimes truth hurts," she said.

Shipley has been one of the most vocal critics of AEHI's proposed Idaho Energy Complex, a 1,600-megawatt plant now aimed for a site near Mountain Home that the company says could be built by 2016. Officials have asked for nearly 1,400 acres of farmland to be rezoned for the plant.

The suit seemed to catch the SRA off-guard at first, and the normally talkative group said little on the matter, noting in late September that it had secured legal counsel.

In a press release issued Monday, Shipley continued to attack AEHI's project and business methods, arguing

still relies on misleading public statements and doesn't no way has retracted her have what it needs for the project.

AEHI had sought for the group to retract the August statement and keep from making similar ones in the future. The company also sought payment for alleged damages from the statement, an unclear sum partly based on the number of potential investors who saw the story and decided not to invest.

Asked what the decision means for AEHI's response to any future comments by the watchdog group, company spokesman Martin Johncox left the door open for possible future actions.

"That's largely up to (the SRA)," he said. "They're known for over-the-top rhetoric. If they have trouble controlling their mouths, they could find themselves in this same kind of position again."



New Year, New Bathroom



TWIN FALLS **COUNTY**

Monday arraignments

Michael Saul Owens, 30, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; Feb. 6 preliminary hearing; \$10,000 bond; public defender appointed

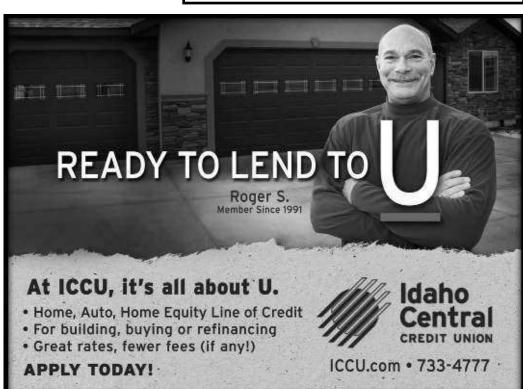
Mandy Ann Rose, 32, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; Feb. 6 preliminary hearing; \$25,000 bond; public defender appointed

Ronald Cresswell, 35, Twin Falls; attempted strangulation; recognizance release; Feb. 6 preliminary hearing; private counsel

Tiffany Dastrup, 32, Twin Falls; domestic battery, battery; Feb. 17 pretrial; recognizance release; private counsel



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T.F. Council creates golf course management advisory

By Andrea Jackson **Times-News writer**

The Twin Falls City Council on Monday created an advisory board to help select who will manage the city's golf course, where profit hasn't been turned in years.

The city recently solicited proposals to run the course starting next January.

Three replies came back focused on management techniques, rather than cost, city officials said.

The current golf manager, PGA Pro Mike Hamblin, wants to keep his job. But others are also vying for the

opportunity including: For committee will also add three rates are lower than the com-Golf, which manages courses in Pocatello and Rob Ellis, who oversees the Blue Lakes Country Club course, said Councilman Greg Lanting after Monday's meeting.

The city owns the course and municipal workers maintain it, but Hamblin has managed it since 1998. Before that, he was a city employee.

Lanting was appointed to serve on the new golf course management advisory board along with Councilmen Trip Craig and Lee Heider.

They'll select three community members to serve, and the city's golf advisory

of their members. Fees were recently raised

considerably at the course. On Monday, though, the council lowered the price of 12-month passes for college students to \$300, from the \$475 adult rate set in December.

Previously, the college pass cost the same as a junior season pass, currently set at \$155.

William Councilman Kezele opposed the recent fee increases, but voted Monday for the change. "I just hate raising fees," he said.

Lanting, however, thinks

petition. "I think we are getting a good bang for the buck.

College students from any school with full-time standing can get the newest pass price, council members said.

In other news, a new cost tacked onto the was Washington Street North project.

The council decided Monday to pay \$31,200 to Riedesel Engineering to manage right-of-way issues on the project.

Andrea Jackson may be reached at 208-735-3380.

Hagerman School District refinances bonds to save money

By Ben Botkin **Times-News writer**

Hagerman School District has refinanced bonds to save money at a time when state budget cuts are expected to hit school districts hard.

The district is saving about \$22,000 a year by refinancing bonds that were issued in 1998 for the district's junior and senior high school building. By refinancing the bonds at a lower save more than \$220,000 and is simply discussing the during the next decade.

"We knew that the interest rates had dropped and we talked to some education people dealing with school finance," Superintendent Ron Echols said.

It's also possible that the savings will allow the district to propose a plant facilities levy that would not raise property taxes, he said.

Echols said that the school board has not made a deciinterest rate the district can sion about a levy proposal State

idea.

"The nice thing obviously about the timing is it wouldn't raise patrons' property taxes," he said.

At this point, Hagerman School District officials are waiting to see how the Legislature's decisions will affect education funding.

"It's all going to depend so much on what our legislators do this spring and how much money is cut from the Department

Education," Echols said. 'This spring we'll have more information to make a decision. We're still kind of in limbo. We know that there's going to be cuts in education.

The new interest rate on the bonds is 2.74 percent instead of the 4.72 percent average rate that the district had been paying.

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Snow could fall through Wednesday

Times-News

Snow flurries could continue to fall through Wednesday, as January nears its close registering more-than-average snowfall.

By the end of Sunday, there had been 7.1 inches of snowfall for the month, trumping the 6.7-inch average for this time of year. Monthly snow tallies have been taken since 1963 from measurements in Kimberly, said National Weather Service Meteorologist Dawn Fischler.

Exceeding the average isn't uncommon, though.

A local record was set in 1996, when 26.2 inches fell in January in Kimberly. Last January, a hefty 12.3 inches fell, dwarfing the 1.2 and 1.8 inches that fell in 2006 and 2007, she said.

This year's snow is blamed on a weak La Nina factor, involving cooling waters off the eastern Pacific, she said.

A winter storm warning was lifted Monday, and remained that way throughout the night.

Clouds should hover overhead today in Twin Falls with a high of 29 degrees. There's a 30 percent chance of snow by nightfall.

More snow could also fall Wednesday. Partly on cloudy skies are expected through Friday night under daytime highs ranging from 38 and 40 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

Suspect's note doesn't explain Portland shootings

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The suspect in a shooting ramage outside an under-21 nightclub in downtown Portland left a note giving his car and PlayStation 3 to a roommate and said he was sorry but gave no motive, police said Monday.

Two girls died in the shootings Saturday night outside The Zone club, and seven other people were hurt. Many were exchange students at the club to celebrate a birthday.

In the note police released Monday, Erik S. Ayala, 24, meticulously lists off his bank account information and how his roommate can get top dollar for the game station. "I'm sorry to put all this on you buddy, good luck," Ayala wrote.

Portland homicide Sgt. Richard Austria said the investigation is continuing into what may have prompted Ayala.

We are less than 48 hours into this, so there's a lot of information still to be learned," he said. "What we do know is this was not a targeted incident."

The dead were identified as Martha "Tika" Paz de Noboa, 17, who came to the Portland area from Peru to learn English; and 16-year-Ashley old Wilks, а Clackamas High School

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Jerome P&Z prepares to move on comp plan

By Nate Poppino **Times-News writer**

Jerome County's Planning and Zoning Commission may be moving again toward revising the county comprehensive plan, in part from the urging of new County Prosecutor John Horgan.

Several days after counseling the county commissioners on ways to improve the planning and zoning process, Horgan took his pitch to the P&Z itself, cautioning members from the start that he wouldn't be kind.

"How we're going to get some stuff done is what I'm going to talk about," he started out.

He walked the P&Z through the basics of government, including where counties fit into the process and the basic the commission's large num-

bers need to know inside-out. He encouraged the body not to let citizens intimidate them at meetings. And just as he told commissioners, he told the P&Z that it needs to downsize to be efficient.

Pointing out copies of the county's most recent comp plan — released in January 1997 — Horgan said revising it must be the top priority.

"We're at 12 years, and we shouldn't be that far along," he said.

P&Z members objected several times to Horgan's take on their work, questioning whether he'd ever watched their meetings and criticizing his image of them as developed solely through articles in the *Times-News*.

documents that P&Z mem- bers help preserve a quorum and provide different viewpoints, and that its members never get bogged down in argument with each other. And she had a simple answer for why the comp plan hasn't been reworked.

"We don't have enough time to do anything else but our meetings," Heath said.

P&Z Chairman Jack Nelsen defended the body's work revising an ordinance on confined-animal feeding operations, and told Horgan that its late-night meetings - sometimes until midnight - are necessary to get all county business done in a fair manner.

"I've been able to serve on a board of really reasonable people who get things done," he said.

that a committee should take on the comp plan. County Commission Chairman Charlie Howell asked for names of possible members to be submitted by Feb. 20, and P&Z member Lynette Bartholomew even volunteered to resign and head the committee if needed.

"It doesn't matter how many's here if this isn't going to get done," Bartholomew said of the P&Z.

The night ended with an outstretched hand from county commissioners.

'We think you do a great job," Howell said, noting the many complements of the

Nate Poppino may be

P&Z he hears from the community.

reached at 208-735-3237 or npoppino@magicvalley.com.

sophomore, who was planning to become an exchange student in France or Spain

next year. Police and local school officials identified five wounded as exchange students: Ana Zambrano Soledispa, 18, of Ecuador; Gonzalo Vasquez Orozco, 18, of Guatemala; Trista Chang, 18, of Taiwan; Susanna DeSousa, 18 of Italy; and Anne Sophie Rialland, 16, of France.



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dogs from Inkom home

INKOM (AP) — Authorities in Bannock County say they have rescued a dozen dogs that were abandoned in a home in Inkom.

The Bannock County Sheriff Department says the dogs were rescued Friday after a neighbor requested a welfare check. Police say the neighbors hadn't seen the homeowners for several weeks and were concerned on the welfare of the canines.

Police say the dogs were living in squalid and deplorable conditions.

Capt. Mike Sanders says deputies recovered three dog skulls from the home, suggesting the dogs may have survived by eating other dogs.

Investigators have vet to make contact with the owners of the home.

Sanders says it's too soon to speculate on whether criminal charges will be forthcoming or if there are mitigating circumstances surrounding the abandonment.

All 12 dogs now in the care of the Pocatello Animal Shelter.

convicted of arson

BOISE (AP) — A former volunteer firefighter from southwestern Idaho has been convicted of setting wildfires on federal land in 2007.

Federal prosecutors say Clyde Holmes Jr., 23, of Parma, was convicted by a jury Friday after a four-day trial in U.S. District Court in Boise.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Monte Stiles says seven fires were intentionally set on Bureau of Land Management acreage near Parma

during the summer of 2007. The fires were all started within a five-mile radius and blamed for charring 1,200 acres of cheatgrass, shrubs and sagebrush. It cost about \$100,000 to fight the fires.

Stiles says investigators linked Holmes to the fires in part because he anonymously tried to report two of them.

During the trial, Holmes denied any involvement.

He faces up to 30 years in prison and \$1.5 million in fines.



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COMMUNITY

ISDB student will compete in World Winter Games By Mary Hanson **Times-News correspondent**

The Flame of Hope for the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games will be paraded down Gooding's Main Street on Feb. 3. But already, Gooding is host to its own embodiment of that hope.

Alicia Paulin, 15, is a student at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, and will compete as a snowboarder as the games, held Feb. 7-13, hit Sun Valley's Dollar Mountain. Paulin is a Caldwell resident where she lives with her parents, Pat and Cheryl, and four sisters

while not attending ISDB. Paulin, who is visionimpaired, said she struggled in public school as she couldn't see the front of the room well enough, even while sitting in the front row. She also faced schools ill-equipped to meet her needs with the type of materials ISDB provides.

"I felt abandoned by the teachers because they couldn't help me much," she said. "Now I have big print and lots more help."

Her transition to ISDB wasn't entirely smooth either.

"I didn't like it when I first came to school here in Gooding," Paulin said. "But now I love it. I have friends here. I like life-skills best for a class. We made cookies yesterday."

As for snowboarding, her



vision is also a factor, albeit less of one.

"I don't know how I go down the ski slopes, really," she said. "Sometimes funny things happen but usually I know the slope."

Paulin said she took up snowboarding when she was 13, after skiing proved too unwieldy. "I only went around and around in a big circle and fell down every couple of minutes. Then I tried the snowboard and that worked," she said.

At the qualifying event for the World Winter Games, Paulin said she was so visibly nervous that her coach intentionally didn't tell her that a run she was about to take was the final elimination.

"I just acted silly and really went down fast, too," Paulin said. "And then they told me I was five seconds ahead of the closest (competitor)."

Paulin will be on hand on Feb. 3 when the Final Leg Law Enforcement Torch Run for the games makes its way through Gooding. Local law enforcement, along with that of visiting counties will participate as the torch makes its way through Shoshone, Wendell, Jerome and Gooding between 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Ceremonies will take place along the way,

event is available at www.2009worldgames.org.

Mary Hanson may be reached at mhansonmbd@ aol.com.

with the day's final North Side one at 12:20 p.m. at Gooding High School. After that the torch dips south toward Kimberly and Twin Falls. The games will play host to 3,000 athletes and a number St., Hazelton. of spectators "in the thousands," according to Twin Falls event coordinator Leslie Information: 829-4016. Iones. Information about the

Family Dollar in Gooding).

adults, \$12 for seniors and \$6 for children. Menu includes lamb chops, chicken breast, Basque rice, Basque bread, homemade soups, salad and various desserts.

Information: Julie, 308-5051.

Three area students make ISU dean's list

POCATELLO - The Idaho State University 2008 fall

St. Luke's hospital opens expanded Mother/Baby Unit

generosity, St. Luke's Wood Medical Center River opened two new birthing suites and a new special care nursery in December.

"This remodel expands our facilities so that more families will be able to experience the entire birthing process, including labor, delivery and postpartum recovery, in a safe and comfortable place," said Dr. Joseph Rodriguez, obstetri-cian and gynecologist with St. Luke's OB/GYN.

The project was jointly funded with a \$466,000 contribution from the St. Luke's Wood River Foundation, a \$25,000 gift from the St. Luke's Volunteer Core and \$300,000 from the hospital's operating budget.

"We are truly grateful to our donors. Their contributions to our unrestricted fund enabled our hospital

Thanks to community to expand the Mother/Baby Unit," said incoming foundation president Dr. P. Scott McLean, Jr.

The project relocated the Intensive Care Unit rooms to the main patient floor to make room for two new birthing suites, a new nursery and a new nurse station. Now, St. Luke's has six labor and delivery rooms for welcoming new lives to the valley.

"I am incredibly grateful to the community, who helped expand the homelike environment for families." said Sebina Pettengill, St. Luke's Wood River Mother/Baby Unit manager.

Each year approximately 330 babies are born at St. Luke's Wood River. In recent years, the number of babies born has steadily increased necessitating the expansion of the Mother/Baby unit.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cancer treatement fundraiser is Feb. 7

A benefit auction will be held for Peggy Collins at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at Landmark Bar and Grill located at 325 Main

There will be music and raffles. Donations of any type are welcome and can be dropped off at Landmark. All donations will go towards Collins' cancer medical expenses.

First Friday dinner features Basque cuisine

The Gooding Basque Association will hold a First Friday Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Gooding Basque Cultural Center, 285 Euskadi Lane (located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 26 and Idaho Highway 46, behind

The dinner is open to the public. Tickets are \$14 for

New classes begin students compete

Richfield business

Richfield School Business Professionals of America members had their regional competition at the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center on Jan. 20.

The students participated in workshops that included Torch Awards, general information about BPA, BPA Jeopardy and computer game competitions. Club members also packaged and mailed phones that will be delivered to soldiers overseas. The members are looking forward to competing at State BPA.

Awards included:

Basic Office Systems and Procedures: Katelyn Brownlee, second place.

Fundamental Accounting: Daniel Durand, eighth place; Hailey Faulkner, 11th place, Miranda Hall, 14th place.

PC Service and Troubleshooting: Rob Schmidt, 20th place.

Keyboarding Productions: Miranda Hall, 12th place. Video Productions Team: Dan Durand, Hailey Faulkner and Rob Schmidt, fourth place.



Courtesy photo Katelyn Brownlee took second place in Basic Office Systems and Procedures at the **Business Professionals of** America competition on Jan. 20. She is now eligible to compete in her event at the State BPA Competition.

at CSI North Side

The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center announced several new courses.

Introduction to Computers will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 3 to March 3 at Wendell High School. No previous computer experience is needed. The fee is \$104 for this one-credit course; those age 60 and over pay only \$9. The class may be audited at the same cost. The course will give an of hardware, overview Windows, word processing, spreadsheets, and the Internet. Instructor is Jerry Allen.

American Sign Language for **Beginners** will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays Feb. 5 to March 12 at the North Side Center. The fee for this six-session course is \$50. Participants will get an introduction to basic ASL conversational skills from instructor Cami Wilding. Fly Tying for Beginners will

Tuesdays Feb. 3 to March 3 at the CSI North Side Center. The course fee is \$30 in addition to the \$40 fly tying kit that must be purchased from the instructor at the first class session. Space is limited. Local fisherman, Scott Stanton will cover the types of tools and materials needed and different tying techniques will be introduced and practiced in class.

I've Been Framed! will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 10 to 17 at Phil's Framing, 102 Fifth Ave. E. in Gooding. The course fee is \$42 and space is limited. Instructor Phil Bowler of Phil's Framing will teach how to choose a mat based on the colors of a project how to cut the mat and the window that displays the art. Cutting the glass and the pieces of wood to make a frame will also be demonstrated.

To register: 934-8678 or 202 meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

semester dean's list for the College of College of Technology has been announced by Marilyn Davis, Ed.D., dean of the college.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must complete at least 12 semester credits and receive a grade point average of 3.66 or higher.

Students included: Kimberly: Kevin J. Owings; Rupert: Jeanette Valerio; Wendell: Ryan T. Moore.

Watkins marks 100th birthday



Sunday at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave., Gooding.

Golda Hargroves Watkins was born on Feb. 4, 1909.

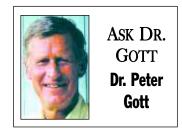
The event is being hosted by Don and Elaine Watkins and family. Cake, coffee and punch will be served.

The family requests no gifts but cards and fun sto-



DEAR DR. GOTT: I read your article about the elderly woman who had possible gallstones. I misplaced it and just recently found it again, so I decided it was time to write to you about my experience.

The symptoms described in the article were very similar to what I experienced shortly after the birth of my daughter. I delivered via C-section and returned home after four days in the hospital. I didn't feel very good but attributed it to my first experience with a Csection and all that goes with it; however, the pain worsened. I called the hospital, and the nurses there assured



me it was just constipation caused by the surgery and that I should take a laxative to get things moving. After doing that, I still felt awful — even worse than before — with sharp pains under my right ribs that made me double over in pain. My husband decided I needed to go to the

hospital emergency room. I spent the next three days in the hospital undergoing several blood tests, x-rays and more. I was also seen by a gastroenterologist and my OB/Gyn. They thought I had a blood clot in my lung, but, when tests showed that wasn't the case, they decided I had gallstones. Testing revealed I didn't have gallstones, so I was then told I needed a nuclear test to check the function of my gallbladder. It showed I still didn't have gallstones, but the gallbladder was barely functioning. I was scheduled for removal surgery. Shortly after-

ward, the surgeon came to check on me and told me that I had one of the worst-looking gallbladders he had ever seen.

Thanks to my experience when my mother-in-law had a similar experience a few years later, we were able to figure out the problem sooner. She didn't have to suffer the way I did. I hope you choose to print my letter because I know it will help others. I am thankful I had caring, knowledgeable physicians who didn't give up just because the answer wasn't staring them in the face.

DEAR READER: You are certainly correct that not all

gallbladder pain is caused by gallstones. Your physicians and hospital staff were correct to continue testing you rather than simply give up. You also were able to help another person when she developed similar symptoms.

I have printed your letter in the hopes that it will help others who may be suffering from similar experiences. Gallbladder removal often does not cause ill effects, although some people may experience mild aching or gas pains similar to a gallbladder attack even after surgery. Fortunately, most improve after a few weeks.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Gallbladder Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a selfaddressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

of Yuma, Ariz.; his grandchil-

(Jim) Quinn of Kentucky and

Karen Egbert of Bull Head

City, Ariz.; a nephew in

Dickman; and many other

nieces and nephews. He is

preceded in death by his par-

ent, Ed and Josephine; three

brothers, Bobby Joe, Eugene

Dickman and Gerald

Dickman; two sisters, Elaine

Sahl of Denver, Colo.; and a

At his request, Jeff will be

cremated with no service at

this time. During the coming

summer, family will gather at

his favorite camping area and

scatter his ashes with a final

ride on horseback as he

wished. Family and friends

are welcome to stop by in his

memory and celebration of

life at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27,

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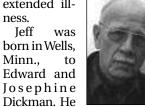
baby sister.

Donald Louis (Jeff) Dickman

Jeff Dickman, born Jan. 15, 1932, passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at home with his wife, Karen, at his

side after an extended illness. Jeff

Minn.,



was the sixth of nine children born of this union. After leaving Minnesota, Jeff moved to Utah, where he worked as a ranch hand, later moving to Idaho, where he met his wife, Karen. They were married in January 1966 and had two children, Tammera Lynn and Jeffrey Scott. Jeff had four grandchildren, Gabriel. Anthony, Richard and Alexandria. Gabriel currently lives in Twin Falls, Anthony and Richard are serving in the United States Air Force, and

IEROME — Orpha Quinn, 70, of Jerome, passed away Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, in Jerome.

She was born Nov. 17, 1938, in Jerome, the daughter of Edward McCoy and Alice Mae Kingsland McCoy. Orpha was raised and attended schools in Jerome. She married Ronald Frields in 1954. They had two children, Jeanie "Topper" and Kevin. They later divorced. Orpha met William "Bill" Quinn in 1982, and they were married on Christmas Eve in 1986. Bill has been at her side every day ever since. Orpha was a mother, first and foremost, and her first priority has always been her family. She raised her children and provided them a stable and loving home life through many moves within the United



Alexandria is a junior in high school. His work included ranching, truck driving and maintenance personnel. After retirement, he worked part time as hard work was a way of life.

Jeff's hobbies included horses, fishing, hunting, camping, four-wheeling and, of course, a good game of darts. He liked to sing old cowboy folk songs and he loved Johnny Cash. Jeff spent an abundance of time in the mountains with his family and friends. Friends and family cannot recall a time where a good joke or poem wasn't available with a smile from him. His grandchildren were always a source of great pride and comfort for him. Gabriel was and still continues to assist his grandparents.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; his daughter, Tammi (Ken) Koepnick of Declo; his son, Jeff (Marisela) Dickman

Orpha Quinn

States and once to Berlin, Germany. She was a friendly, open, honest person who had

many lifelong

friendships. She was talented and creative and loved arts and crafts. Her home is filled with beautiful

things that she created. She worked hard all her life and her most recent job was at Wal-Mart in Jerome, where she worked even as her health began to fail.

Ŏrpha is survived by her husband, Bill Quinn; her children, Kevin Frields and Jeanie "Topper" (Jack) Aman; her grandchildren, Lisa French. Andrew Aman and Morgan Frields; her great-grandson, Gabriel French; and her siblings, Jean (Jim) Breznak and Sherman McCoy. She is also survived by many extended family members and friends. Orpha was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters. Christina Cavin and Millie Mitchell. She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, with Pastor Rex Baker officiating. A visitation will be held Wednesday, Jan. 28, also at Farnsworth Mortuary, where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., and again one hour prior to the service Thursday. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. -Nellie Ann Qualls, 90, of Rock Springs, Wyo., passed away dren; three Sisters, Dorothy Mulert of Minnesota, Elenita Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. The daughter of Riley Frost

Petree and Dovie Ann Sims Petree, Nellie was born Sept. 13, 1918, in

Compton, Ark. The fourth of five daughters, Nellie completed her elementary and high education school

Compton, Ark. As devout members of the Church of Christ, the entire Petree family centered their lives around their faith community, attending services each week a practice that she maintained until her last day on earth.

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In 1940, Nell married Herbert Hugh Qualls of Hilltop, Ark., and at that time, she took a job as postmaster in Compton, Ark. Nell had and raised her only daughter, Connie Sue Qualls, alone for two years before her husband returned from World War II. Upon Herb's return, the young family decided to move from Arkansas to Jerome in 1946 to seek better job opportunities. Shortly after arriving in Jerome, Nell

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Nellie Ann Qualls

worked at the Idaho Department Store and then attended Twin Falls Business College. She then began her 30-year career at the Idaho Power Company, where she served as office manager in the Jerome (and later) Wendell offices until her retirement in 1980.

When she wasn't working, Nell kept herself very busy with taking care of her family, church-sponsored functions, gardening, tending to her pets and oil-painting. In 1997, Nell and Herb moved to Rock Springs, Wyo., to be near their daughter, Connie and her husband, David Allen Kennison. In February of 2000, her husband, Herbert, passed away at the age of 85. Nellie Ann Qualls was pre-

ceded in death by her parents, Riley and Dovie Petree; her three older sisters, Belva Plumlee, Lorena McGhee, and Rachel Flowers: and her husband, Herbert H. Qualls. Nell is survived by her younger sis-

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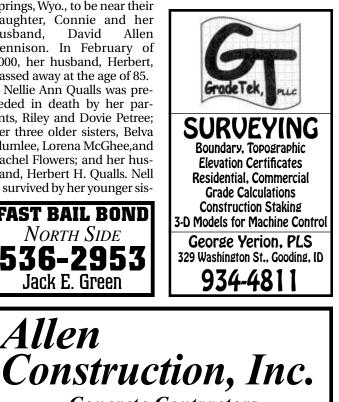
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ter, Ardath Morgan of Jerome; her daughter, Connie Kennison of Rock Springs, Wyo.; her two granddaughters, Karoline Fiorentini of San Diego, Calif., and Kristina Sandoval of Tucson, Ariz.; and three great-granddaughters, Rachel and Mara Fiorentini, and Rheagan Sandoval.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 Third Ave. E. in Jerome, with internment following at the Jerome Cemetery in Jerome.



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Cassia Alternative High School's Friends of Rachel Club is teaming up with McCain Foods USA to support the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, which will be hosted Feb. 7-13 in southern Idaho.

The event will attract nearly 3.000 athletes from more than 85 countries to compete in seven Olympic-type

sports.

students at Cassia Alternative High School are joining in the effort, said Julie Nannenga, a teacher at the school.

The club's goal is to raise at least \$500 by selling limitededition fundraising bracelets supplied by McCain Foods, for \$2 each. All proceeds will directly benefit the 2009 World Winter Games.

Information or to order a bracelet: 878-6690 or



Dalton Hubbard fits Natasha Slim with a Smiles-Special Olympics fundraising bracelet supplied by McCain Foods. The Friends of Rachel Club at the Cassia Alternative High School hopes to raise \$500 for the Special Olympics from the sale of the bracelets.



or six active members, all 114 help make a difference.

While the club has only five Nannenga, 878-1096. You can

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Recent activity from Minidoka County 5th District Court included the following:

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Desiree Parker, 23, battery, deferred prosecution. Gelacio Osorio-Martinez, 28, driver's license violation, \$68.50 fine, \$75.50 costs. Josefina Lara, 48, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, \$100 fine, \$75,50 costs.

Angela Segovia, 50, driver's license violation, \$65.50 fine, \$75.50 costs.

Jeffrey D. Maier, 35, providing false information to an officer, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs. Miguel Hernandez, 26, driver's license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs, 6 months probation, 10 days jail, 8 suspended, 2 credited. Raul Huerta-Rodriguez, 21, driver's license violation, \$200 suspended fine, \$50 costs, 1 year probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 2 credited; providing false information to an officer, guilty.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Vaughn Steven Earley, 48, providing false information to an officer, dismissed by court; failure to carry driver's license on

person, dismissed by court. Shawn Travis Lester, 31, battery, dismissed by prosecutor. Christopher Carl Fox, 23, pedestrian under the influence of alcohol, dismissed by court. Sonia O. Gil, 23, failure to carry driver's license on person, dismissed by court.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Scott Lee Baker, 21, driving under the influence, \$400 fine, \$140.50 costs. driver's license suspended 180 days, 2 years probation, 180 days jail, 178

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suspended, 2 credited: contempt of court, 1 day jail credited.

Gilberto Rangel Leon, 30, driving under the influence (felony) amended to driving under the influence (misdemeanor). \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$90.50 costs, driver's license suspended 365 days, 2 years probation, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, 3 credited, 7 days

community service. Lynsi Rae Startin, 26, driving under the influence (felony), \$1,000 fine, \$115.50 costs, 4-8 years prison, 99 days credited, retained jurisdiction.

DIVORCES FILED

Larry Ketterling, Paul, vs. Nancy Ketterling, Paul David Myron Black, Hazelton, vs. Katrina Marie Black, Burley

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Ralph Hathaway

IDAHO FALLS — Ralph Raymond Hathaway, age 90, of Idaho Falls and formerly of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at his home after a brief yet courageous battle with cancer. His wife and daughter, Sheryl, were by his side.

He was born Dec. 13, 1918, in Linn Creek, Mo., to Charles Henry and Florence Ida Foster Hathaway. Ralph was the sixth of 12 children. When Ralph was 6 years old, he started his education at the Star School in St. John, Kan. In August of 1935, Ralph and his brother, Russell, joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCs). He was just shy of 17 at the time. They joined in hopes they could earn money to help support their siblings still at home. In September of 1936, his parents, brothers and sisters moved to Paul.

He moved to California in 1937 and went to work for Bell Telephone. His urge for adventure took him into Arizona, where he was an extra in several movies. He returned to Paul in 1942. Several years later, he met the love of his life, Irene Lippert. They were married on Aug. 27, 1944. They were blessed with four children, one son and three daughters. On June 27, 1945, Ralph was drafted into the U.S. Army. After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned home to be with his wife and children. Baby Sheryl was 1 week old at the time.

Ralph and Irene's marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on June 5, 1953, having their four children sealed to them at that time. He was an active member of the LDS Church and held many positions including as a member of a bishopric, stake missionary and served in the youth organizations.

He worked for various farmers in the Paul area, the Burley Flour Mill and chopped hay for Bert Fisk and Company. He worked for Newsstand Distributor for many years, earning several safe driving awards. When the company dissolved years later, he took a job with Jess Yarrington at Young's Dairy. In 1965, he had an opportunity



to work for a company in Idaho Falls called Valley Vending. He worked there for 16 years. When he was at an age in life when most people retire, he decided to embark on a new career with the government. This involved everything from maintenance to security.

At the young age of 80, he finally decided to retire. Retirement did not slow him down, however. He just spent more time crafting birdhouses and lawn ornaments, which he gave to family and friends. Ralph loved music of all kinds and could play many instruments, the harmonica, guitar, banjo and mandolin to name a few. He loved to fish, camp and go boating with his family and friends.

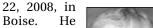
Ralph is survived by Irene, his wife of 64 years; one son, Jimmie (Barbara) Hathaway; two daughters, Scharlene (Douglas) Wheeler and Sheryl (Barry) Whiting; a son-in-law, Willard McLaws; two brothers, Cecil "Pete" Hathaway and Charles "Doc" Hathaway; one sister, Bonnie Schrock; seven grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Franci McLaws; five sisters; three brothers; and one greatgrandson.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, and one hour prior to the service on Friday. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery, with military rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans and Auxiliary.

The family expresses their sincere appreciation to Hospice Alliance of Idaho Falls for their help in caring for Ralph.

William O. (Okie Bill) Wallace

William O. (Okie Bill) Wallace, former Twin Falls and Kimberly resident, passed away Monday, Dec.



English; four grandchildren, Haley Snyder, Tyler Jordan, Adrian Amo and Hannah Flesch; also, three greatgrandchildren and two sisters in Oklahoma. Bill was preceded in death by his

Frederick Ray Baugh

Frederick Ray Baugh, 94, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Frederick was born June 28, 1914, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to William Leroy Baugh and Louie Hamson Baugh. He spent his early childhood in Cache Valley, Utah, before moving to Salt Lake City. He graduated from West High School in 1932. He received a bachelor's degree in forestry in 1936 from Utah State University, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and Kappa Phi Kappa fraternities. After college, he went to work for the U.S. Forest Service. In 1940, Frederick was called as a reserve officer in the Army. He met Rita Patz in the officer's club at Camp Callen in La Jolla, Calif., and the two were married July 19, 1941. They were married 67 years. In 1942, as World War II was beginning, he was sent to Umnak Island in the Aleutian Islands. After a brief trip back to the United States, Frederick was sent to the European Theater to serve as a combat engineer. He landed in Marseille, France, and stayed in Europe until November 1945. He was honorably discharged as a major. Upon his return to the United States, Frederick went back to work for the U.S. Forest Service, first working on the Bridger National Forest in Kemmerer, Wyo.In 1949, he earned his master's degree in range and watershed management at the University of California Berkley. He continued his career with the U.S. Forest Service, which took him to Boise, Mountain Home, Ogden, Utah and Twin Falls, where he remained until his retirement in 1980. Frederick was a charter member and first president of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1959. He was also active in the U.S. Forest Service Retirees Association and a former president of the local chapter of ARC, an advocacy group for the mentally-handi-

SERVICES

Michelle Mencke of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation starting at 10 a.m. today at the mortuary.

James Allan Wallace of Twin Falls, celebration of life ceremony and video memorial at 1 p.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Joyce Lynette Hoover Howell

JACKPOT, Nev. - On and was awarded numerous Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, Joyce Lynette Hoover Carpenter Howell of Jackpot, Nev., passed away peacefully after a courageous bout with can-

Joyce was born July 21,1942, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Gladys and Jerry Hoover. She spent the early and later years of her life in Jerome. After marrying Richard Carpenter, Joyce spent many years on her in-laws' dairy farm in Jerome, where she raised her three children. She later moved to Kimberly and worked at the Holiday Inn in Twin Falls. After their divorce. Jovce moved to Jackpot, Nev., where she worked as a dealer for Cactus Petes Resort Casino. She met and married Lynn Howell, then moved to Boise, where she served as a receptionist for John Alden Continental Life Insurance Company during the day and worked at 10th Street Station at night with Lynn. Later, she then moved back to Jerome to be near family.

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capped. He was a member of

the American Legion and

was active in the Boy Scouts

when his children were grow-

ing up. Frederick's Catholic

faith was important to him.

He attended Mass at the

Monastery of the Ascension.

where he had many friends.

Frederick enjoyed skiing and

spending time in the out-

doors. He also liked wood-

working and made many

gifts for his grandchildren.

He loved spending time with

his family and especially

enjoyed the annual family

reunion trip to Redfish Lake

in the Sawtooth Mountains.

wife, Rita; his children,

Barbara Baugh, Frederick

Baugh Jr. (Beverly), Joseph

Baugh (Kimberly Apperson),

James Baugh (Lana), Virginia

Jones and Patrick Baugh;

seven grandchildren; and

one great-granddaughter. He

is preceded in death by his

living) and Richard Baugh.

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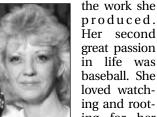
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Columbarium in Jerome.

Frederick is survived by his

Joyce had many interests and passions in life. She was most proud of her artwork

blue ribbons at the Twin Falls and Jerome County fairs for



produced. Her second great passion in life was baseball. She loved watching and rooting for her

beloved Atlanta Braves and spent many years collecting baseball cards and memorabilia. She also enjoyed fishing and classic cars.

She is survived by her sons, Corky Carpenter and Kelly (Frances) Carpenter. both of Jackpot, Nev.; daughter Kari (Mickey) Jones of Jerome; grandchildren, Kyle and Taylor Carpenter of Jackpot, Nev., and Ashley and Gage Jones of Jerome. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Gladys and Jerry; and her brother, Edward.

There will be a family memorial held in the spring. The family would like to send a special thank you to Twin Falls Care Center and Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.



was 84 years old.

Bill was born April 9, 1924, in Tillman County, Okla., the



sixth child of E.M. and Mollie Wallace. Bill married Aletha M. Petermen on Oct. 12, 1948, in Albany, Ore. They had two daughters, Beth Anne ("Betsy") Jordan of Boise and Gala Jill English of Salem, Ore. Bill served with the U.S. Merchant Maries during World War II. In 1948, he joined the Oregon State Police and served until 1979, the time of his retirement. Bill and Althea moved to Twin Falls in 1985 to be near their children and grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his wife, Althea; daughters, Betsy (Chris) Jordan and Jill (Greg)

parents and five brothers and sisters.

His family wishes to thank Emerson House and Harrison Hope Hospice for all of the love and care given to our loved one over the past two years. A special thank you to our dear Chaplain Gene and his wife, Jaci Turner, for their love, attention and friendship. Also to the caretakers who attended Bill so faithfully, we love you all.

The family suggests memorials be given in Bill's name to the Gideon's International.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Sunset Memorial Park, with Chaplain Gene Turner officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Verna Marie Panopolos

Verna Marie Panopolos, 80, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at her home in Twin Falls.

Verna was born May 11, 1928, in Hurdland, Mo., the daughter of Vern and Edith VanSickle Davis. They lived in Dillon, Mont., for a short time before moving to Pocatello. She attended schools in Pocatello, graduating from Pocatello High School in 1947. On Aug. 23, 1947, Verna married Jay Panopolos in Pocatello. Together they had one daughter, Linda. Verna worked as a clerk for many years at Montgomery Ward, Sears and Penny's Department stores until her retirement in the early 1980s. She was active in the Job's Daughters for many years in Pocatello. In 1997, Verna and Jay moved to Twin Falls to be near their daughter and her family. Verna enjoyed camping and boating. Her love was her husband, daughter and granddaughter.

Verna is survived by her



61 years, Jay Panopolos of Twin Falls; her daughter, Linda (Robert Jr.) Dickerson of Twin Falls;

and one granddaughter, Danya Dickerson. She was preceded in death by her parents.

At the family's request there will be no service at this time. A graveside service will take place at Restlawn Gardens in Memorial Pocatello at a later date. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Marjorie I. Crutchley of Boise and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. Wednesdav at Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road in Boise.

DEATH NOTICES

William A. Wickel

ELBA — William Arden Wickel, 83, of Elba, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Elba LDS Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Mary L. Linzy

HEYBURN — Mary Louise Linzy, 82, of Heyburn, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Glenn R. Hill

CASTLEFORD — Glenn R. Hill, 91, of Castleford, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, in Twin Falls.

A private family burial will be held (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Donna Cammack

Donna Cammack, 71, of Twin Falls and formerly of Anaheim, Calif., died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at the River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be

Rose G. Kratzberg of Meridian and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

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Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Gordon L. Brown GLENNS FERRY - Gordon

Lee Brown, 84, of Glenns Ferry, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Fern Carson

BURLEY - Fern Carson, 97, formerly of Burley, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

John L. Hall

PAUL - John L. Hall, 77, of Paul, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at a Murray, Utah, hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory in Rupert.



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NATION & WORLD Recession isn't done claiming layoff victims

By Jeannine Aversa Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The recession is killing jobs at an alarming pace, with tens of thousands of new layoffs announced Monday by some of the biggest names in American business — Pfizer, Caterpillar and Home Depot.

More pink slips, pay freezes and other hits are expected to slam workers in the months ahead as companies desperately look for ways to survive.

"We're just seeing the tip of the

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Despite layoffs, leading economic indicators, home sales rise.

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iceberg — the big firms," said Rebecca Braeu, economist at John Hancock Financial Services. "There's certainly other firms beneath them that will lay off workers as quickly or even quicker."

Looking ahead, economists predicted a net loss of at least 2 million jobs — possibly more — this year even if President Barack Obama's \$825 billion package of increased government spending and tax cuts is enacted. Last year, the economy lost a net 2.6 million jobs, the most since 1945, though the labor force has grown significantly since then.

The unemployment rate, now at a 16-year high of 7.2 percent, could hit 10 percent or higher later this year or early next year, under some analysts' projections.

Obama called on Congress Monday to speedily enact his recovery plan, warning that the nation can't afford "distractions" or

"delays."

With the recession expected to drag on through much of this year, more damage will be inflicted on both companies and workers.

The mounting toll was visible Monday as roughly 40,000 more U.S. workers got the grim news.

U.S. workers got the grim news. Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc., which is buying rival drugmaker Wyeth in a \$68 billion deal, and Sprint Nextel Corp., the country's third-largest wireless provider, said they each will slash 8,000 jobs.

Home Depot Inc., the biggest home improvement retailer in the

U.S., will get rid of 7,000 jobs, and General Motors Corp. said it will cut 2,000 jobs at plants in Michigan and Ohio because of slow sales.

"We are seeing no improvement in labor market conditions," said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets Economics. "This year could be as bad as last year in terms of layoffs."

In response to deteriorating business conditions, Caterpillar Inc., the world's largest maker of mining and construction equipment, disclosed nearly 20,000 job cuts, most of which already have been made.

Senate confirms Geithner

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York Federal Reserve Bank President Timothy Geithner won confirmation Monday as President Barack

Obama's

treasury

secretary

despite personal tax

t u r n e d more than a

third of the

Senate

sonal tax lapses that



Geithner

a g a i n s t him. Obama immediately put him to work fixing an economy in "dangerous jeopardy."

"We can't waste a day," Obama said, standing beside Geithner as he was sworn into office by Vice President Joe Biden.

The Senate voted 60-34 to put Geithner in charge of the administration's economic team as it races to halt the worst financial slide in generations. The swearing-in followed less than an hour later, the administration seeking to emphasize that it was wasting no time in trying to address the financial crisis.

Obama said there had been a "devastating loss in

Trial begins for Ill. gov. Blagojevich boycotts proceedings

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich's impeachment trial opened on Monday with a vacant chair reserved for the governor, who boycotted the proceedings and instead spent the day on the TV talk-show circuit in New York, complaining he is being railroaded.

"The fix is in," Blagojevich declared on ABC's "Good Morning America."

As the Illinois Senate assembled for the first impeachment trial of a U.S. governor in more than 20 years, David Ellis, the House-appointed prosecutor, told the chamber that he will show that Blagojevich "repeatedly and utterly abused the powers and privileges of his office." In one of his first orders of business, Ellis won approval from the Senate to summon as a witness an FBI agent who oversaw the profanity-laden wiretaps that led to Blagojevich's arrest on corruption charges last month. With Blagojevich refusing to present a defense, Illinois senators could vote within days on whether to oust the 52-year-old Democrat on a variety of charges, including allegations he tried to sell the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by President Barack Obama. State senators maintained the trial will be fair, Blagojevich's despite attacks on the process. 'We all took an oath to do iustice according to the law. I know that everyone is taking the matter seriously and that no one will stand in the way of justice," said Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno, a Republican. In live appearances Monday on "Good Morning America" and "The View," Blagojevich said some of his most inflammatory remarks from the wiretaps had been taken out of context. But when pressed, he would not elaborate, and he insisted he had done nothing illegal. 'I'm here in New York because I can't get a fair hearing in Illinois," Blagojevich said between TV appearances. NBC's "Today" aired a taped interview with Blagojevich. He was also scheduled to appear on "Larry King Live" and ABC's "Nightline" on Monday night and on CBS' "The Early Show" today.



Illinois Senate President John Cullerton, D-Chicago, speaks to the Senate during Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's impeachment trial on the Senate floor at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield, Ill., Monday. New bank bailout studied; lawmakers uncertain

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration faces a highly skeptical Congress and an angry public if the foundering condition of the nation's banks requires yet another massive infusion of taxpayer money.

The new president's economic team, lawmakers say, must first prove that \$350 billion already at its disposal can help unlock credit and slow the rate of foreclosures — and do it with more transparency and oversight.

"My advice to the administration is we've just given you 350 (billion); handle this well, focus on this," Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said Monday. "The last thing I need right now is to have a request for additional funds before you convince me you can manage this well, which I'm confident they can."

Asked Monday if a second bailout package is likely, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said, "There's a series of proposals to be put in front of the president in order to address the financial stability of our economy.' Among the administration's options is a new government-backed bank to remove bad loans and other toxic assets from banks' balance sheets. That would presumably free banks to make more loans.

trust and confidence" in the U.S. economy.

In his remarks, Geithner said the new administration would work first to stabilize the financial system and get the economy growing again and then would move to reform the system.

"We are at a point of maximum challenge for our economy and our country," Geithner said to a standingroom only audience in Treasury Department's ornate Cash Room. On hand were Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, now director of Obama's National Economic Council.

Senate approves delay to digital TV changeover

WASHINGTON (AP) — People who have not gotten their TV sets ready for the changeover to digital signals could earn a four-month reprieve under a bill making its way through Congress.

The Senate voted Monday to delay until June 12 the deadline for the changeover from analog to digital television broadcasting. People still getting their pictures through old-fashioned antennas otherwise would face a Feb. 17 cutoff.

Comparable legislation is being readied in the House, and the Obama administration has called for a delay amid mounting concerns that too many Americans who rely on over-the-air broadcast signals won't be ready.

It's estimated that more than 6.5 million U.S. households are still not prepared for the upcoming transition.



AP photo

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich exits the building after appearing on the 'Good Morning America' TV show, Monday in New York.

It's a surreal media tour for Blagovevich

By Deanna Bellandi and Sara Kugler Associated Press writers

NEW YORK (AP) — The women of "The View" yukked it up with Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, mussed his often-mocked helmet of hair and asked him to do his impersonation of President Richard Nixon.

"Come on just say, 'I am not a crook.' Do it," cohost Joy Behar said, egging him on to a clapping audience.

"I'm not going to do that," Blagojevich said. "But let me make this perfectly clear, let me make this perfectly clear: I didn't do anything wrong."

The exchange unfolded as the embattled Democrat took an often-surreal tour of the television talk-show circuit Monday, just days before he could be ousted.

In one of the most sur-

prising interviews of the day, Blagojevich said he briefly considered naming Oprah Winfrey to the Senate.

Winfrey said she would have turned him down.

"I'm pretty amused by the whole thing," Winfrey told "The Gayle King Show" on Sirius XM Radio. "I think I could be senator, too. I'm just not interested."

Back home in Illinois, the state Senate convened an impeachment trial that will decide whether to remove the two-term governor, who opted not to defend himself and instead chose to make his case on TV.

He had a taped appearance on NBC's "Today Show," did a live interview on ABC's "Good Morning America" and then stopped by for a chat at "The View," where Behar tousled his hair and he got grilled by Barbara Walters.

Blagojevich also talked to

Fox News Channel, taped an appearance on ABC's "Nightline" and he was slated to appear later Monday on "Larry King Live." To get his interview, Fox's Geraldo Rivera tracked down Blagojevich in the parking lot of "The View" because Rivera said his previously arranged interview was canceled.

The 52-year-old governor was scheduled to appear Tuesday on CBS' "The Early Show."

The media blitz added to the circus-like atmosphere that has surrounded Blagojevich since his arrest last month on federal corruption charges alleging that he tried to sell President Obama's Senate seat to the highest bidder.

In New York, Blagojevich basked in the adulation he craves, signing autographs and posing with onlookers as he left a TV studio near Times Square.

Octuplets born 'screaming and kicking' in Calif.

BELLFLOWER, Calif. (AP) — A woman gave birth to eight babies in Southern California on Monday, the world's second live-born set of octuplets.

The mother, who was not identified, gave birth to six boys and two girls weighing between 1.8 pounds and 3.4 pounds, doctors at Kaiser Permanante Medical Center told The Associated Press.

"It's a surprise," Dr. Karen Maples said. "Eight newborns are in stable condition and they're doing quite well."

Kaiser spokeswoman Myra Suarez said she could not release any information about the mother, including her condition or whether she used fertility drugs. Such drugs make multiple births more likely.

"They are all doing the best they can," Suarez told the AP.

The first baby was born at 10:43 a.m.; the eighth one at 10:48 a.m.

"They were all screaming and kicking around very vigorously," Dr. Harold Henry said.

The first live-born octuplets were born in Houston in 1998, and one baby died about a week later.

NATION/WORLD

Iraqi PM expects faster U.S. pullout

By Robert H. Reid **Associated Press writer**

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister said Monday he believes the U.S. will withdraw its troops more quickly than the three-year timeline set down in a U.S.-Iraq security agreement. The U.S., meanwhile, suffered its biggest single loss of life in months when two helicopters crashed, killing four service members.

An agreement negotiated under former President George W. Bush's administration called for U.S. combat troops to withdraw from Baghdad and other cities by the end of June, with all American forces out of the country by the end of 2011.

President Barack Obama campaigned on a promise to remove all combat troops within 16 months and has asked the Pentagon to plan for "a responsible military drawdown from Iraq."

With planning under way, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told a political rally south of Baghdad that he believes the end of the U.S. mission "will be brought forward" and that Iraq must bolster its own forces to meet the challenge after the Americans leave.

The Shiite-led government pushed for a faster U.S. pullout during last year's negotiations on the security agreement, overcoming longtime Bush administration opposition to a fixed withdrawal schedule.

Al-Maliki has been campaigning actively on behalf of his allies for next weekend's provincial elections, promoting his image as the leader who restored stability and ended what many Iraqis see as a U.S. military occupation.

At the same time, however, U.S. officials in Iraq have cautioned that a hasty departure of the 142,000 U.S. troops could reverse the decline in violence and undermine Iraq's efforts to establish a stable government.

"I think the spirit of compromise, of accommodation, of focus on institutional development — all of that would run the risk of getting set aside" with a hasty withdrawal, outgoing U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker warned last week.

U.S. commanders are carefully watching Saturday's elections for members of provincial councils as an indicator of whether Iraqi factions are willing to resolve their differences politically instead of on the battlefield.

Violence is down sharply since last year after a U.S.-Iraqi offensive broke the power of Shiite militias and after many Sunni gunmen abandoned the insurgency.

AROUND THE WORLD

EU ministers discussing taking Gitmo detainees

BRUSSELS, Belgium -European Union foreign ministers are forging a plan for taking in dozens of Guantanamo Bay inmates who will have no safe home upon release from the U.S. military prison.

EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana and several ministers say the United States must first give access to and background on the detainees before the 27nation EU makes any decisions.

U.S. Defense The Department says up to a quarter of the 245 detainees Guantanamo face persecution, could

official Xinhua News Agency said. Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention tests found Liang was carrying the H5N1 strain of bird flu.

The Health Ministry said after the earlier deaths this month that there is no evidence of a large-scale outbreak of bird flu. It said the illnesses were isolated, unrelated and did not show significant mutations of the H5N1 virus.

They also occurred during the cold months, which experts say is the high season for infections, it said.

Kremlin: Obama, Medvedev vow to seek better ties



Foreign tourists take photos as they watch a morning auction at Tsukiji fish market in Tokyo on Monday. Overwhelmed by an increasing number of misbehaving tourists at the world's largest seafood market, Tokyo fishmongers last month decided to put their foot down, temporarily banning all visitors from one of the most popular tourist destinations in the city — their predawn tuna auctions.

Japan tells visitors to not lick the tuna

By Shino Yuasa Associated Press writer

TOKYO — Tourists are known for acting silly, but licking the tuna?

Overwhelmed by a growing number of misbehaving tourists, Tokyo fishmongers banned all visitors from one of the city's most popular tourist destinations — the pre-dawn tuna auctions at the world's largest seafood market.

The ban, imposed during the peak New Year buying season, was front-page news before it was lifted last week. Now, the tourists are back, but the debate goes on: Can tourists be trusted around the tuna?

"We understand that the sight of hundreds of frozen tuna looks unique and interesting for foreign tourists," said Yoshiaki Takagi, deputy director of the market. "But they have to understand the Tsukiji market is a professional place, not an amusement park."

One of the more notorious recent cases was that of a tipsy British tourist caught on tape by a Japanese TV crew — who licked the head of a frozen tuna and patted its gill. Two others, also caught on video, rode around on a cart used by wholesalers. "Get out! Get out!" an irate market official shouted in English.

'Tuna is a very expensive fish," Takagi said. "One

CAN THE TOURISTS **BE TRUSTED?**



Employees work at a morning auction at Tsukiji fish market in Tokyo on Monday, as tourists watch.

tuna can easily cost more than 1 million yen (\$11,000). But some tourists touch them and even try to hug them."

Fed up, the market decided to impose the ban.

So, when on Jan. 5, a premium bluefin tuna fetched 9.63 million yen — more than \$107,000, the highest price in nearly a decade — no tourists were anywhere in sight. The restriction was lifted on Jan. 19, despite some grumbling from the fishmongers.

The sprawling market dates back to the 16th century, when the military rulers who had just moved Japan's capital to Tokyo - then called Edo — wanted to ensure they had a steady supply of fish.

Today, Japan is the world's biggest consumer of seafood. The market handles 480 kinds of seafood, attracting around 40,000 buyers and sellers daily. The value of its seafood trade amounts to \$20 million per day on average, making it the heart of the national seafood distribution system and the biggest fish wholesale market in the world.

It's the kind of place the Japanese take for granted. But it has become a big hit with foreigners because of the colorful way the fish are auctioned off by men in rubber boots and baseball hats using arcane hand signals and the sheer volume and variety of fish available every dav.

Nearly 90 percent of visitors for tuna auctions are non-Japanese, Takagi said — a figure that seemed pretty much in line with the crowd at Tsukiji one recent morning.

"In Holland, we have a flower market, a cheese market, but nothing like the Tsukiji market," said Jan Groeneweg, a 55-year-old banking analyst from the Netherlands who came before sunrise to see a tuna sale. "It's one of the top 10 attractions in Tokyo. You must visit here."

The no-nonsense fishmongers at Tsukiji do not see themselves as an attraction, but rather as workers with pressing business. The most common complaint from auctioneers is tourists using flash cameras, which makes it difficult for them to read the finger signals used for bidding. The market put up English signs saying "No Flash!" but that was widely ignored, Takagi said.

'The flash of cameras really bothers me. Since I don't speak English, I make gestures to ask foreign tourists not to use a flash. Most of them stop, but some just keep doing it," said tuna buver Yasumasa Oshima.

prison or execution if returned to their homelands.

EU leaders say they are prepared to give a new home to some who do not pose a terror risk.

The EU foreign ministers are meeting Monday in Brussels to discuss the issue.

Paramedic charged in Travolta extortion plot

NASSAU, Bahamas — A Bahamas paramedic was charged Monday in an alleged scheme to extort \$25 million from John Travolta after his chronically ill son died of a seizure at the family's vacation home.

Tarino Lightbourne, 47, pleaded not guilty to charges of attempting to extort and conspiracy to extort from the movie star.

Details of the alleged plot have not been made public, but prosecutor Bernard Turner said investigators are looking for a "certain docu-ment" and police say it involved \$25 million. Magistrate Carolita Bethel remanded the suspect to jail after Turner objected to bail.

Lightbourne was detained after police issued an alert that he was wanted for attempted extortion and was considered dangerous.

Earlier, several tabloids had quoted Lightbourne describing efforts to revive 16-year-old Jett Travolta after he collapsed Jan. 2 on Grand Bahama.

China reports 5th bird flu death this year

BEIJING — An 18-year-old man died from bird flu Monday in southern China, the fifth human death from the virus in the country this year, state media reported.

The man, surnamed Liang, died in the Guangxi region after falling ill on Jan. 19, the

MOSCOW — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and U.S. President Barack Obama spoke by phone Monday and vowed to try their best to improve the strained relationship between Moscow and Washington, the Kremlin said.

Medvedev and Obama each expressed their "intention to apply all efforts to restring the potential of Russian-American relations" and to take a constructive approach to resolving disputes, a Kremlin statement said.

It said the two presidents plan to meet in the near future, but gave no date.

Relations have been badly strained amid vocal Kremlin criticism of U.S. foreign policv during the administration of George W. Bush, and Russia's war with ex-Soviet Georgia in August brought ties to a post-Cold War low.

Muslims banned from practicing yoga

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Muslims in Indonesia are banned from practicing yoga that contains Hindu rituals like chanting, the country's top Islamic body said Monday, echoing concerns by some religious groups elsewhere about its effect on their faith.

Though not legally binding, most devout Muslims will likely adhere to the ruling because ignoring a fatwa, or religious decree, is considered a sin.

The decision in the world's most populous Muslim state follows similar edicts in Malavsia and Egypt as the ancient Indian exercise gained popularity worldwide in recent years.

— wire reports

China's Year of the Ox not so bullish

BEIJING (AP) — China welcomed the arrival Monday of the Year of the Ox with fireworks-filled celebrations, but the country's economic worries have already cast the new year in a more sober light.

Millions of Chinese gave a boisterous farewell to a tumultuous 2008 marked by a massive earthquake, the Olympics and a global economic crisis.

But in a somber Lunar New Year greeting, China's finance minister warned that balancing the budget this year would be increasingly difficult, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Xie Xuren described external and internal factors affecting China's development as "very severe" and said more difficulties had to be overcome to achieve steady and relatively fast economic growth, according to a statement posted on the ministry's Web site.

He urged officials to avoid unnecessary spending this year, with local governments ordered to curtail car purchases, catering, meetings and overseas travel.

The Chinese New Year, which marks the start of the Spring Festival, is the country's most important holiday. It is generally celebrated with lavish spending on elaborate meals and exchanges of "hong bao," or red envelopes stuffed with money.

But at the capital's legendary Quanjude Peking Duck Restaurant, marketing manager Yang Jing said the financial downturn is already having an effect on traditional feasting.

"People are feeling it's harder to make money in the economic crisis, so now the customers are more picky about details like food quality and prices. It's not that easy to take even one penny out of their pockets," Yang said.



Vatican says comments by Holocaust denier unacceptable

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican said Monday that comments by a recently rehabilitated bishop that no Iews were gassed during the Holocaust were unacceptable and violate Church teaching.

In a front-page article, the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano reaffirmed that Pope Benedict XVI deplored all forms of anti-Semitism and that all Roman Catholics must do the same.

The article was issued amid an outcry from Jewish groups that Benedict last week lifted the excommunication of a traditionalist bishop, Richard Williamson, who has denied that 6 million Jews were murdered during World War II.

The Vatican has stressed that removing the excommunication by no means implied Vatican the shared Williamson's views.

Williamson and three other bishops were excommunicated 20 years ago after they were consecrated by the late

ultraconservative Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre without papal consent — a move the Vatican said at the time was an act of schism.

Benedict has made clear from the start of his pontificate that he wanted to reconcile with Lefebvre's traditionalist Society of St. Pius X and bring it back into the Vatican's fold.



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"These problems weren't made in a day or a week or a month or even a year."

- Lawrence Summers, a top economic adviser to President Barack Obama, on the hope of bringing the nation out of a recession.

EDITORIAL

Wendell's curfew law too little and too late

f all the criminal laws on the books, appellate judges take the most jaundiced view of curfew statutes. These laws are, by definition, undemocratic – telling American citizens that their basic civil liberties are restricted because of their age.

Thousands of local curfew laws have been overturned in the 242 years since America became independent. Thousands more remain on the books, but many are problematic.

Like the city of Wendell's, which says that citizens younger than 18 can't be out between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless they're with parents, guardians, or out on emergency errands or other legitimate business with documentation.

Really? Define "legitimate business." Is it going to a party? Catching a school bus? Taking in a movie? Heading for a

job in a dairy?

One Wendell teenager — his lawyer won't give his name or his age — is challenging the city's curfew law before the Idaho Court of Appeals. A Fifth District judge and magistrate previously upheld it.

But the curfew doesn't match neighboring Gooding County's and it doesn't mention the First Amendment of the Constitution, which gives American citizens the right to legally assemble. As such, it's vulnerable to

being overturned.

There are places and times when curfews are legitimate during natural disasters, for example — but curfews are per-haps the mostly problematic laws on the books.

Curfews by definition involve profiling — the practice of detaining members of a certain group simply because of who

The John Murtha Jihadist **Correctional Facility?**

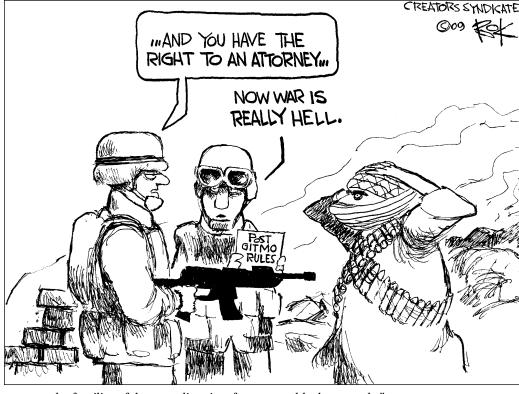
G et this: King of Pork John Murtha, the 19-term Democratic congressman from western Pennsylvania, now wants to welcome a flood of Guantanamo Bay jihadists into his district. I don't want to hear a single word of protestation from the constituents who put this money-grubbing, securityundermining fool back into office. As you vote, so shall you reap.



Murtha audaciously expressed his hope to house Gitmo detainees after President Barack Obama circulated his draft executive order to shut the facility down by the end of the year. "Sure, I'd take 'em," Murtha glibly retorted. "They're no more dangerous in my district than in Guantanamo." Murtha blustered that there was "no reason not to put 'em in prisons in the United States and handle them the way they would handle any other prisoners."

Before we unpack all that ignorant nonsense, let us pause to illuminate Murtha's motives. He is driven neither by a warped sense of patriotic duty nor by misguided human rights compassion for al-Qaida foot soldiers. No, what fuels him is unabashed greed and a lifelong edifice complex. The money-grubbing Murtha just can't wait to snatch up federal tax dollars to build a new maximum security prison for the Gitmo gang — no doubt with his name and face plastered all over it. Welcome to the John Murtha Jihadist Correctional Facility.

Forget about the increased risk Murtha would subject his district to by volunteering it as a highly visible terror target. Forget about the disgusting affront this pork grab



poses to the families of those who died on United Flight 93 - which 9/11 terrorists crashed in Shanksville, Pa., represented by none other than Murtha at the time. There's a shining prison on a hill to be built, and Murtha will sell out his neighbors' safety to make sure it's built on his hill.

Murtha's got logs to roll and wheels to grease. National security is an impediment, not an imperative. Would you expect anything less from the shameless politician caught on tape in the 1980s Abscam congressional bribery scandal mulling payoffs from FBI agents posing as Arab sheiks? ("How much money we talking about," Murtha asked one of the bagmen. "You know, we do business for a while, maybe I'll be interested, maybe I won't.")

Murtha's contempt for the people he serves should surprise no one. This is the man who called his own voters "rednecks" and who has refused to back down from his smears of the exonerated lives in a fantasy world where re-deploying American soldiers to Okinawa is a viable defense plan.

John Murtha, meet Lynne Stewart. She's the disgraced lawyer convicted last year of abetting her terrorist client -1993 World Trade Center bombing/NY landmark bombing mastermind Omar Abdel-Rahman. Stewart helped smuggle coded messages of Islamic violence from the imprisoned sheik to outside followers in violation of an explicit pledge to abide by her client's court-ordered isolation.

While Rahman's courtappointed translator conveyed the message during prison visits, Stewart made "covering noises," including shaking a water jar and tapping on the table. A draft fatwa was discovered in Stewart's office; she also signaled Rahman's wishes to his jihadist organization in an interview with Reuters news service. The publication of those comments ushered in a new wave of bombing attacks gle."

Now, imagine a traitorous bleeding-heart Stewart assigned to each and every one of the 250-odd Gitmo detainees. Imagine the risk of similar jailhouse collaborations to innocent men, women and children at home and abroad. Imagine the three-ring, O.J.-like circuses these trials will bring to your backyards. It's easy if you try.

Affording accused al-Qaida operatives the Sixth Amendment right to a public trial threatens to compromise classified information necessary to prosecute future terrorist trials. The entire nation may be at risk if we allow suspected members of a terrorist network to engage in the discovery process and in privileged communications with attorney-abettors.

Who will be accountable when these prosecutions run amok? When convicted jihadists wreak bloody havoc from behind bars? And when Gitmo recidivists wage war anew once released?

John Murtha doesn't give a

Our view: Curfew statutes need to be thought out, not just applied. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and

other issues.

they are.

Racial profiling by race has been unlawful for a generation. So what, exactly, makes profiling by age any better?

What's more, curfews permit law enforcement officers to stop suspects without any more probable cause than age. The U.S. Supreme Court has long ago rejected the notion that any citizen is more likely than another to violate the law because of who he or she is.

The U.S. Constitution frowns on shortcuts for keeping the peace. Wrongdoing is a character flaw, not a function of the color of your skin or the date on your driver's license.

All of which means that Wendell's curfew will likely be overturned, and it probably deserves to be.

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Marines who served in Haditha, Iraq, as "cold-blooded" murderers. This is the man who denies that we are combating al-Qaida terrorists in Iraq. This is the man who

by Rahman's previously dormant terrorist outfit. The leftwing radical Stewart remains unrepentant and clings to her belief that the 9/11 terrorist attacks were an "armed strugdamn. Do you?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Illegal immigrants a burden U.S. should not bear

The Jan. 15 article by Mr. Olmstead regarding illegal foreigners and employers is very biased. It is obvious who butters his bread.

I agree that the backbone of Idaho is small businesses, agriculture and associated services, but don't imply for a moment that we are dependent on the immigration reform organization. The legal system has not asked the employers to "enforce" anything, only to respect the law and to adhere to it, just as all lawabiding citizens do.

I agree with you that we need a stronger and better border immigration system, but what good are these when schools, hospitals, landlords and many others are told they are not to ask a person if they are here legally before providing services. As to only having federal law enforcement involved in going after an illegal because you figure this is only a federal issue is like telling a cop not to respond to a fire because they are not firemen.

If we are all not involved in taking care of this issue then nothing will get done. I support legal immigration, we are a nation of "foreigners," but just putting the label "undocumented" on an illegal does not make them any less illegal.

You said that we should only go after those that commit a crime; well coming to the United States illegally is a crime. The financial burden placed on this country by those here illegally far outweighs the revenues they produce. Our nation is in trouble at this time, and it should not be

carrying this burden. STEVEN LAMBERT **Twin Falls**

Kindness is a cause we should all support

Random Acts of Kindness Week is a campaign organized to increase the awareness of random acts of kindness. The first "Kindness Week" took place in February 1995. Its goal is to get more people involved in the kindness revolution.

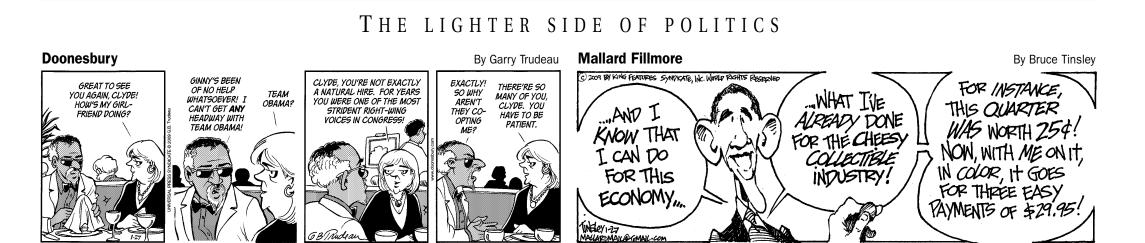
A random act of kindness is an act of kindness toward someone you know or someone you don't know without acknowledgement and done out of the kindness of one's heart.

A beautiful quote that explains it perfectly by Leo Buscaglia follows: "Too often, we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

There are many ways we as a community can pull together and encourage kind acts. Lifting others with kind words and a cheery countenance can touch any heart and make the day better for all involved. Visiting the elderly, the sick and the lonely can fill our hearts with joy and peace of mind. We can all reach out in kindness in various ways, and we receive as much or more in our own lives.

When we participate in this program, hearts are touched, miracles happen and lives are enriched. Kindness — pass it on. RACHELLE SKEEM Hazelton

(Editor's note: Rachelle *Skeem is the public affairs* chairman for Random Acts of Kindness Week.)



Here's an idea: Government should be open

n initial, revealing act of the Bush II administration was a directive pledging Justice Department support to any federal agency choosing to resist a request made under the Freedom of Information Act.

In a memorandum to the heads of executive departments and agencies less than 24 hours after taking office, President Barack Obama turned the secrecy edict on its head.

"All agencies should adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew their commitment to the principles embodied in FOIA. ... The presumption of disclosure should be applied to all decisions involving FOIA."

Oh happy day! We'll now see if 44 walks his talk, starting with new freedom-ofinformation guidelines to be drawn up by the attorney general.

Why should we care? Just look at what guys,



operating in secret, did to your electric bill soon after the Bush policy went into effect.

Listen, too, to those who tried to get records of damning conversations out of the clutches of a secretive administration.

In the springtime of W., Enron President "Kenny Boy" Lay was meeting in private with Vice President Dick Cheney, and making his recommendation — soon accepted — for the new chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

At the same time, energy traders at the Houston-based company were ripping off the West to the tune of at least \$1.1 billion.

For instance, they schemed how to load up power lines at periods of peak use. "If the line's not congested then I just look if I can congest it," one trader was recorded as saying.

On one occasion, Enron bought power in California and transmitted the electricity to Malin, Ore. A utility was paid \$5 per megawatt hour to "launder" the power.

Enron then sold the power back to California on an emergency "Out of Market" basis for \$750 a megawatt hour.

Enron sued the Snohomish County, Wash., Public Utility District for \$122 million after a sky-high contract was signed in the middle of a manufactured shortage. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-

Washn., and Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., tried to get hold of Enron records when the conglomerate went belly-up. They faced in-depth defenses, in the peoples' government, that were the bureaucratic equivalent of Stalingrad.

"We couldn't get the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to do its job," Cantwell said. "A court case in California brought us part of the information. Later, the Department of Justice just sat on some of the most revealing material."

Obama, in his order to federal nabobs, quoted the great U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis: "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectant."

We could use Brandeis' thinking today on the federal bench. Republican-appointed judges rebuffed environmental and public interest lawyers when they sought information on Cheney's energy task force.

They were barred even from obtaining a list of the coal and nuclear and petrole-

um industry executives who met with the vice president, and helped formulate his dig it-drill it energy plan.

Obama sent out a second directive Wednesday. He directed federal departments to "disclose information rapidly in forms that the public can readily find and use."

Delay has been the defining tactic of agencies that don't want to fork up information that should be treated as a national asset.

"Government should be transparent. ... Government should be participatory. ... Government should be collaborative," the president told the people he has tapped to run the government.

Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., who tried to pry uncomfortable truths out of the Bush administration, is ecstatic. "It is a stunning first thing for a president to do. We will now start to figure out what's happened the past eight years." A good place to start might be executive orders in the last days of Bush—weakening the Endangered Species Act, removing wolves from federal protection and allowing vastly expanded oil drilling in the "polar bear seas" of Alaska.

Like any president, Obama bears watching.

The last Democratic administration saw Hillary Clinton try to run her health care task force behind closed doors, and furious resistance to the release of Whitewater land-deal records.

Our new president hails from a town — Chicago that thrives on deals of which there are no records and what the late columnist Mike Royko called "the fundamental fix."

Still, Obama has made a fine opening move.

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Reagan years hold lessons for President Obama

he inclination with any new president is to define him by those who came before. So we graft Barack Obama's head atop the black-and-white, cigarette-puffing image of Franklin D. Roosevelt, or we dress him up as George Washington, or we expound on how similar he is to that other tall, skinny, relatively inexperienced Illinois politician, Abraham Lincoln.

But much less has been said about another president Obama praised forcefully during the campaign. "Ronald Reagan changed the trajectory of America in a way that Richard Nixon did not, and a way that Bill Clinton did not," Obama said in January. Reagan"tapped into what people were already feeling, which was: We want clarity, we want optimism, we want a return to that sense of dynamism and entrepreneurship that had been missing."

Could this darling of the left-leaning "netroots" who became a community organizer in Chicago in response to



Reaganomics, and then a solidly liberal U.S. senator, really see the patron saint of the conservative movement and "trickle-down economics" as a potential role model?

Indeed, Obama clearly intends to be the anti-Reagan. The president has vowed to reverse 1980s-era tax policies that placed a greater burden on the middle class even as rates for the wealthiest were slashed. Reagan was so eager to undo Jimmy Carter's forward-looking policies that he not only deeply cut funding for alternative energy research, he removed solar panels from the White House roof. Obama, in contrast, has pledged that "science matters again" in a war on climate

change and diminishing fossil-fuel supplies.

And yet, in some ways, today's American political landscape of rising unemployment and peril in the Middle East appears surprisingly similar to the way things must have looked to Reagan as he peered out from the west front of the Capitol on Jan. 20, 1981. The debt-increasing, anti-regulatory actions of the Reagan years may have helped to bring on the current mess, but in the route the Great Communicator took to sell his ideas, Obama could find a surprising road map to a very different kind of transformative presidency. For example:

• Start with a very narrow focus. Reagan made his name in the 1950s and 1960s as a fiery Cold Warrior, yet U.S.-Soviet relations simmered mostly on the back burner during his first year in office. His team lived the phrase, "It's the economy, stupid," before Bill Clinton's aides actually uttered it. For Obama, a similar singleminded focus on his economic-stimulus plan could reap the same kind of political benefits — but this time for a policy that actually helps the middle class. • Keep it optimistic at all

times. As with FDR before him, Reagan arrived in Washington with an intuitive understanding that how Americans feel in their gut about the economy is more important than the cold numbers. "We're in control here," Reagan said in a televised speech on Feb. 18, 1981. "There's nothing wrong with America that together we can't fix." Today, the best thing Obama can do to sell his massive economic-stimulus plan that could approach a cost of \$850 billion or more is to exude an aura of certainty that it will work.

• Speak consistently but be flexible on the details. People tend to remember Reagan today more for his bold, conservative public statements and symbolism than for the pragmatic policies he pushed through. Today, you rarely hear that, as president, he agreed to a series of tax hikes from 1982 through 1987, named two centrists to the Supreme Court and achieved the only major bipartisan agreement to shore up Social Security.

• Talk to your enemies, but only when the time is right. The legendary Reagan optimism didn't stop at fiscal policy; he truly believed he could sell his ideas to anyone, even the leaders of an "evil empire." In April 1981, just a week after he was released from the hospital after an attempted assassination, Reagan wrote to then-Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev seeking common ground. In looking out at hostile regimes from Tehran, Iran, to Caracas, Venezuela, Obama would do well to remember this side of the Gipper that the conservative Reagan myth machine prefers to ignore in favor of his "tear down this wall" bravado.

For Obama to lead America out of this mess that was a quarter of a century in the making, and undo the Reagan myth in the process, he will need to harness the confidence, the focus, the pragmatism and the optimism of the very president whose myth he will be working to undo.

Will Bunch, a senior writer for The Philadelphia Daily News, is the author of the forthcoming "Tear Down This Myth: How the Reagan Legacy Distorts Our Politics and Haunts Our Future."





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Good riddance to ridiculous relics of the spending days

In the clear recessionary morning, all that stuff we've been binge buying suddenly looks gaudy and ridiculous.

It's been a 25-year blur of fluorescent Frankie Sez shirts, logo handbags, Hummers and ring tones. We need to have one giant national garage sale and invite the world. If there are pictures of you with any of the things listed below on Facebook, immediately remove them. Replace them with one of those stately, unsmiling group portraits our grandparents and greatgrandparents took that made us feel like we came from important stock. You don't want your descendants to lose all hope when they realize that Great-Grandpa Jaden was flashing fake gang signs at Treasure Island while downing a Grey Goose and Red Bull before his "American Idol" audition.

Tasting menus: The idea that an appetizer, entree and dessert wasn't enough that you had to taste everything — was a pretty clear



sign we were on our way toward being a fat, indebted nation. If Morgan Spurlock had tried to follow up "Super Size Me" with a movie in which he had to go 30 days eating only tasting menus and accept the wine pairings if they were offered — he would have died by Week 2. I went with four people to Per Se in New York, and two of them barfed as soon as we got home.

Stainless steel: Every appliance we touched had to be covered in stainless steel, as if we were low-rent King Midases. How the lamest of metals became the way to show off your wealth is going to confuse the hell out of archaeologists. "No, they actually had gold and silver. And plastics of many colors. They were just easily distracted by cheap, shiny things." Thank God the recession came, because we were about two years from having to sit on cold stainless steel toilet seats.

The entire city of Las Vegas: Was the plan to base an economy on nothing but eating, gambling and strip clubs? What kind of insane utopian thought that would work?

Spas: We paid \$100 to be rubbed with hot rocks, covered with mud and wrapped in seaweed — just because we were curious about what they would feel like; nobody did any of those things twice. It got so insane that the massages that gave you sexual satisfaction were actually the cheaper ones.

\$50 T-shirts: Sure, most were made of pima cotton, the grandest cotton ever created. And, in a purely consumerist culture, paying as much for it as a buttondown serves as justification for an adult to wear a concert T-shirt outside. But isn't it a little painful to know that you spent \$64 for Trunk Ltd's reproduction of the Megadeth "Killing Is My Business" shirt from 1985? Sure, it's convincing when you read on the company's Web site that "Trunk LTD's

tag of authenticity as an official luxury product is included with this shirt. Don't miss your chance to share in a moment of Megadeth history." But did you stop to ask yourself if killing is really a sustainable business model?

Crocs: Maybe wearing gardening shoes in public wasn't recession-related, but we will regret them.

Dog gyms: We got so lazy, we needed people to motivate our pets to run around.

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Schools could lose repair money

BOISE (AP) — The state Department of Education will likely postpone \$21 million in repairs for Idaho public schools during the next fiscal year as it attempts to cover shortfalls in education funding.

Public schools chief Tom Luna submitted a list of ideas for cutting costs to the state Board of Education on Monday, four days before he'll face lawmakers on the Joint Finance-Appropriations budget-writing committee.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has recommended public schools get nearly \$76 million less than they did in the current fiscal year. If lawmakers approve, education funding would slip to \$1.34 billion during the fiscal year that begins in July.

Luna has told public school administrators to expect a \$60 million to \$80 million cut.

"To my knowledge, this would be the first time public schools will receive less money than they received in the previous year," Luna told The Associated Press.

Matching funds the state gives to public schools to pay for maintenance, such as fixing leaky roofs and patching parking lots, could be eliminated as the department sketches out a revised budget to present to lawmakers.

^aBasically, we would postpone some scheduled building maintenance for a year or two," he said.

The agency's list of costcutting ideas includes a suggestion to save \$6 million on transportation by eliminating bus routes that transport students, primarily in kindergarten, during the middle of the day. Instead, students would attend all-day classes every other day.

"These are ideas, they are not recommendations," said Luna, who was able to use \$60 million from an education reserve fund to shield public schools from holdbacks in state spending during this fiscal year.

With the fund drained to about \$53 million, the governor has warned that he will not use the remaining reserves during the next fiscal year.

Lawmakers, director at odds over network cash

BOISE (AP) — Department of Administration officials say they just found \$100,000 in their budget to start work on a planned \$50 million statewide broadband network to link public schools and private industry.

Administration director Mike Gwartney said he needed to gather this first installment for the Idaho Education Network as part of efforts to qualify for federal matching funds.

Even so, lawmakers who have yet to fund the system say spending the cash without legislative approval may not be the "wisest approach" — because there may not be enough money to continue spending in future years. Sen. Dean Cameron, chairman of the budget writing committee, says the specter of deeper budget cutbacks is looming, raising lawmaker concern they will have even less for new programs like the network.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has recommended they give Gwartney's agency \$3 million for the network in 2010.

Idaho ed board endorses revamp plan

BOISE (AP) — The state Board of Education on Monday endorsed seven pieces of legislation proposed by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter as part of his plan to revamp the agency.

The reorganization plan includes significant changes for the board and the legislation, which has been introduced in the Senate, would shift things like education programs for inmates and jobs rehabilitation for people with mental or physical disabilities away from the agency.

The board supervises public schools, colleges and universities and tracks testing and grants. Otter wants the agency to steer away from managing programs and focus on policy. Otter announced the ini-

tiative, part of a larger overhaul the governor has proposed for education, during his State of the State speech on Jan. 12, a year after board mismanagement led to a potential \$1.4 million deficit.

The accounting miscues



forced the agency to cancel testing and leave vacant positions unfilled, which cut the agency's deficit to \$316,000.

"These changes are entirely appropriate and I think we can handle them," said Mike Rush, who was appointed executive director of the board in May.

Earlier, as interim executive director, Rush helped the agency recover from its financial problems by ordering a complete audit and helping to staunch the loss of staff amid a morale crisis.

The board came under intense scrutiny by the state Senate Education Committee during the 2008 Legislature. Since then, board trustees have been talking with lawmakers, the governor's office and the state Department of Education about the programs they oversee.

Among other things, the bills Otter has proposed would move the state Historical Society and state Commission for Libraries from the board's jurisdiction to the state Department of Self-Governing Agencies.

Trustee Blake Hall said he has long questioned why the two programs were put under the board in the first place.

"Over the years, I've scratched my head," said Hall, who was appointed to the board in 2000.



Not guilty plea for Duncan in 1997 murder

INDIO, Calif. (AP) — A man convicted of a deadly attack on an Idaho family has been arraigned on a separate charge of murdering a 10year-old California boy in 1997.



A Riverside County district attorney's office spokesman says a not guilty plea entered was on Monday Joseph for Edward Dun-III can by

Judge David B. Downing. Duncan was brought to California on Friday from death row in Indiana to face the charge of killing 10-year-

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old Anthony Martinez.

Duncan was sentenced to death last year for the kidnapping, torture and murder of 9year-old Dylan Groene of Coeur d'Alene. Duncan abducted the boy and his younger sister after killing their older brother, mother and her fiance at the family's home in 2005.

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Make your home a houseplant

Simple steps to liven up your abode with some green

Bv Melissa Davlin Times-News writer

Ready for spring? You're not alone. Across the valley, Idahoans are ready to trade in frost-covered windshields for sun-kissed soil. But until we learn how to control the weather, consider bringing a little green indoors with houseplants.

Indoor plants are a great way to liven up your living space, said Debra Rydalch, owner of Plantscaping in Twin Falls. Not only do they bring life into your home, but they help purify the air and can even reduce stress, she said.

Remember, though, that buying a houseplant requires a commitment. Rydalch's business offers plant consultation, care, repotting and rehabilitation for sick specimens. General consultation starts at \$35 per hour.

But you can handle it yourself with a little preparation.

JoAnne Robbins, University of Idaho Jerome County extension educator, wrote extensively about houseplant care in "The Idaho Master Gardener Program Handbook,' available at



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any kind of environment. But because Magic Valley is especially dry, some species just don't do as well here, Rydalch said. Absolute beginners should stay away from orchids and ferns, which require more care in Idaho.



Schefflera

necessity for soil aeration." Too little water and the plants dry up; too much, and the roots rot.

If you have a history of forgetting to water your plants, consider investing in a self-watering plant naturally container. These planters wick attracted to moisture from a reservoir. When the

Still, keep your kitty in mind when picking out a plant. Cats are greenery and Sansevieria, or snake plant

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shape imaginable.

For a plain plant, consider a more ornate ves-Blooming sel. plants that speak for themselves don't need a fancy

ag.uidaho.edu/mg.

"Understanding plant needs and existing conditions helps you to be successful with houseplants," Robbins wrote. In the handbook, she outlines how to care for plants, down to which minerals the plant needs and how to measure light intensity.

Too much? Here are some basic tips to get you started.

Considerations before getting a plant:

• Climate. Many houseplants are from the tropics and are hardy in

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add to your home? Take a look at

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these popular choices.

ity. Can be toxic to cats.

"They're very rewarding, but tough to grow here," she said.

Instead, stick to more forgiving plants, like apostles or philodendrons.

• Care. There are three main considerations for houseplants. Rydalch said: Water, oxygen and light.

The first is the most tricky.

"Irrigation is the most important and most abused cultural practice with houseplants," Robbins wrote. "Water relations are much more critical for potted plants because of their limited root space and the

container is empty, fill it up.

Another consideration: fertilizer. Because potting soil is an artificial environment, Robbins said, houseplants require additional nutrients. The best way is to add fertilizer gradually over a long period of time, as opposed to large amounts occasionally.

• Pets. Toxic plants aren't as big a concern as some make them out to be, Rydalch said. Most poisonous plants, like philodendron and aloe, need to be ingested in massive quantities to give an adverse reaction.

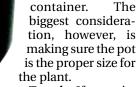
will most likely want to nibble on the leaves, scratch the bark or use the potting soil as a potty.

Putting decorative

rocks on top of the soil or using a deterrent training spray might stop the felines from making their mark. Also, make available some cat-friendly greens like cat grass or cat nip to make the other plants seem less attractive. If all else fails, consider a hanging plant.

• Container. Stylish containers can make just as much of an impact as the plants they house.

"It's just becoming a real decorating asset," Rydalch said. In recent years, she said, planters have become available in every color and



• Trends. If you're concerned about what's

hot in the botany world, take note: Cacti are out, and orchids are in. "People are just dying to be able to

grow orchids now," Rydalch said. Anything that flowers is popular. If you're a cactus fan, though,

don't worry. Do what makes you happy. Besides, owning plants is trendy by itself, Rydalch said, so either way, you will be in the cool crowd.

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Ficus, with Pothos at its base



Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Debra Rydalch, owner of Plantscaping, stands next to one of the many plants that she maintains in local businesses throughout Magic Valley.

> Your plant guide leafy plant that comes in many vari-

eties **Peace lily** — A flowering plant that comes in a variety of sizes. Loves low light and is especially popular for

improving indoor air quality.

Spider plant — Has long, narrow

leaves. Produces several baby plants that are easy to repot. Perfect for beginners.

Snake plant — Also called "mother-inlaw's tongue" because of the sharp shape of the leaves. Another great choice for beginners.

Hoya — A fragrant, blooming plant that flourishes with minimal care. Iris — A bulb that can be grown indoors or out. Comes in a range of colors. Apostles are a good choice for beginners. For a challenge, try the Japanese iris.

The golf ball in this Schefflera was placed

there by Debra Rydalch's plant supplier.

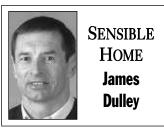
The case for indoor humidifiers in the winter

DEAR JIM: I am in the market for a room humidifier, but I do not know which type is best for my home. Can using one really reduce my heating bills even though evaporating water cools? Is using only one adequate for my house? - Greg S.

DEAR GREG: Properly humidified air is not only comfortable and healthy, but it can reduce your heating bills. The electricity usage by most standard room humidifiers is typically less than a 100-watt light bulb.

Ones with built-in humidistats automatically switch on and off, so even less electricity is consumed.

You are correct that there is a cooling effect when water evaporates, so running a humidifier will cool the room air slightly. This same evaporation process of moisture from your skin also makes you feel cool; this is how perspiration cools your body during summer or when you are active.



The amount of moisture evaporation from your skin is greater when the indoor air is too dry. This makes you feel chilly. By properly humidifying the air, you can feel comfortable at a lower room temperature. This allows you to set the furnace thermostat lower, and you should end up saving much more energy than the humidifier uses. You will also be more comfortable.

The proper type of room humidifier depends upon your family's needs. One or two room humidifiers are generally enough for an energy-efficient house. Humidity tends to naturally migrate throughout the house.



James Dulley

This evaporative room humidifier outputs much moisture in front of Dulley's fireplace in his living room. Notice the three-speed control knob.

Cooking, bathing and washing clothes and dishes also adds much moisture to the room air.

For daytime use, an evaporative type of humidifier is effective and the least expensive. These humidifiers use a wick material which naturally draws up water from a tank. A fan inside the humidifier forces room air through the wick.

Evaporative humidifiers are easy to keep clean which is important to minimize

mold and microbe growth in the wick. Some of the wicks are treated with an antimicrobial substance. These models usually have a threespeed fan. The high speed can be noisy, so this is not the best type for the bedroom. The low speed should be quiet enough, though, so as to not interrupt sleep.

If your children tend to get colds, a warm mist humidifier would be good. These boil the water to create the water vapor. The steam is mixed with room air before it comes out so it is not too hot. Germ-free models also include a UV (ultraviolet light) purifier chamber to further sanitize the air. These include a humidistat and use about 260 watts of electricity.

Another design uses ultrasonic waves to create the water vapor mist.

These are the most energy efficient using only about 50 watts of electricity. A very quiet fan is used to blow the mist out into the room. I use a Vicks ultrasonic humidifier in my own bedroom at night.

DEAR JIM: We have an electric water heater. When we go away on vacation, I turn off the circuit breaker to it to save electricity. Does it make sense to also turn it off during the daytime when we are at work? — Bob M.

DEAR BOB: It will save some energy to turn off the water heater during the daytime if you have an old water heater. The savings are less for a new one because of the higher level of tank insulation.

During the summer when there is huge peak electricity demand for air-conditioning, it will help reduce the peak by switching the water heater off. Your utility company may reduce your electric rate if you allow them to do it remotely when needed.

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Fending off stink bugs

By Scott Aker **Special to The Washington** Post

Q. I've had a terrible time with stink bugs in the vegetable garden, and the kids are finding them in the house. So I know they will return in the next growing season. Do you have any suggestions for getting rid of them? I've been thinking of ordering some praying mantid egg masses. If the mantids won't work, can you suggest other environmentally safe methods of destinking my garden?

A. I suspect that you are referring to an insect with a long name and a short history in the U.S., the brown marmorated stink bug. It is an accidental import from Asia, and its numbers have been increasing in recent years. Praying mantids may kill some of them, but there will never be enough mantids to provide meaningful control. Mantids are territorial and will duel to the death with any neighboring mantids.

Stink bugs are primarily a nuisance inside the home,

This species of stink bug, which feeds on a wide variety of host plants, is most damaging to fruit and vegetable crops. Green beans, peaches and raspberries are most affected, in my experience. The insects are particularly damaging to raspberries because their scent renders the berries inedible.

The best way to control them outdoors is to destroy their eggs, which are yellow and massed in groups of 20 to 30 on the undersides of leaves. Check for them weekly from mid-spring through early summer. Hatching nymphs can be controlled with insecticidal soap.

The adults are difficult to control. In commercial apple orchards, a pesticide containing kaolin clay has been used to prevent feeding injury, but the clay must be washed off the fruits at harvest. In the home garden, handpick any bugs you find. When autumn arrives, clean up the garden to deny the bugs and their eggs winter shelter. Thorough weeding in spring will also reduce their habitat. Stink bugs

A mulch for all seasons

By Joel M. Lerner **Special to The Washington** Post

WASHINGTON - Mulch is gardening mainstay because it protects and nurtures plants while improving the look of many landscapes. Plants need different types of mulches depending on the season.

There are many materials to pick among: bark chips, shredded bark, salt hay, shredded wood in natural colors or dyed (usually black, brown or red), gravel, shredded recycled rubber from tires, shells, pine needles and peat moss. You can even use ground corn cobs, cocoa mulch (unhealthy for dogs), or licorice root, which is a rare find, but very fluffy, dark and handsome.

I suggest avoiding stone as mulch on planting beds because of the difficulty of getting to the earth. You can't work compost into soil with a rock coating over the surface, so plants are deprived of the ongoing replenishment of material. And organic because organic material is the most difficult element to retain in the soil, you want to be able to add more. Because it doesn't decay, though, ornamental stone mulch is helpful for covering problem areas such as compacted soil resulting from heavy foot traffic. It can also provide color in the garden when used in grays, tans, pinks, reds, blues, browns or shades of black, and is available in sizes ranging from pea-sized to three to four inches in diameter. Be sure to lay the rock over landscape fabric. To mulch with biodegradable materials, try newspaper two to three sheets thick. This recycles paper and replaces landscape fabric. When paper decays, it can be tilled into the soil. Use this process when preparing beds for planting in spring. Lay an inch or two of compost or leaf mold over the newspaper to hold it in place and speed its decay. For winter, compost is excellent mulch, as are the



Organic mulch can be laid

over stems of tender plants,

such as roses, as high as it will

pile — 12 inches or more,

provided it is removed before

growth begins in spring. And

a two- to four-inch covering

of mulch will offer winter

protection for tender bulbs

The most beneficial mate-

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This should be partially to

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and perennials.

Rich, friable composted materials condition the earth.



Photos for The Washington Post by Sandra Leavitt Lerner

percolation of water and circulation of air.

Compost helps discourage many root rot diseases and drainage problems. When the soil isn't frozen, digging liberal amounts of compost into the earth around a

but they are a bane for vegetable gardeners. Indoors, they don't feed on anything during the winter, but they do emit a strong odor if disturbed. Check for gaps around windows and doors, and seal them.

often start feeding on weeds and then move into vegetable crops as the season progresses.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

Plants you can walk all over

By Scott Aker Special to The Washington Post

Q. You occasionally advise readers on plants that will take foot traffic and can be substituted for lawn grass. Have you heard of a line of plants called Stepables?

A. Stepables are part of a marketing program of about 150 plants chosen and tested to tolerate the effects of feet. Many, such as chamomile and thyme, have been used in gardens for centuries. Others, such as creeping wire vine, are new to garden centers. I applaud

the effort to introduce consumers to alternatives to turf. In my garden, I have a path that is a rich tapestry of many of the plants marketed as Stepables by the Under a Foot Plant Co.

The company is forthright about how much traffic each type of plant can take, reporting, for instance, that Elfin thyme can put up with human feet three or more times a day and that the Sternkissen dianthus will take only occasional foot traffic.

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Ornamental, stone mulch works well for areas with heavy foot traffic.

leaves that fall into the bed, as long as they aren't piled too thick. Leaf mold (partially composted leaves) is good winter mulch, too. It is best composted for a season so it can decay, but you can chop stems and leaves with a string trimmer, or rotary mower on its highest setting, and let the material decay where it falls. The leaves that drop are some of the best nutrients for the plants that grow under them.

So, should you mulch your plant beds? Yes. Does all mulch offer the same value? No.

Shredded wood and bark mulches can mat together, repelling water and discouraging air circulation to the roots of plants. They can, however, protect the roots and stems that are tender to temperatures. freezing

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plant's roots applies compost as fertilizer, adds moistureholding ability and improves aeration.

Where the soil is bare and lacks plants or roots, you can mulch the soil by digging three inches of compost on the surface into eight to 10 inches of dirt. That is winter mulching that will pay off next summer.

There are other options for mulch that can be used now to enrich the soil for spring. Annual rye or hairy vetch planted now can be dug under in spring.

Do this preparation in winter during temperate weather when conditions aren't soggy. and the organic material will be in the bed ready to be cultivated or dug into the soil in spring.



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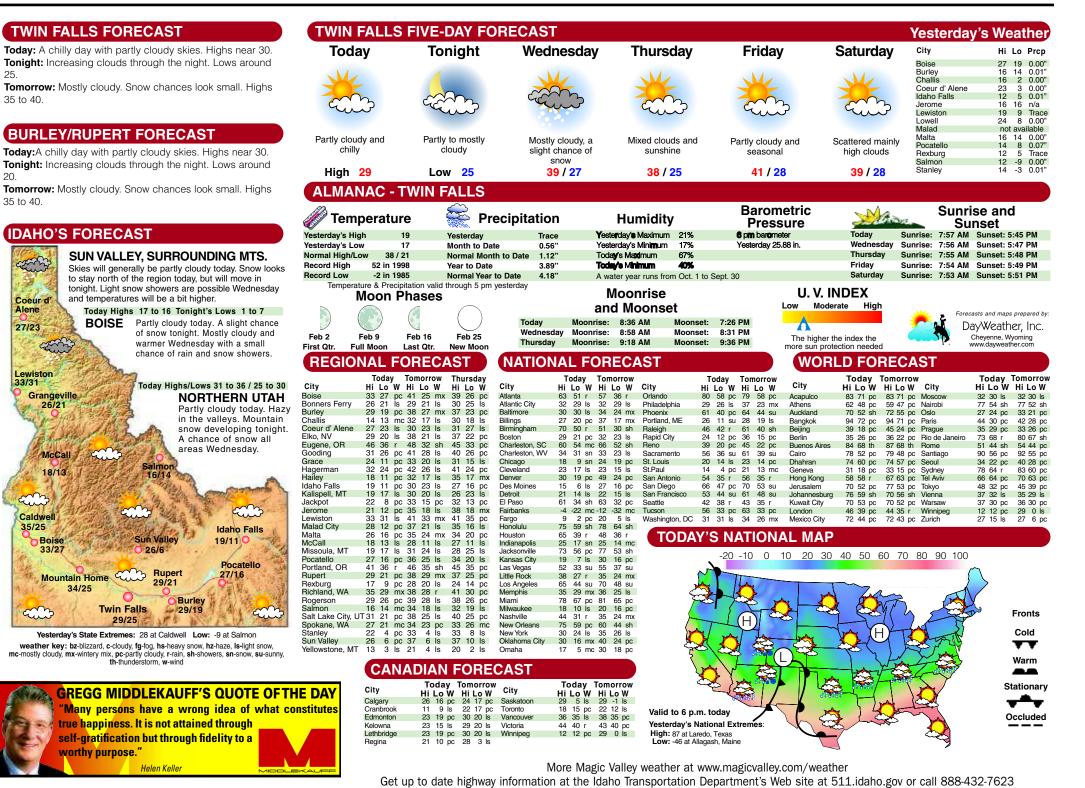
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By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott





AROUND THE NATION

M I C H I G A N 93-year-old freezes to death, owed utility more than \$1,000

BAY CITY, Mich. — A 93year-old man froze to death inside his home just days after the municipal power company restricted his use of electricity because of unpaid bills, officials said.

Marvin E. Schur died "a slow, painful death," said Kanu Virani, Oakland County's deputy chief medical examiner, who performed the autopsy.

Neighbors discovered Schur's body on Jan. 17. They said the indoor temperature branches of government is before a federal appeals court. Rove's lawyer, Robert Luskin, did not return phone messages seeking comment.

U.S. Supreme Court says passenger in car can be frisked

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that police officers have leeway to frisk a passenger in a car stopped for a traffic violation even if nothing indicates the passenger has committed a crime or is about to do so.

The court on Monday unanimously overruled an Arizona appeals court that

Dad's confession baffles cops in missing-boy case

By Denise Lavoie Associated Press writer

LYNN, Mass. — For months, Ernesto Gonzalez Jr. sat in jail, refusing to say anything about the weekend last summer when his 5-year-old son, Giovanni, disappeared.

Then in November, Gonzalez broke his silence, telling a newspaper reporter a gruesome story: He stabbed the boy to death, dismembered him in the bathtub, put his remains in plastic grocery bags and dumped them in trash bins around the city. The account baffled prosecutors, police and Gonzalez's lawyer — all of whom have said there was no evidence found in his apartment to corroborate his story. The alleged confession also stunned Gonzalez's ex-girlfriend, Daisy Colon, who had spent more than three agonizing months pleading for word of her son. "It's lies," Colon said recently. "Why would you deny having your son, then, after all this time, why would you come out and say something like that? He wants the attention. He wants people to stop looking for Giovanni, and that's not going to happen." Police and prosecutors in this Boston suburb declined repeated requests for comment from The Associated Press. They have not said publicly whether they believe Gonzalez's account, whether they think the child is dead or alive, or why the father would have confessed to such a deed. The 36-year-old meatpacker has not been charged with killing his son. In the interview with The Boston Globe, Gonzalez said that during a visit to his apartment Aug. 15-17, his son misbehaved by spitting, throwing bottles, ripping a bedsheet and jabbing him in the back with a pen. On Sunday, the day Giovanni was supposed to go back to his mother, Gonzalez said, the boy was yelling when Gonzalez picked up a kitchen knife and stabbed the child. "It happened fast," he told the Globe. "I was upset. It happened in a moment." Gonzalez told the reporter he loved his son and regretted killing him.



was below 32 degrees at the time, The Bay City Times reported Monday.

"Hypothermia shuts the whole system down, slowly," Virani said. "It's not easy to die from hypothermia without first realizing your fingers and toes feel like they're burning."

Schur owed Bay City Electric Light & Power more than \$1,000 in unpaid electric bills, Bay City Manager Robert Belleman told The Associated Press on Monday.

A city utility worker had installed a "limiter" device to restrict the use of electricity at Schur's home on Jan. 13, Belleman said. The device limits power reaching a home and blows out like a fuse if consumption rises past a set level. Power is not restored until the device is reset.

WASHINGTON House Judiciary chairman subpoenas ex-adviser Karl Rove

The House Judiciary Committee chairman subpoenaed former White House adviser Karl Rove on Monday to testify about the Bush administration's firing of nine U.S. attorneys and its prosecution of a former Democratic governor.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., said the ongoing legal battle to get Rove and other former Bush administration aides to testify may have success with a new president in the White House.

Former President George W. Bush upheld Rove and two other senior aides who asserted they did not have to testify before Congress about their actions in the White House.

The legal dispute between the executive and legislative

threw out evidence found during such an encounter.

The case involved a 2002 pat-down search of an Eloy, Ariz., man by an Oro Valley police officer, who found a gun and marijuana.

The justices accepted Arizona's argument that traffic stops are inherently dangerous for police and that pat-downs are permissible when an officer has a reasonable suspicion that the passenger may be armed and dangerous.

The pat-down is allowed if the police "harbor reasonable suspicion that a person subjected to the frisk is armed, and therefore dangerous to the safety of the police and public," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said.

M I N N E S O T A Markings on ballot copies upset Minn. Senate case

ST. PAUL (AP) — The mishandling of some court exhibits has set back Republican Norm Coleman's lawsuit challenging the Minnesota Senate recount.

Coleman's attorneys planned to begin introducing copies of thousands of rejected absentee ballots Tuesday, examining them individually over about six days. They want a threejudge panel to add the rejected absentees to the recount, and say the ballots could be key to Coleman overtaking Democrat Al Franken.

But Coleman's representatives had written notes on some of the copies, and Franken's attorneys objected. The judges agreed. They said the Coleman team must subpoena the original envelopes. That process could be lengthy.

— wire reports

Gonzalez's lawyer, at

In this July 2008 photo provided by his mother Daisy Colon, Giovanni Colon-Gonzalez sits on the lap of his father Ernesto Gonzalez Jr., at a restaurant in Lynn, Mass. The boy disappeared in August 2008 during a visit with his father.

Lawrence McGuire, said no evidence taken during police searches of Gonzalez's apartment backs up his story. "I would say the district attorney is skeptical," McGuire told The Daily Item of Lynn. McGuire did not return calls from the AP.

Some forensic experts said Gonzalez could have killed and dismembered his son the way he described, then used bleach or another strong cleaning agent to remove the blood. But others said it is highly unlikely he could have killed his son in such a ghastly way without leaving any trace.

"If someone shed blood and they cleaned it up, you can still find it," said Gary Rini, a former police officer and crime-scene investigator who is now a consultant in Cleveland. "The only way you are not going to find it is if they remove the surface upon which the blood was shed period." In this case, that would require removing the kitchen floor and the bathtub.

Steve O'Connell, a spokesman for the district attorney, would not say what

kind of testing police did for blood in Gonzalez's apartment or whether any new tests were done after Gonzalez gave his account from jail, where he was being held on child endangerment charges.

Two weeks after Gonzalez's alleged confession, he was charged with parental kidnapping and misleading police. The misleading-police charge was based not on what he told the reporter, but on his initial insistence that he had not seen his son the weekend he disappeared.

Colon said she and Gonzalez lived together until Giovanni was 2. She said she ended their relationship after Gonzalez swung a chair at her, hitting a cabinet behind her. While they were together, Gonzalez helped take care of Giovanni and never hurt him, she said.

After the couple split up, Gonzalez petitioned a court for visitation rights, and the boy began spending weekends last summer with his father.

After the first two visits, Giovanni chattered happily

about how he and his father had gone to the park, colored and watched movies together, his mother said.

AP photo

On Friday, Aug. 15, Colon dropped Giovanni off again. Witnesses said they saw the boy on Saturday, kicking a ball with his father, then accompanying his father to an appointment with a therapist. But when Colon went to pick up Giovanni on Sunday afternoon, no one answered the door. The next day, police arrested Gonzalez.

Authorities searched for the boy in Massachusetts, Florida and Puerto Rico, where Gonzalez and Colon were born and have family.

Police found blood on a mop in the apartment and said Gonzalez had a cut and bandaged finger he would not explain. But authorities later said the blood was the father's, not his son's.

Colon pleaded for Giovanni's safe return on television and on the Internet. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children put up thousands of posters. The case was also featured on "America's Most Wanted."



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FUEL REPORT

The average price for fuel in south-central Idaho has plummeted to record lows. The average prices for a gallon of regulargrade gasoline in the region was \$1.74, while the average price for diesel was \$2.19.

The national average for a gallon of gasoline was \$1.84, while the average in Idaho was \$1.68, according to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report.

Light, sweet crude for March delivery fell 74 cents to settle at \$45.73 after fluctuating throughout the day. Gasoline futures rose just over 2 cents to \$1.18 a gallon.

Gas prices

• Twin Falls: Maverik Country Stores, 120 Sixth Ave. W.: \$1.67

• Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: **\$1.67**

• Burley: Smith's Fuel, 937 E. Main St.: \$1.65

Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Fil Mart-Phillips 66, 1612 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.: **\$2.31**
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: **\$2.20**

• Burley: Smith's Fuel, 937 Main St.: \$2.07

*Price quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at anytime.

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy							
Block	Close	Change					
Average price	\$1.070	+.006					
Barrel							
Average price	\$1.098	+.025					
Butter							
Average price	\$1.121	011					
Whey protein	concentrate						
Average price	\$.54	_					
Class III milk							
Average price	\$15.28	_					
Class IV milk							
Average price	\$10.35	_					

Feed **Corn (Per 100 pounds)**

Dairy Feed Supply \$7.75 Land O'Lakes \$7.00 Rangen \$7.25

Gould: Ag department budget cuts not dire

Some positions and programs will be frozen to compensate for cuts

By Carol Ryan Dumas Ag Weekly writer

A budget cut of 30 percent to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, announced by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, is not as steep as it sounds, said ISDA Director Celia Gould.

be removed from the state's general fund and does not represent the agency's entire funding, which includes dedicated funds and federal funds. The general fund represents about 32 percent of that total funding.

For example, the budget cut includes one-time funding appropriated to fight Eurasian milfoil and noxious weeds.

"Some of that has been replaced by federal funding," Gould said.

In his State of the State address, Otter announced \$217 million in proposed budget cuts in 2010 from She said the cut in funding will the original fiscal 2009 appropria-

tions of about \$2.96 million, and he has already cut about \$130 million from 2009 spending.

According to the Associated Press, the $3\overline{0}$ percent cut to the Ag Department amounts to \$5.3 million.

Gould said her agency has already restructured the budget to meet the recommended cuts under the Department's voluntary zero-based budget this year.

She said the agency had worked on restructuring all summer.

"The governor has been great about giving us the latitude to do what we needed to do to make

some cost cutting," she added.

The voluntary cuts included holding four vacant positions open, three in the water-quality arena, working with the Idaho Department of Water Resources to make sure there are "no holes" in the state's water-quality efforts, she said.

The other position is in range management.

"We're doing some streamlining in that respect," she said, "saving money out of operating and administration costs."

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Researchers: Climate change will impact WATER SUPPL Regional changes in precipitation may

require new approach to management

By Cindy Snyder Times-News correspondent

BOISE - Snowpack data confirms what older Magic Valley residents remember: Winter used to mean a lot more snow. Researchers say that if the trend continues, streamflow levels and how it is allocated will change significantly during

the next 50 years. The April 1 snowpack — a critical factor in deter-

mining stream flow and irrigation water supplies through the summer — has declined 30 percent to 60 percent in the Pacific Northwest during the last 50 years.

Much of the loss is in the mid-level elevation sites, said Rick Allen, a professor of water resources engineering at the University of Idaho's Kimberly Extension and Research Center.

months.

"That means there is either less snow or an earlier melt," he said.

Over the last 100 years, the average annual

temperature for the region has

only risen by 1.5 degrees. But the

greatest temperature change

has occurred during the winter

Winters are now 2.7 degrees warmer

users and managers during the Idaho Water

than in the past and that affects both snow accumulation and runoff, Allen told water

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MARKET FORECAST

Forecast looks down on beef, wheat and dairy - potatoes and hay remain strong **Times-News staff**



Cattle markets are challenged, with producers facing increased production costs, and slower global and domestic demand. Stymied by a U.S. economic recession, cattle markets have shifted up and down in short time periods.



Volatile grain prices have decreased significantly from their previous high points. Prudent management and forward contracting find most producers in the Northwest poised for positive financial returns. Looking forward, wheat growers insuring crops with Revenue Coverage are best positioned for the volatile commodities markets.

Barley (Per 100 pounds)

Rangen	\$6.40	
Ogden	\$7.07	+.
Pocatello	\$5.65	
Burley	\$6.00	

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Hay (Mid/Ton)

Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low \$150	High \$150
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$135	High \$135
Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$120	High \$120

Small grain

Soft white wheat

Rangen	Ask	N/A
Ogden	\$4.72	03
Pocatello	\$4.55	_
Burley	\$4.25	—

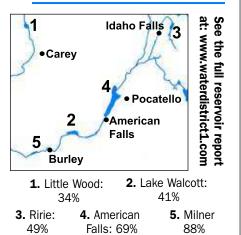
Livestock

Lambs and hogs

Feeder lambs	Low \$64	High \$98						
Fat lambs	Low \$87	High \$97						
Breeding ewes	Low N/A	High N/A						
Feeder hogs	Low \$50	High \$70						
Fat hogs	Low \$41	High \$48						
Price quotes as of Monday afternoon.								
Prices subject to change at any time.								
To be included in this table, call								
Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.								

More commodities on B2

RESERVOIR LEVELS



Schafer leaving USDA with head held high

Outgoing secretary was key in developing loans for alternative fuel producers

By James MacPherson Associated Press writer

BISMARCK, N.D. — Outgoing U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer said he leaves Washington, D.C., with a sense of accomplishment and no regrets — and no plans to run for another office.

Schafer, who was North Dakota's Republican governor from 1992 to 2000, has long ignored the urging of fellow Republicans, including former President Bush, to seek a U.S. Senate seat.

"I don't have any interest in the legislative branch - I'm just not a legislative branch type of guy," he said Wednesday. "I don't have any plans or visions of any elected office."

He said he is packing up and leaving Washington for a long road trip through the South with his wife, Nancy, before returning to their North Dakota home in a few weeks.

Bush nominated Schafer in October 2007 to replace former Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns, who left the agriculture post to run for



Photo courtesy U.S. Department of Agricultur **Departing U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ed** Schafer and Deputy Secretary Conner hold a news conference call with reporters discussing administration accomplishments.

the Senate. Schafer was confirmed last January during heated debate

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DAIRY: **V**

(Arrow down) Declining milk prices overshadow a profitable 2008 for dairy producers throughout the Northwest. Rather than expanding, dairies are building capital in anticipation of continued low prices.

HAY:

Hay demand and prices in the Northwest has slackened. By September, market activity slowed, pushing prices downward. In December, alfalfa prices \$50 per ton reduction. Alfalfa and straw have been the hardest hit by softening demand.



Fueled by historically high prices, potato growers are concerned about a recent upswing in production. However, if prices remain strong, most growers' financial position remains strong in 2009.

Information provided by Northwest FCS.

Potato stocks down 10 percent compared to previous year

Declining demand prompts calls by growers to curb production

Times-News

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho are down about 10 percent com-

pared to the previous year because of lower production in 2008.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that potato stocks on Jan. 1 totaled 7.3 billion pounds — about 850 million pounds less than the previous vear.

Prices for potatoes have strengthened since 2008 because of the limited potato production.

During the past two years, the number of acres devoted to potato production declined as more more growers turned to higher profit crops, such as alfalfa and grains.

United Potato Growers of Idaho told growers last week to curb production in 2009 as the economic slump limits demand for tubers.

The department of agriculture said potato disappearance in stocks, currently at 4.1 billion pounds, is down from last year's 4.8 billion pounds.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Ore. used 662 billion pounds of potato stocks, which were harvested in 2008, during December — down 6 percent from the previous year.

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REPORT COMMODITY

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New Lows

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New Lows

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Corn	413.00	403.00	404.75	+ 3.2
Soybeans	1040.00	999.00	1009.00	
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BFP Milk	XX.XX	XX.XX	10.82	+ .04
BFP Milk	9.48	9.48	9.36	0
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Treasury bond	128.18	127.08	127.21	2
Coffee	122.50	118.75	122.20	+ 2.5
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BEANS

Valley Beans Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers

Pintos, no quote, new crop; great northerns, no quote; pinks, no quote, new crop; small reds, no quote, new crop. Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Jan. 21.

Proces current Jan. 21. Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Pintos, Ltd. \$38; great northerns, not established; small whites, not established; pinks, not established; small reds, Ltd. \$38-\$43. Quotes current Jan. 21.

GRAINS

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3 New Highs 9 102 New Lows 428,742,708 | Volume 1,814,154,784 shipping points Friday. Russet Burbanks Idaho 50-lb cartons 70 count; 100 count. Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A). Russet Norkotahs Idaho 50-lb cartons 70 count; 100 Baled 5-10 film bags (non Size A). Russets Norkotahs Wisconsin 50-lb cartons 12.00-12.50; 100 count 10.50-11.00. Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A) 9.00-9.50.

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LIVESTOCK

Intermountain Livestock LIVESTOCK AUCTION — Burley Livestock Market on Thursday. Utility and commercial cows 35.00-45.00; Thursday. Utility and commercial cows 35.0045.00; canner and cutters 28.00-35.00; heavy feeder steers 78.00-86.25; light feeder steers 83.00-104.50; stocker steers 100.00-122.00; heavy holstein feeder steers 45.0064.150; light holstein feeder steers 40.00-50.00; heavy feeder heifers 78.00-85.00; light feeder heifers 82.00-97.50; stocker heifers 90.00-120.00; slaughter buils 45.00-57.75; Remarks: Yearlings \$4-5 lower. Light calves & cows steady.

METALS/MONEY

		ncy exchange rate Friday in New York
Dollar vs:		
Yen	89.02	88.76
Euro	\$1.3137	\$1.2974
Pound	\$1.3938	\$1.3768
Swiss franc	1.1404	1.1568
Canadian dollar	1.2253	1.2340
Mexican peso	14.0785	14.0765

By The Associated Press

By The Associated Press Selected world gold prices, Monday. London morning fixing: \$906.50 up \$30.75. London afternoon fixing: \$910.25 up \$34.50. NY Handy & Harman: \$910.25 up \$34.50. NY Handy & Harman: \$910.25 up \$34.50. NY Engelhard: \$912.45 up \$34.56. NY Engelhard fabricated: \$980.88 up \$37.15. NY Merc, gold Jan. Mon. \$908.50 up \$13.20. NY HSDC Bank USA 4 p.m. Mon. \$903.00 up \$8.00.

NEW YORK (AP) — Handy & Harman silver Monday \$12.170 up \$0.300. H&H fabricated \$14.604 up \$0.360 The morning bullion price for silver in Londor \$12.100 up \$0.640. Engelhard \$12.240 up \$0.860. Engelhard fabricated \$14.688 up \$1.032. NY Merc silver spot month Monday \$12.102 up \$0.170.

onferrous metals EW YORK (AP) — Spot nonferrous metal prices

Monda Aluminum -\$0.6350 per lb., N.Y. Merc spot Mon.

MARKET SUMMARY

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For a complete listing of stocks and mutual funds, go to Magicvalley.com/business. All stocks are reported in real-time, as well as the latest news on issues affecting the market.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letters' list. Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly

or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted. Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ... mark. Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family

Sell: Net asset value, or price at which fund could be sold. Chg: Daily net change in the NAV.

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. d -New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian \$. Stock price in U.S.\$. n – New issue in past 52 wks. q – Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks. Div begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trad-ing day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. t – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants.

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Most active stocks above must be worth \$1 and gainers/losers \$2.
Mutual Fund Footnotes: e – Ex-capital gains distribution. f – Previous day's quote. n · No-load fund. p – Fund assets used to pay distribution fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply. s – Stock dividend or split. t – Both p and r. x – Ex-cash dividend.

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The cut in operating costs, including not filling the four positions, represents 10 percent to 12 percent of ISDA's budget.

"We had hoped to shift some funding (into) other areas that need some attention, animal care inspections/investigations," Gould said.

A voluntary cut that brought attention recently was the agency's decision to mandate two days off without pay for employees.

"If you get into a holdback situation and get into June (the end of the state's fiscal year) and have to take those

days, it doesn't work for us," she said, adding that June is a busy time for the agency. "We wanted to be proac-

tive, do something when it worked for the Department of Agriculture; we're seasonal in some respects," she said.

Gould said taking the time at the holidays had no impact on industry groups and no impact on the agency, although she realizes it did impact employees.

"We had some employees that were upset; we also had a lot of employees that we're really tickled, it (positions saved) might have been one

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of their jobs. Far more were pleased," than upset, she said. "Again, we heard a little grumbling, but those folks were in the minority by a long shot."

Gould said the overall sentiment reflected the hard-working, dedicated people who make up the agency, "ready to go the extra mile for our ag industry" and she really appreciates their effort and enthusiasm.

The two unpaid days off were a one-time, cost-savings measure aimed at this fiscal year.

'We're hoping we don't have to do that again, but in

these economic times, no on can make promises," she said.

And although the justannounced budget cut won't be as dire as it might appear at first glance, she said it will have some effect on the agency.

"People might have to be a little patient as to when we can get to their needs, but we'll still get the job done," she said.

While budget cuts are never welcome, the other side is that taxpayers foot the agency's budget.

"Producers are struggling, too," she said, "people who pay our bills.'

Schafer

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on the \$290 billion farm bill. Schafer said working on the massive bill, which eventually passed in May, was the highlight of his tenure as agriculture secretary.

"It was awesome — I loved the job," he said. "You just don't get those opportunities to work with the president and be part of the governance of the United States.'

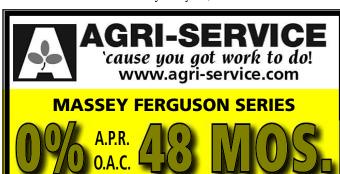
Schafer said he's leaving the Agriculture Department in good order for former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, President Obama's choice to oversee the country's food

"It was awesome — I loved the job."

— Outgoing U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer

tive forms of fuel as celluknow yet what I want to bite into, in a long-term basis," he said. "I can look back and say I

put my stamp on some pretty significant things, even though I was there only a year," Schafer said.



Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice.

Soft white wheat, ask: barley, ask: oats, ask: corn ask (15 percent moisture). Prices are given daily by ask (15 percent moisture). Prices are given daily by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Jan. 21. Barley, \$8.00 (48-lb. minimum) spot delivery in Twin Falls and Gooding; corn, no quote (Twin Falls only). Prices quoted by Land O'Lakes Inc. in Twin Falls. Prices current Jan. 21.

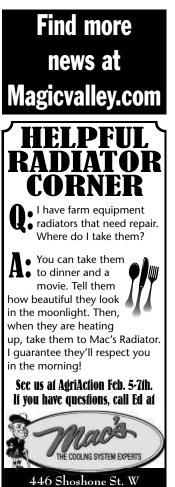
Intermountain Grain POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain and Livestock Report on Monday. POCATELLO – White wheat 4.65 (steady): 11.5 per-cent winter 4.97 (up 10); 14 percent spring 6.84 (up 1); barley 6.25 (steady); BURLEY — White wheat 4.45 (up 10); 11.5 percent winter 5.18 (up 13); 14 percent spring 6.80 (up 8); barley 6.00 (up 25); barley 6.00 (up 25); OGDEN — White wheat 4.89 (up 11); 11.5 percent winter 5.41 (up 20); 14 percent spring 7.14 (up 7); barley 7.26 (up 1); PORTLAND — White wheat 5.85 (up 10); 11 percent winter 6.37-6.44 (up 15 to up 8); 14 percent spring 8.19 (down 2); barley n/a; NAMPA — White wheat cwt 7.75 (steady); bushel 4.65 (steady);

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Barrels: \$1.1000, nc; Blocks: \$1.0900, + .0150

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CHICAGO (AP) — USDA — Major potato markets FOB



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quote). Silver — \$12.102 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Mon. Mercury — \$650.00 per 76 lb flask, N.Y. Platinum \$935.00 troy oz., N.Y. (contract). Platinum \$991.10 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Mon. n.q.not quoted, n.a.not available r-revised

and farm programs.

"We set up a good transition and implementation team and I'm pleased about that," Schafer said.

He also is proud of multimillion dollar federal loans for developing such alterna-

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wife have no immediate plans but want to take a long driving tour through the South beginning Thursday, before returning to their Fargo home.

Schafer said he and his

"I'm not worried about keeping busy, but I don't

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Water

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Users Association annual convention in January.

"We are seeing snow melt start four to nine days earlier," Allen said. "The earlier the melt starts, the greater risk that water runs by irrigation conveyances before irrigation demand comes on."

When looking at climate change models, temperature is more dependable than precipitation.

In general the models suggest the Pacific Northwest will see little change in total precipitation, and the region may even see more winter precipitation. But temperatures could increase 3 to 4 degrees within 100 years if more clean and green technology is adopted versus a projected increase of 7 to 11 degrees if present policies and technology are used going forward, Allen said.

Putting the two projections together, Allen and regional scientists believe it is likely that spring snowpack will continue to decline - especially if winter temperatures keep rising.

"We could see more liquid precipitation so we won't even build a snowpack," Allen said.

Or the snow line could move higher meaning less low elevation snow would be available in watersheds such as the Henry's Fork.

Higher temperatures and a loss of low elevation snow could mean future droughts will be both more intense and longer lasting. Warmer temperatures will also increase the crops' daily water requirements, and a potentially longer growing season could mean a greater demand for irrigation water at a time when reservoirs are harder to fill.

If winter precipitation comes in the form of rain instead of snow, flooding could also become a greater threat.

Researchers said that increasing reservoir storage to capture streamflow, as well as managing reservoirs to mitigate the risks of both droughts and floods are just a few of the challenges ahead.

"With or without climate change, we've got to be ready on how we're going to manage this as an economy and a water user community," Allen said. "We can't take the pain of a 'gorilla drought' away, but maybe we can spread the pain around."

University of Idaho, along with Idaho State University and Boise State University, are collaborating on a five-year research effort to adapt climate models to the Upper Snake and Salmon basins including the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

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Cheesemaking workshop set in T.F.

Idaho practitioners of industrial cheesemakingincluding plant operators, cheese makers, and quality assurance and operations personnel are invited to a University of Idaho Extension and TechHelp workshop, "Principles of Industrial Cheesemaking," on Feb. 3 and 4 at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs in Twin Falls.

Taught by cheese and food technologist Dean Sommer and senior scientist Mark Johnson of the Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research, the workshop will cover milk composition, coagulants and standardization as well as cheese technology, starter cultures and ingredients, pasteurization, cheese evaluation, yields, mechanization and more. The workshop will be

held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 3 and 4. The cost is \$450 for one participant or \$385 per person if two or more enroll from the same firm.

For more information, contact Paula Peterman at 208-364-6188 or paulap@ uidaho.edu or visit www. techhelp.org http://www.techhelp.org/>.

Pest management plan available for organic potato production

A pest management strategic plan for Western organic potato production is now available online through the Western Integrated Pest Management Center.

The report includes insects, diseases, weeds, nematodes and vertebrates and production overviews of Idaho, California, Colorado,

Columbia Basin, Klamath Basin and west of the Cascade Mountains.

The plan was developed by growers, commodity associations, food processors, crop consultants, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Cooperative Extension and other landgrant specialists and was funded by the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services as well as the Organic Farming Research Foundation and the Bullitt Foundation.

The plan is available at www.ipmcenters.org http://www.ipmcenters.org>

NATION **Maine lawmakers** recommend cuts in dairy price support

AUGUSTA, Maine — In a fresh blow to Maine dairy farmers, a legislative panel is recommend-

ing a \$4.8 million cut in price supports for milk.

Tuesday's proposal by the Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation Committee comes on the heels of predictions earlier this month that milk prices are crashing and could, within two months, be roughly half what farmers received a year ago.

"This is the perfect storm for dairy," Julie Marie Bickford of the Maine Dairy Industry Association said. "All our farmers are squeezed to the breaking point."

The recommended reduction in subsidies represents about 37 percent of the amount officials say would be needed to fund the program during the coming fiscal year. The state Department of Agriculture was asked to cut \$4.8 million to help close the state's looming budget gap.

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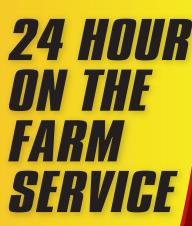


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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Agriculture futures trade higher

CHICAGO — Agriculture futures advanced Monday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for March delivery jumped 17.25 cents to \$6 a bushel; March corn rose 7 cents to \$3.975 a bushel; March oats gained 2.75 cents to \$2.1775 a bushel; and March soybeans surged 22 cents to \$10.31 a bushel.

Beef futures were higher and pork futures traded mixed on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. April live cattle rose 0.6 cent to 86.4 cents a pound; March feeder cattle inched up 0.2 cent to 92.95 cents a pound; February lean hogs lost 0.72 cent to 58.2 cents a pound; and February pork bellies advanced 1 cent to 81.75 cents a pound.

Tyson reports 1Q loss on high costs LITTLE ROCK, Ark. —

Tyson Foods Inc. announced a \$112 million loss Monday for its first quarter, but the world's largest meat producer also said the prices it pays for feed are receding and the company could return to profitability within two quarters.

The loss of 30 cents per share in the period that ended Dec. 27 compares with a profit a year earlier of \$34 million, or 10 cents per share, and comes even though revenue rose slightly to \$6.52 billion

from \$6.48 billion. The company, which has beef and pork processing plants in the Iowa cities of Columbus Denison, Junction, Perry, Storm Lake, and Waterloo, was scalded by high grain and fuel costs, particularly in its chicken business, which lost \$286 million for the quarter. But feed contracts executed when prices were high are expiring, and Interim Chief Executive Officer Leland Tollett cut poultry production 5 percent in December.

Home Depot to cut 7.000 jobs. close Expo chain

CHICAGO — Home Depot Inc. plans to eliminate 7,000 jobs while shutting down its smaller home improvement brands as the recession continues to batter the nation's housing market.

Home Depot's plans also include 2,000 cuts to nonstore jobs, including 500 workers in its corporate headquarters, while freezing the pay of its officers. Most of the cuts affect workers at Expo Design Centers, YardBIRDS, Design Centers and HD Bath, a bath remodeling business. Combined, the four operate about four dozen locations.

Home Depot said Expo, a high-end retailer that sells everything from throw pillows to stylish bathroom remodels, never performed financially.

- wire reports

Leading economic indicators, home sales rise

Job cuts grow as businesses scale back

By Ellen Simon Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - A flood of federal bailout money pushed a private research group's monthly forecast of economic activity unexpectedly higher in December, while a decline in home prices boosted housing sales.

Existing home sales rose 6.5 percent in December to an annual rate of 4.74 million units, as the median home sales price plunged 15.3 percent to \$175,400 from \$207,000 a year ago. The decline is the largest yearover-year drop in records going back to 1968.

Separately, the New Yorkbased Conference Board's monthly forecast of economic activity increased 0.3 percent in December. Economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters

had expected a 0.3 percent decline.

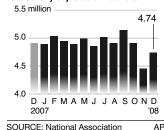
The group's index of leading economic indicators had fallen 0.4 percent in November and a revised 1.0 percent in October.

If the jump in the money supply had been excluded, the index would have dropped a 0.6 percent hefty in December, said Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics in Valhalla, N.Y.

The index is designed to forecast economic activity in the next three to six months based on 10 economic components, including stock prices, building permits, average weekly manufacturing hours and initial claims for unemployment benefits.

With most components falling steeply, the Conference Board said unemployment

Home sales Sales of existing homes in millions of units: Seasonally adjusted annual rate



SOURCE: National Association

could rise to 9 percent from 7.2 percent as the country remains in an intense recession through spring.

Job cut announcements piled up Monday. Home Depot Inc. said it plans to eliminate 7,000 jobs while closing four dozen of its smaller home improvement stores. Sprint Nextel Corp. said it is eliminating about 8,000 positions as it seeks to cut annual costs by \$1.2 billion.

The Conference Board's

leading economic index is about 5.0 percent lower than its most recent peak in July 2007. Over the last six months, a separate Conference Board index has seen its largest decline since 1980.

In home sales, buyers took advantage of dramatically lower prices, especially in distressed markets like California, Florida and Nevada, where foreclosures have swamped the market. Prices in the West dropped 31.5 percent from a year ago, according to a home sales report Monday from the National Association of Realtors.

"Buyers will continue to have an edge over sellers for the foreseeable future," said Lawrence Yun, the organization's economist.

For all of 2008, there were 4.9 million existing home sales, down more than 13 percent from a year earlier, and the lowest total since 1997.

Federal Reserve expected to keep rates at record lows

With the country stuck in a painful recession, the Federal Reserve is widely expected to keep its key interest rate at an all-time low this week and examine other unconventional ways to lift the economy.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are battling a three-headed economic monster: crises in together — haven't been seen since the 1930s.

While Bernanke has pledged to do all he can to Federal Open are racing ahead to enact an increased spending and tax cuts to revive the economy.

WASHINGTON (AP) — cial markets that — taken rates near zero and may offer options going forward. greater insights into what other steps might be taken to ease the problems. The Market provide relief, President Committee - the central Barack Obama and Congress bank's main policymaking group — opens a two-day \$825 billion package of meeting today to assess ecogovernment nomic and financial conditions, review the effectiveness of programs already in place Against that backdrop, the to deal with the trio of crises the housing, credit and finan- Fed is all but certain to hold and examine new relief

At its previous meeting in December, the Fed took the unprecedented action of slashing its key rate from 1 percent to a new, targeted range of between zero and 0.25 percent. Economists predict the Fed will leave rates at that record-low range on Wednesday and probably through the rest of this year in a bid to help brace the economy.



riding with your family in local parades, drills, & trail riding. Next meeting will be held Feb. 19th at 7 pm, Jerome Co. Fairgrounds. For more information contact: Charlene Royce (208)539-5804, Luann Studer 731-4311, or Rochelle Shank 731-9812.

Filer Junior Riding Club, are seeking more members (ages 8-18) for 2009. Contact Karen Stoker at 308-3377 or Rick Schulz 308-4552.

Magic Valley Miniature Horse Club, Welcomes Registered, Non-registered

and Long Ears (under 38 inches) horse owners. For more Information, contact: Debbie Emery 326-3951 or Stacy Storrer 732-0020. Grass Roots Cutters, which is an equestrian cutting club centrally located in

423-9055 for more details.

Thursday Evenings (7pm) Jackpot Ranch Sorting & Practice Copus Cove Arena, Buhl, ID. Call 543-6695 or 731-6635.

Jan. 7th thru March 11th - (6:00 pm-7pm) (One hour per week every Wednesday evening) Free Horsemanship Course will be taught to High School-College Level (limited to 30 people). Located at Billingsley State Park Arena; Thousand Springs State Parks in Hagerman, Idaho. Instructor: Phil Dawson CEO America Fundraisers Inc. AFA (trained) Journeyman Blacksmith, Journeyman Trainer, AA, Ag. Mgnt.; AA, Welding; BS, Business -M.B. ed. The course will consist of: 1. Horse: Vital Functions-1st Aid on the trail. 2. How to move around the horse-and horse body language. 3. Tack fit-and Adjustment. 4. Tools- ie; Bits- Biting steps and $^{1\!\!/_2}$ steps. 5. Reining techniques, and aids. 6. Some problem solving. 7. Anatomy and physiology of the leg and feet. *Must sign up by Jan. 31st* by calling (208) 841-2215.

horseaffairs.com for more details.

Feb. 20th, 21st, &22nd-(8am-5pm) Toby Lapp School of Equine Excellence, "A piece of the Puzzle" Tour 2009 Horsemanship Clinic at the J Lazy J Training Stables in Filer, ID (just West of Twin Falls on Pole Line Road). Limited to 10 horse and riders. Please contact Toby Lapp @ (208) 731-3315 or email topylapp@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

Feb. 21st — (Registration closes @ 11:45am SHARP. 2 man ranch sorting starts @ Noon) Magic Vallev Team Sorting Association. Come have fun with us! Held at Copus Cove Arena (1731 E. 3900 N. Buhl). Contact: Lelsie 420-2290; Dan 308-3494; Roger 578-0351; Roy 539-6884.

Feb. 21st (11am check in--Rodeo starts at noon) -Idaho Little Buckaroo *Rodeo*. Youth Rodeo Series available to youth ages 16 and under. Held at the Rocky Mountain Events Center (old Simper Barn) in Rupert, Idaho. Entry's due by Feb. 14th. For more information visit www.littlebuckaroorodeo.com.

Twin Falls. Membership information, location details & Entry forms at <u>www.</u> grassrootcutters.com

Every Saturday (12:00 -2 pm) Magic Valley Pony Club meetings at the Southwind Ranch in Jerome, Idaho. www.ponyclub.org or call 324-1496 for more details.

Every Tuesday & Thursday (6pm-8pm) College of Southern Idaho Equestrian Team holds meetings at the CSI Expo Center or at the Arrow E Arena when the CSI Expo Center is being used for other events. <u>www.ihsainc.</u> com or call 324-1496 for more details.

Every Sunday (10am) The Idaho Regulators (part of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association) have practice at Danny Mechams. Any one interested in Riding and shooting can call Kent Spaulding 532-4553.

Second Monday of each Month (7 pm) Magic Valley Reined Cowhorse



Jan. 28th & Feb. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - (7:00pm) - Arrow E Arena, Twin Falls, ID. Team Roping Practices. Public is welcome to come and practice. Details available at www.arrowearena.com.

Jan. 31st—(Time Onlys at 11am & race at 1:30pm) Super Bowl Saturday Race, Shu-Fly Arena; Gooding, ID. Sage-land Co-approved. Open 4D Races with Sr., 17 & under, novice classes & Pole Bending. Enter at Race or Call - Lana Parker @ 208-536-2772.

Jan. 31st — (11am check in--Rodeo starts at noon) Idaho Little Buckaroo Rodeo, Youth Rodeo Series available to youth ages 16 and under. Held at the Rocky Mountain Events Center (old Simper Barn) in Rupert, Idaho. Entry's due by Jan. 24th. Get more information at www.littlebuckaroorodeo.com.

Jan. 31st — (Registration closes @ 11:45am SHARP. 2 man ranch sorting starts @ Noon) Magic Valley Team Sorting Association Invitational, Bring a Beginner and they will sort with a seasoned member. Held at Copus Cove Arena (1731 E. 3900 N. Buhl). Contact: Lelsie 420-2290; Dan 308-3494; Roger 578-0351; Roy 539-6884.

Feb. 10th - (6:30 pm) High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Meeting will meet at the home of Evelyn Jones in Twin Falls. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. with meeting at 7:00 p.m. Interested horsepersons are welcome bring a potluck dish. For more information call 539-7766 or 324-4754.

Feb. 14th – Top of the West Quarter & Paint Horse Sale & Stallion Preview, Golden Spike Arena, Ogden, UT. For more information call (435) 286-2281.

Feb. 15th—(Time Onlys at 11am & race at 1:30pm) President's Day Race, Shu-Fly Arena; Gooding, ID. AW & Sage-land Co-approved; Time Event Jackpot. Open 4D Races with Sr., 17 & under, novice classes, Pole Bending & Breakaway. Enter at Race or Call - Lana Parker @ 208-536-2772.

Feb. 27th & 28th -Southern Utah/Dixie Rodeo, Hurricane, UT. Support CSI's Rodeo Team.

Feb. 28th & March 1st —(Time Onlys at 11am & race at 1:30pm) Spring Fever Two-Day Race with Average Awards, Shu-Fly Arena; Gooding, ID. AW & Sage-land Co-approved. Open 4D Races with Sr., 17 & under, novice classes & Pole Bending. Get Pre-Entry forms at www.shuflyarena.com or Call -Lana Parker @ 208-536-2772.

March 6th & 7th -Western State University Rodeo, Ogden, UT. Support CSI's Rodeo Team.

March 6th (5 pm-9 pm)—Blue Ribbon Training Presents: Beginners *Clinic* by Paul Butler located at the Billingsly Creek Park (Indoor Arena) in Hagerman, ID. Participants Wanted & must pre-register (Limited to 10 Riders) for more information or to pre-register contact Charlene Royce (208)539-5804, Luann Studer (208) 731-4311 or Rochelle Shank (208) 731-9812 Silver Spurs Equestrian Team.

March 7th & 8th (9 am-4 pm)—Blue Ribbon Training Presents: Horsemanship/Reining Clinic by Paul Butler located at the Billingsly Creek Park (Indoor Arena) in Hagerman, ID. Participants Wanted & must preregister (Limited to 20 Riders) for more information or pre-register contact Charlene Royce (208) 539-5804, Luann Studer (208) 731-4311 or Rochelle Shank (208) 731-9812 Silver Spurs Equestrian Team.

March 7th & 8th -33rd Annual Winning Ways Barrel & Pole Clinic, Shu-Fly Arena; Lana & Kali Jo Parker- Instructed (PARKER PRO RODEO HORSES) in Gooding, ID. Get entry forms at www.shuflyarena.com or Call -Lana Parker @ 208-536-2772.

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South Locust Mini Storage, 197 South Locust, Twin Falls, ID 83301 will sell entire contents of 4 storage units to the highest bidder on site 2/06/2009 at 9:00 AM, cash only at time of sale. To be removed by 5:00 PM 2/06/2009

Carolyn Hessler, Unit 61, 527 James Ave, Twin Falls, ID 83301

Jessi Arbaugh, Unit 124, 3481 Algurs Drive #2178, Las Vegas, NV 89115. Angela Hills, Unit 133, 773 Boyd St., Chubbuck,

ID 83202.

Christina Sanders, Unit 141, 3553 N 2900 E, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the office of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301,

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashlers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 3 of Hillwood Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book 11 of Plats at Page(s) 36, Official Records of Twin

Falls County, Idaho. THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 935 Katherine Street, Buhl, ID 83316, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSO-CIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Jay A. Waters and Robin M. Waters, whose interest was subsequently assumed by Danielle Valentine Easley and Juan J. Easley, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance as Beneficiary, recorded February 7, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006-003076 and rerecorded on March 7, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006-005515, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLI-GATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission that the following Public Hearings will be held on February 23, 2009, starting at 7:00 p.m., at the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Meeting Room, 145 7th Ave East, Gooding, ID.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT Rebecca Nebeker, 913 E. 2700 S., Hagerman, ID 83332. The address of the preschool location is the same above, which is located in the SE ¼ of the NE of Section 23, Township 7 South, Range EBM in a Transitional 2 (T-2) Zoning Distr The Special Use application is to allow preschool in the home with 6 children in ea class

VARIANCE Ben LeaVell, 1867 E. 1750 Gooding, ID 83330. The property is in the na of Alonzo B. LeaVell. The grid address of storage unit location is the same, which is loc ed in the SW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 31, Towns 5 South, Range 15 EBM in a TransitionI 2 (T Zoning District. The Variance is for a 25 back from the public right-of-way(Railron instead of the required 50'.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT Ben LeaVell, 1867 1750 S., Gooding, ID 83330. The property is the name of Alonzo B. LeaVell. The address of the storage unit location is the san which is located in the SW ¼ NE ¼ of Sect 31, Township 5 South, Ranch 15 EBM in Transitional 2 (T-2) Zoning District. T Special Use application is to allow 2 stora unit buildings each 24' x 200' with 40 units building (20 on each side).

A complete description of the request is on with the Office of the Planning and Zon Administrator and available upon request. Any person(s) may attend and written and/or o testimony shall be taken. A five-minute ti limit on oral testimony of supporters and op nents shall be enforced. All written testimo

more than one page long, must be submitted the Planning and Zoning Office seven days pr to the hearing (February 17, 2009). The regular meeting of the Planning and Zon

Commission will follow the hearing and general public is invited to attend. All this is in accordance to Idaho Code: 67-65

Gooding County Zoning Ordinance #78. Dated this 23rd day of January, 2009. Submitted by

Judy Davis Administrator P&Z

PUBLISH: January 27, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: ID-168451-F Loan No.: 01809022 A.P.N.: RPT55410030100 NOTICE IS HERE GIVEN that, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSU ANCE COMPANY the duly appointed Succ sor Trustee, will on 4/2/2009 at 11:00 AM (n ognized local time), At the entrance to the P American Title Company Building, 260 3 Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID., will sell at put auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in law money of the United States, all payable at t time of sale, the following described real prop ty and personal property, situated in the Cou of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described follows: LOT 10 IN BLOCK 3 OF VILLA VIS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO TO OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BO 11 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 9, OFFICI

NOTICE OF HEARING

The City of Burley will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2009 at 7 PM at Burley City Hall to consider increases in the following fees. Any interested person may speak at the public hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearing the City Council may take action to approve, reduce or deny the fees. Burley City Hall is accessible to all. Anyone desiring any special accommodations should contact City Hall at 878-2224 24 hours before the public hearing.

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Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$101,420.15 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8.37% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated January 30, 2006. Payments are in default for the months of August 2008 through and including December 2008 in the amount of \$754.59 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or The principal balance as of reinstatement. December 19, 2008 is \$96,540.27 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 8.37% per annum. The per diem is \$20.49. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collec-tion fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foredosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$96,540.27, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: January 13, 2009 Alliance Title & Escrow Corp By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer Phone: (877) 947-1553

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RECORDS OF TWIN PALLS COUNTY, IDAH The Trustee has no knowledge of a m particular description of the above reference real property, but for purposes of complian Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trus with. has been informed that the address sometin associated with said real property is: CORONADO TWIN FALLS, Idaho 83301 S sale will be made without covenant or warra regarding title, possession or encumbrances satisfy the obligation secured by and pursu to the power of sale conferred in the Deed Trust executed by: TERRY L MCKNIGHT MARRIED MAN DEALING AS HIS SOLE A SEPARATE PROPERTY, as grantors, to LIANCE TITLE, as Trustee, for the benefit security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REG TRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ("MERS") AS NO INEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC F/ GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Be ficiary, dated 10/24/2007, recorded 10/30/20 as Instrument No. 2007-026536 and re-reco ed , records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, beneficial interest in which is presently held MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATIK SYSTEMS, INC.. THE ABOVE GRANTO ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 4 1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENT TION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR A NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR TH OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale to be made is the failure to pay when due, un Deed of Trust and Note dated 10/24/2007. monthly payments for Principal, Interest and pounds (if applicable) of 964.01, due per mo from 7/1/2008 through 4/2/2009, and all sub quent payments until the date of sale or re statement. The principal balance owing as this date on the obligation secured by said De of Trust is \$122,869.17, plus accrued interes the rate of 6.75% per annum from 6/1/2008. delinquent amounts are now due, together v accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid a accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fe attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced protect the security associated with this forec sure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause trust property to be sold to satisfy said oblition. Dated: 11/24/2008 FIRST AMERICAN TLE INSURANCE COMPANY Dee Ortega, thorized signatory C/O Executive Trustee vices, LLC at 2255 North Ontario Street, St 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Li (714) 730-2727 ASAP# 2936320

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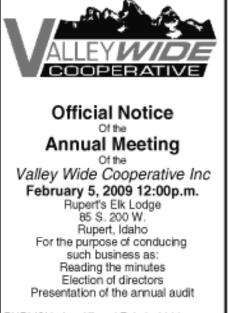
PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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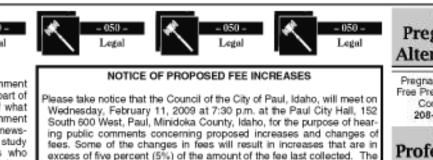
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TS No. 08-0114005 Title Order No. 080133904IDGNO Parcel No. RPR020305A02-TOA The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, Inside the North entrance to Lincoln County Courthouse located at 111 West B St. Shoshone, ID 83352, on 05/04/2009 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/15/2007 as Instrument Number 183148, and executed by SHARA G COMER, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COM-PANY, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Lincoln County, state of Idaho: SEE ATTACHMENT EX-"A" The Trustee has no knowledge of a HIBIT more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 340 E LINCOLN AVE, RICHFIELD, ID 83349 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title. possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Fallure to pay the monthly payment due 07/01/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late



reason for the fee increases is that the fees need to be increas order to offset the costs incurred by the City. The last fees co and the proposed fees are as follows: Existing Fee Description Propose KENNEL FEES (effective March 1, 2009 \$150.00 or Noncommercial kennel licensing fee \$10.00 per year application \$75.00 at \$200.00 or Commercial kennel \$10.00 per year for the first two dogs and licensing fee application an additional \$3,00 per \$100.00 a year for each additional dog re First violation of \$50.00 \$1 kennel ordinance \$100.00 Second violation of \$2 kennel ordinance SANITATION COLLECTION FEES (effective June 1, 2009 Sanitation-roll carts \$9.00 per month \$11.00 per r for one container; for one cont \$5.50 per mon \$4.50 per month for each add'ti container each add'ti con Base rate of \$8.00 per Sanitation-all other Base rate of \$ customers month plus \$7.00 per per mo plus yard of container capacity; per yd of con \$15.00 per mo minimum capacity; \$ per mo min SEWER FEES (effective June 1, 2009) Sewer-1 residential unit and/or residential unit equivalent \$32.00 \$ WATER FEES (effective April 1, 2009 "Winter Rates" Meter Size November-March October \$31.00 \$46.50 \$93.00 \$155.00 \$1 "Summer Rates" April-October May-Septe Meter Size \$21.00 plus \$1.00/1000 \$22.00 plus \$ gal exceeding 1000 gal exce 15,000 gal p 15,000 gal per mo \$31.50 plus \$1.00/ \$48.00 plus 1000 gal exceeding 1000 gal exce 22.500 gal 22.5per month per n \$94.50 plus \$1.00/ \$96.00 plus : 1000 gal exceeding 1000 gal exce 45,000 gal 45,0 per month per n \$157.50 plus \$1.00/ \$160.00 plus 1000 gal exceeding 1000 gal exce 75,000 gal 75.0 per month per n A copy of the proposed fee schedule is available at Paul City Hall, Idaho, during normal business hours. You are invited to appear time and place of hearing and provide comment on the proposed DATED this 20th day of January, 2009. CITY OF PAUL By Kent Fletcher, Attorney



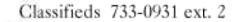
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I don't want to disappoint my mom, but I'm afraid I'll get caught and get in trouble with the law. What should I do?

— SHOPLIFTING FOR MOM DEAR SHOPLIFTING: What

your mother is doing is a form of child abuse. You are a smart girl, and you can have a bright future. It will, however, become much harder for you if you are arrested for shoplifting. That is why I am urging you to talk about this with a counselor or trusted teacher at school. You need more help right now than anyone can give you in a letter. Please don't put it off because I am worried about you.

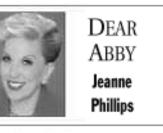
DEAR ABBY: My husband, 'Kirk," and I have been married for 12 years. About a year ago we moved overseas because my husband is in the military. Before the move, Kirk was gone for a year, and I became very independent because I had to do everything myself. We had had some problems before, but since the move they have gotten worse.

We don't talk or even stay in the same room for very long. Kirk treats me like a roommate and

IF JANUARY 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: During the next three weeks you can make crucial decisions or changes and the results will be almost entirely fortunate or in some way in your best interest. Until the middle of February you seem to have an angel looking over your shoulder who can guide you to make wise choices and smart assessments of situations and people. If you have not been sure of relationship, this is the time to put it to the test because a bad relationship will crumble while a good one will be strengthened. August is a month to make a successful splash in any professional business setting. October is a perfect time for a romantic getaway

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't feed strays or invite trouble. Those green-eyed monsters pop up in everyone's heart at some time or another. Like stray dogs, they can follow you home and take over your household if you let them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):



hasn't touched me in more than a year. I have tried to talk to him about this, but all I get is, "I don't know what I want."

Abby, he makes it sound like it's all my fault. To say the least, this causes me stress and I end up yelling at our kids, which isn't fair to them. Please help me because I don't know what to do.

– UNHAPPY MILITARY WIFE

DEAR UNHAPPY WIFE: Your marriage is in serious trouble, and it won't improve unless you and your husband can find a safe place in which you can communicate frankly and honestly. An excellent place to start would be by talking to the chaplain on the base where your husband is stationed. If your husband won't go with you, then go alone.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 20 and in an abusive marriage, I had an affair with a much older man I'll call "Ben." Ben promised he would take me away from the pain, and we both left our respective partners.

Twenty years later, Ben's ex-wife

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"Your eyes are too big for your

stomach." Where love or money is

concerned, you could fall victim

to a big appetite that you cannot

humble pie and like it. Those

hearty pats on the back you imag-

ine are yours by right might not be

as richly deserved as you think.

Don't expect praise before a job is

hand, you could pull down every-

body around you to climb to a

higher place. On the other hand,

you could help everybody around

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Show

the world what you've got. There is

a tendency to dumb down infor-

mation so that everybody can

understand it. Abide by the rules,

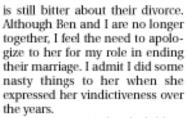
you to move upward with them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): On one

done

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Eat

possibly satisfy at the moment.



I am now married with children and lead a very different life, and I'm ashamed of my behavior back then. I want to accept accountability for what I did and give her the chance to address me. I don't think she will be receptive, but for her to still carry this anger 20 years later — and never to have remarried - validates that I have caused her much pain.

Should I write her, call her or just put it behind me once and for all?

- REMORSEFUL IN GEORGIA

DEAR REMORESEFUL: If 1 understand you correctly, what you want is to lessen your guilt by letting this woman tell you how deeply hurt she was that you helped to destroy her marriage. I can see the benefit for YOU, but how will it benefit her besides dredging up all the pain and anger you caused her? Will it ease either one? I doubt it. Nor will it cause her to remarry or to think better of you.

Better to let the scab stay in place rather than pick at it and concentrate on finding another avenue for redeeming yourself.

stretch the budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A masterly command of welllearned business maneuvers allows you to roller skate through commercial activities. You can flaunt your passions with a capital "p," but this won't impress a lover.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. Remain 21):confident. Remember the ant of song that carried the rubber tree. You, too, can handle things much bigger than you are. This doesn't mean that this is a good time to borrow money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Greed and envy are often the two biggest culprits that cause discontent. Be a realist and understand that other people aren't really that much better off and that what you want probably isn't essential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Apply your energies to concrete results. If Chicken Little had spent more time scratching up some feed, he wouldn't have been so worried about the sky falling. Don't get caught up in groundless

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Don't be bugged by minor con-

cerns. You might be feeling a little

dissatisfied with the most impor-

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Wait it out. A frustrating situation might make you feel emotionally stuck between a rock and hard place. Hold off on making new contacts, since the people you already know need your attention. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You

may have heard the expression,

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2009. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 27, 1967, astronauts Virgil L "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft at Cape Kennedy, Fla.

On this date:

In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87.

In 1943, some 50 bombers struck Wilhelmshaven in the first all-American air raid against Germany during World War IL

In 1944, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

but don't be afraid to shine with intelligence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Neither a borrower nor a lender be. When something grabs your attention, you tend to want it right now. But instant gratification could prove costly if you must pressure someone or

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1945, Soviet troops liberated

In 1951, an era of atomic testing

in the Nevada desert began as an

Air Force plane dropped a one-

kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flat.

In 1967, more than 60 nations

In 1973, the Vietnam peace

In 1981, President Ronald

Reagan greeted the 52 former

American hostages just released

Ten years ago: The Republican-

controlled Senate blocked dis-

missal of the impeachment case

against President Bill Clinton and

then voted for new testimony from

Monica Lewinsky and two other

witnesses - but by margins well

signed a treaty banning the orbit-

ing of nuclear weapons.

accords were signed in Paris.

by Iran at the White House.

the Nazi concentration camps

Auschwitz and Birkenau in

Poland.

oust the president.

fears.

Five years ago: John Kerry won the New Hampshire Democratic presidential primary. A jury in New York heard opening arguments in the trial of Martha Stewart, who was accused of lying about a stock sale. (She was convicted in March 2004 and sentenced to five months in prison.) Former "Tonight Show" host Jack Paar died in Greenwich, Conn., at age 85.

One year ago: Former Indonesian president Suharto, whose regime killed hundreds of thousands of left-wing political opponents, died in Jakarta at age 86. Gordon B. Hinckley, the 15th president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died in Salt Lake City at age 97. Novak Djokovic fended off unseeded Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (2) in the Australian Open final, earning his first Grand Slam title. Evan Lysacek won his second straight title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, in St. Paul, Minn.



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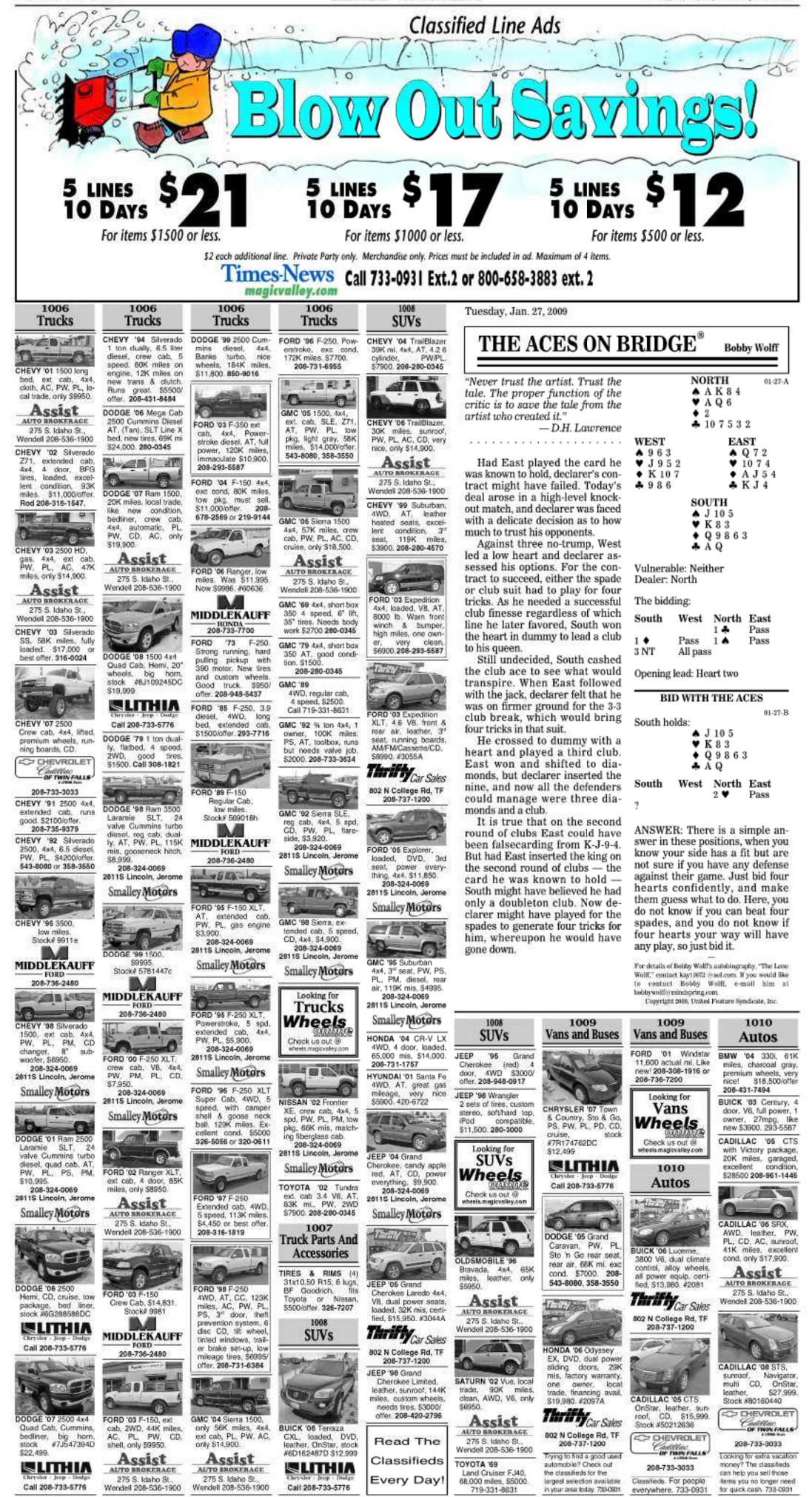


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Attention turns to Tampa Warner, Whisenhunt lead **Steelers arrive at Super Bowl** relaxed, confident young Cardinals

By Bob Baum **Associated Press writer**

TAMPA, Fla. — Thanks to a strong tail wind. Kurt Warner and the Arizona Cardinals arrived in town ahead of schedule Monday to get ready for an unexpected Super Bowl appearance.

Warner, who won a Super Bowl title with St. Louis in 2000, leads a team of

Cardinals who are mostly newcomers to the NFL's biggest stage. After all, the franchise hasn't played in a title game since 1947.

"Unlike probably the other two, and I think definitely the first one, this one up to this point was really like business as usual," he said. "I really felt like it was just another road trip. The whole Super Bowl thing hasn't hit me vet." Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt has been here before, as offensive coordinator of Pittsburgh's Super Bowl champions of three seasons ago.

"It's a little muggy out here," Whisenhunt said, "But fortunately we've got a week to get used to that.'

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By Alan Robinson **Associated Press writer**

TAMPA, Fla. — The one question hanging over the Pittsburgh Steelers as their practice week begins for the Super Bowl is whether wide receiver Hines Ward will play with a sprained knee. Here's the answer:

"I'm playing," Ward said Monday after arriving with his teammates. "I would have played if the game had been last week."

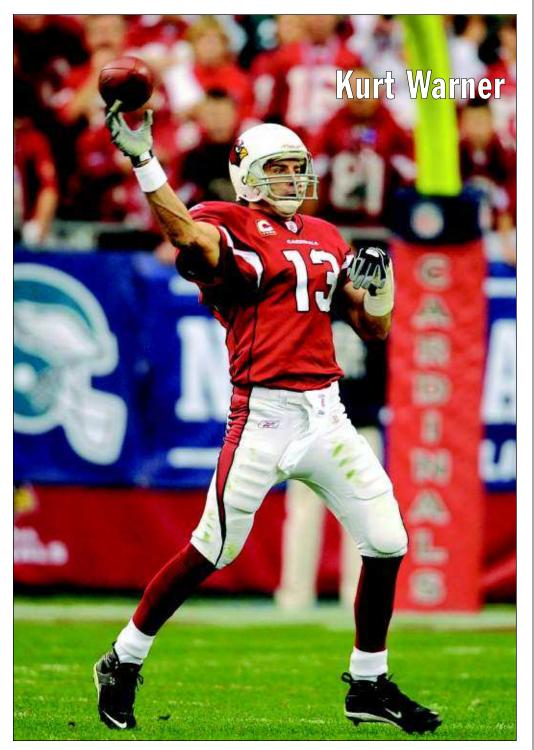
Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was startled anyone would doubt that one of the NFL's toughest and most physical offensive players — and the Super Bowl MVP three years ago would play.

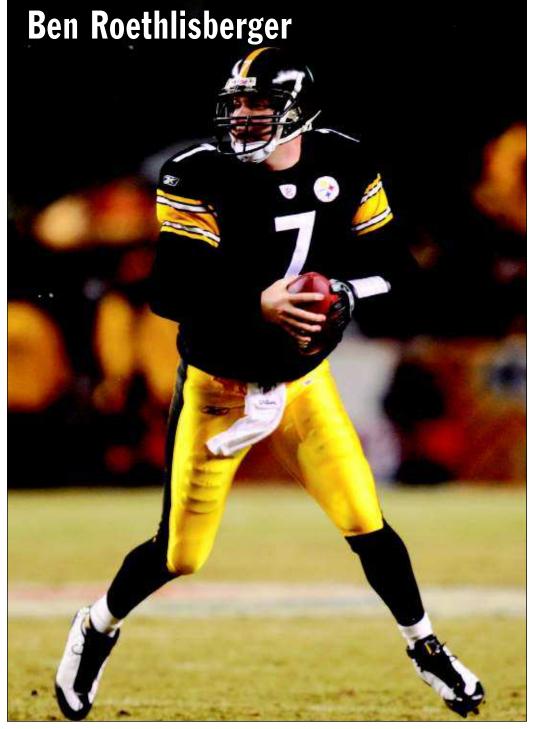
"People ask me that question and I want to smack

them," Roethlisberger said. "It's Hines Ward, he's going to be out here. It's the Super Bowl."

Ward was hurt in the first quarter of the AFC championship game with Baltimore and never returned. He has been listed as questionable for the Super Bowl. Coach Mike Tomlin said Ward

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Excuses, rivalries and the final tally

ouncing around the basketball world while eagerly awaiting the madness of March ...

No more excuses

Steve Gosar has been a patient man this season, and he's had to be. With only one returning a player from last year's squad, a College of Southern Idaho men's basketball roster made up almost entirely of freshman was bound to have some growing pains.

But after Saturday's 78-73 home loss to No. 7 Salt Lake Community College, Gosar seemed ready to see his patience give way to his team's performance.

"I think these freshmen need to realize that the freshman excuse is over," said Gosar. "This is January. We need to start playing with more composure.'

Of CSI's four losses, three went down to the final minutes and featured critical miscues that hindered the



Golden Eagles' cause. With the Region 18 Tournament just 10 games away, Gosar is anxious to see those errors replaced by execution.

Rivalry week

Some of the region's fiercest NCAA rivals meet on the basketball court this week. It begins tonight as Utah hosts BYU (8 p.m., The Mtn.). The Cougars have had the Utes number of late, winning four straight. But Utah is moving in the right direction under second-year head coach Jim Boylen. Former CSI head coach

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Murray loses Down **Under to Verdasco**

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Murray may have to wait awhile before he's picked again to win a Grand Slam tournament.

Touted by British bookmakers as a favorite at the Australian Open, Murray lost to No. 14 Fernando Verdasco of Spain in five sets Monday in the fourth round. He twice blew a oneset lead and missed chances to break serve in the pivotal sixth game of the deciding set. He then dropped serve in the subsequent game and was beaten 2-6, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

All of which was a big letdown for Murray, who defeated No. 1 Rafael Nadal and No. 2 Roger Federer in an exhibition in Abu Dhabi this month leading to the season's first major.

"I don't know if I'll be the favorite for a Slam in the next year or so after today," he said.

Nadal had a far easier time, downing 2007 runner-

up Fernando Gonzalez of Chile 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. He has yet to drop a set ahead of his quarterfinal against sixth-seeded Gilles Simon.

"I am playing well, but you never know if it's going to be enough," said Nadal, who had 33 winners and just 11 unforced errors.

Verdasco will meet fifthseeded Tsonga, а Frenchman who defeated No. 9 James Blake 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (3) in a night match interrupted by a fireworks display around the stadium to celebrate Australia Day.

Of the top eight seeded players, Murray will be the only one missing from the quarterfinals at Melbourne Park. Never in the Open era have all eight top seeds filled every spot in a Grand Slam quarterfinal lineup.

Serena Williams lost the first set 6-3 to 13th-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus. Williams, annoyed with her erratic first serve, screamed at herself and

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Ky. coach pleads not guilty in player's death

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A Kentucky high school football coach on Monday pleaded not guilty to reckless homicide in the heatrelated death of a 15-yearold player who collapsed while running sprints at a sweltering August practice.

David Jason Stinson was released without having to post bond following his arraignment. A grand jury last week indicted Stinson, who was in his first year as head coach, in the death of Pleasure Ridge High School offensive lineman Max Gilpin.

This is not about football, this is not about coaches," Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney David Stengel said after the hearing. "This is about an adult person who was responsible for the health and welfare of a child."

Gilpin was one of six people to die because of the heat in high school and college athletics in 2008. Stengel said he doesn't know if this is the first case in which a coach has been criminally charged in such a death that happens occasionally in all levels of athletics.

One of Stinson's attorneys, Brian Butler, said the case won't be settled without a trial because his client "is not responsible for this child's death."

'Coach Stinson absolutely believes that he is innocent of these charges. This is a tragedy beyond belief for (Gilpin's) family," Butler said. "His heart goes out to them."

The sophomore died Aug. 23 of complications from heat stroke, three days after collapsing at practice when the temperature felt like 94 degrees. His family attended the hearing but did not speak to reporters.

However, Jeff Gilpin and Michele Crockett, the player's divorced parents, have jointly sued the school's coaching staff, accusing them of negligence and

No. 4 Oklahoma beats Oklahoma State 89-81

STILLWATER, Okla. — Blake Griffin scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half and No. 4 Oklahoma survived a 3-point onslaught by Oklahoma State to escape with an 89-81 victory Monday night in the Bedlam rivalry game.

Oklahoma's Austin Johnson hit a 3-pointer from the left wing after the Cowboys had cut a 14-point deficit to one with less than 7 minutes to play, and the Sooners (20-1, 6-0 Big 12) opened conference play with

a 6-0 mark for the first time. Johnson finished with 22 points.

Reserve Juan Pattillo, a former standout player at the College of Southern Idaho, added 12 as Oklahoma won its fourth straight Bedlam game for the first time since a streak that ended in 1991.

Byron Eaton scored 17 points to lead Oklahoma State (13-6, 2-3) in first-year coach Travis Ford's Bedlam debut. Obi Muonelo, James Anderson and Keiton Page all added 15 points.

NO. 8 MARQUETTE 71, NOTRE DAME 64

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -Jerel McNeal had a seasonhigh 27 points and Wesley Matthews made some key baskets down the stretch Monday night to lead No. 8 Marquette to a 71-64 victory over Notre Dame, the Fighting Irish's fourth straight loss.

Matthews had 16 points and Dominic James added 15 for the Golden Eagles (18-2, 7-0), who have won 10 straight. Luke Harangody

had 29 points and 17 rebounds for the Irish.

Women's Top 25 NO. 1 CONNECTICUT 93, NO. 6 LOUISVILLE 65

STORRS, Conn. — Maya Moore had 27 points and 11 rebounds, freshman Tiffany Hayes added a career-high 23 points, and top-ranked Connecticut routed No. 6 Louisville 93-65 on Monday night to remain unbeaten.

UConn (20-0, 6-0 Big East) has opened with 20 straight wins for the second consecutive season and sixth time since 1994-95. The Huskies have run over their competition this season, winning by an average of 34 points. They beat then-No. 4 Oklahoma in November, dismantled then-No. 2 North Carolina last Monday, and now blown out Louisville.

NO. 19 VIRGINIA 75, **CLEMSON 67**

CLEMSON, S.C. — Lyndra Littles scored 15 of her 22 points in the second half and

Virginia held off a late rally to win its sixth straight over Clemson.

The Cavaliers (16-4, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) led 53-38 after Aisha Mohammed's basket with 14:29 to play and looked ready to cruise. But the Tigers (12-9, 2-5) rallied behind the long-distance shooting of Kirstyn Wright. The sophomore, who hadn't made a 3pointer in Clemson's previous six games, hit three in a row to make it 57-52.

- The Associated Press

Shaq goes off on Wizards

WASHINGTON Shaquille O'Neal had no problem with back-to-back games at the end of a road trip, scoring 29 points Monday night as the Phoenix Suns wrapped up a six-game East Coast swing with a 103-87 win over the

Washington Wizards. O'Neal went 10-for-14 from the field, 9-for-10 from the free throw line and had eight rebounds in 36 minutes for the Suns, who salvaged their trip by winning the last two games to finish 3-3. O'Neal had 19 points and 11 rebounds in 39 minutes in Sunday night's victory over Atlanta.

Amare Stoudemire added 22 points and 15 rebounds, and Steve Nash had 14 points and 15 assists for the Suns, whose 53-38 rebounding advantage helped overcome their 17 turnovers.

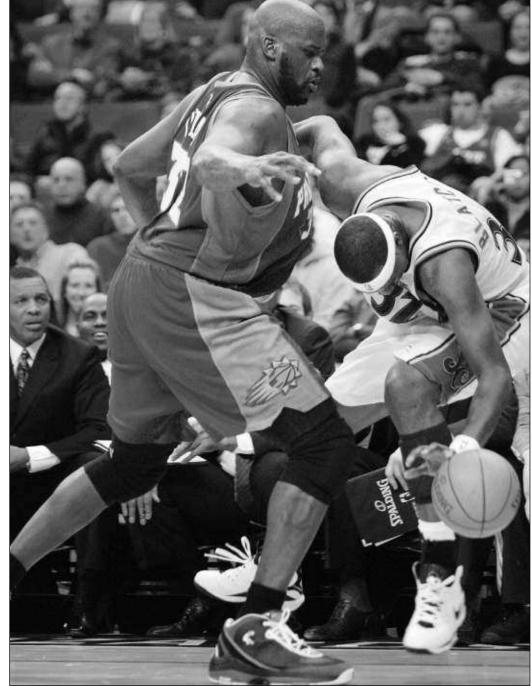
Caron Butler scored 28 points, and Antawn Jamison had 27 for the Wizards, but they didn't get much help as Washington lost for the 10th time in 12 games.

HEAT 95, HAWKS 79

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade finished with 35 points and the Heat held the Hawks without a field goal for nearly 13¹/₂ minutes during one first-half stretch.

Atlanta set a franchisefutility record with its 27point first half. Still, the Hawks got within seven points early in the final quarter before a quick 11-3 burst fueled by Wade and Mario Chalmers sealed it for Miami.

Daequan Cook scored 16



AP photo

Report: Mountain West making push for BCS auto bid

McLEAN, Va. (AP) — The Mountain West Conference is pushing for an automatic annual entry into the Bowl Championship Series' postseason lineup, USA Today reported on its Web site Monday night.

The newspaper said that presidents and chancellors of the league's nine schools, along with commissioner Craig Thompson, will press for a meeting with BCS coordinator John Swofford, to discuss an automatic berth into the BCS.

"I would not be optimistic," Thompson said. "As I explained to them (the Mountain West presidents), it's a series of legal contracts among 11 conferences, four bowls, two TV partners with yet another TV partner coming in. I would not see much of a relaxation."

Conference champion Utah finished second in the AP Top 25, earning 16 of 65 feated 2004 season.

first-place votes after it finished an undefeated season by beating Alabama 31-17 in the Sugar Bowl.

But the Utes had to force their way in to the four bigmoney games, which also include the Fiesta, Orange and Rose Bowls.

Only champions of the six BCS conferences — the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC automatically qualify.

Two other successful Mountain West teams this season, TCU (11-2) and BYU (10-3), had to settle for lesser bowls. TCU beat then-undefeated Boise State in the Poinsettia Bowl and BYU lost to Arizona in the Las Vegas Bowl.

Utah was the first team from one of the five non-BCS leagues to qualify for the BCS a second time. The Utes beat Big East champion Pittsburgh 35-7 in the Fiesta Bowl after an unde-

Former ISU Coach faces felony theft charge

POCATELLO — A former financial discrepancies. softball coach at Idaho State University has been charged with felony theft and is accused of stealing tens of thousands of dollars from the team.

The Associated Press

after university official approached him about

points and Chalmers added 12 points and six assists for Miami (24-19), which moved a season-best five games over .500. Udonis Haslem had а game-high 13 rebounds.

KNICKS 104, ROCKETS 98

NEW YORK — Wilson Chandler responded to being taken out of the starting lineup with 18 points to lead the Knicks to their first win over Houston since 2004.

Chandler's 3-pointer with more than two minutes left gave the Knicks the lead for good at 97-96. The Knicks had lost eight straight to Houston.

McGrady Tracy led Houston with 20 points in his second game back from a left knee injury.

The Rockets were playing

Phoenix Suns center Shaquille O'Neal, left, fouls Washington Wizards center Andray Blatche Monday during the second half of a game in Washington.

without center Yao Ming (sore right knee) for the second straight game.

THUNDER 94, NETS 85

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored nine of his 18 points in the third quarter, when the Oklahoma City Thunder outscored New Jersey 31-14 on the way to a 94-85 victory Monday night.

Russell Westbrook had 13 points and eight rebounds. and Jeff Green scored 13 for the Thunder, which led by as many as 30 in the fourth quarter before New Jersey's reserves rallied to make things interesting.

Brook Lopez scored 18 for the Nets. Vince Carter, averaging 21.6 points per game, had just eight on 2-of-12 shooting.

Devin Harris (21.8) scored 10 wasn't nearly enough. and was 4-of-17.

BUCKS 90, TIMBERWOLVES 83

MILWAUKEE — Al Jefferson scored 23 points and had 10 rebounds and Ryan Gomes added 22 points, lifting the Minnesota Timberwolves short-handed over the Milwaukee Bucks 90-83 on Monday night.

The Timberwolves, winners of 10 of their last 12, snapped a four-game losing streak by relying on Jefferson, who roamed the paint freely with Bucks center Andrew Bogut missing his seventh straight game with back spasms.

Ramon Sessions had 18 points replacing Redd, Charlie Villanueva added 15 and Richard Jefferson 10, but it

HORNETS 101, 76ERS 86

NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul had 27 points, 15 assists, 10 rebounds and seven steals for his fifth triple-double of the season, and the New Orleans Hornets defeated the Philadelphia 76ers 101-86 on Monday night.

Peja Stojakovic highlighted a 26-point performance with six 3-pointers for New Orleans, which was badly outscored inside but made up for it with 14 3s as a team.

Thaddeus Young had 22 points and Andre Miller 19 for the Sixers, who lost for only the second time in their past 10 games.

— The Associated Press

Former coach Larry Stocking has been charged with grand theft by Bannock County Deputy Prosecutor Ken Webster. Stocking resigned from his coaching job in September

He was hired in February 2005.

University officials say Stocking mishandled nearly \$26,000 of the team's budget by submitting fake expense reports. He has repaid nearly \$20,000.

A summons has been issued for Stocking to appear in court by Feb. 11. He faces up to 20 years in iail and restitution.

Death

Continued from Sports 1

"reckless disregard," with details about their son's health made part of the lawsuit.

A doctor cleared him to participate in football in May. Crockett, in written answers to questions in the lawsuit, disclosed that her son had taken the dietary supplement Creatine for a time but stopped in July when football practice started.

declined to Stengel address the use of the supplement or any of the possible evidence in the case. Creatine is a natural compound found in the body that is also available as an over-the-counter supplement. Some athletes use it to increase muscle mass, though the side effects are still unclear.

Crockett also said her son had been taking Adderall, which is prescribed to treat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and Pleasure Ridge athletic director Craig Webb confirmed in a separate deposition that the school knew he had been taking the drug because it was listed on his athlete information form.

Dr. Ronald Terjung, professor of physiology in the department of medical sciences at the University of Missouri, noted in a study for the American College of Sports Medicine in 2000 the Creatine helped in weight training but that there were no benefits in endurance performance or aerobic function.

Butler said the defense will explore Gilpin's medical history to see if he had any health problems, but declined to directly address the use of Creatine.

"But we certainly want to know what his health conditions were because we've been charged with a homicide," Butler said. "Unfortunately, we have to look into those things now."

The coroner's office has said Gilpin died of septic shock, multiple organ failure and complications from heat stroke, although no autopsy was conducted.

Gilpin, who was 6-foot-2 and 220 pounds, collapsed to the turf just 15 minutes after a teammate went down after they ran several "gassers" — sprints up and down the field to increase endurance.

Excuses

Continued from Sports 1

Barret Peery will be on the sidelines for Utah as an assistant to Boylen.

Should be a dandy. On Thursday, the Idaho Vandals host Boise State in an 8 p.m. contest. First-year head coach Don Verlin has the Vandals playing better ball and the Broncos have faded a bit after a 12-3 start. With the game being in Moscow, this could be a real battle.

The teams meet again on Feb. 18 in Boise.

The votes are in

Thanks to everyone who voted in our online readership survey. We asked you what winter sports you most enjoy reading about in the *Times-News* and the

response was impressive. Boys high school basket-

ball was far and away the top vote getter, garnering 197 votes. Girls high school hoops was second (137). The single team with the most readership interest: CSI's men's basketball squad, which took home 69 votes in the weeklong survey.

We also asked you to name your favorite NBA and regional college basketball teams. The Utah Jazz were the dominant pick in the former category. In the latter group, one reader wrote, 'Whoever is playing BSU."

For full survey results, visit Magicvalley.com/blogs/spor ts.

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Murray

Continued from Sports 1 drew a warning for an obscenity.

19-year-old The Azarenka woke up sick and was dizzy and in tears when she quit after going down a break at 2-4 in the second. Azarenka needed a medical timeout in the second set, but lasted only 11/2 more games.

Williams, who has won in Australia every alternate year since 2003, next plays Svetlana Kuznetsova, the 2004 U.S. Open champion.

Olympic champion Elena Dementieva extended her season winning streak to 14 matches with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova on Monday to reach the quarterfinals in Melbourne for the first time in 11 trips.

The fourth-seeded Russian next faces Carla Suarez Navarro, who ousted seven-time Grand Slam winner Venus Williams in the second round. Marion Bartoli will be trying to follow her fourth-round upset of No. 1-ranked Jelena Jankovic with another win over No. 7 Vera Zvonareva of Russia.

No. 7 Andy Roddick, the only American man still in the draw, will play the first of the men's quarterfinals against No. 3-ranked Novak Djokovic, who beat Tsonga in last year's final. Federer will continue his quest to equal Pete Sampras record 14 Grand Slam singles titles in a quarterfinal against No. 8 Juan Martin del Petro, a 20-year-old Argentine.

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6. North Carolina	17-2 636 6	13. Tennessee	15-4 593 10
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TV SCHEDULE MEN'S COLLEGE

ESPN2 — Boston College at Maryland

ESPN — Purdue at Wisconsin NHL HOCKEY

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TENNIS

1:30 a.m.

men's and women's quarterfinals, at Melbourne, Australia



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No games scheduled Tuesday's Games Detroit at Columbus, 5 p.m. Washington at Boston, 5 p.m. Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 5 p.m.

New Jersey at Ottawa, 5:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Florida, 5:30 p.m. Montreal at Tampa Bay, 5:30 p.m. Toronto at Minnesota, 6 p.m. Toronto at Minnesota, 6 p.m. Atlanta at Dallas, 6:30 p.m. Anaheim at Phoenix, 7 p.m. Buffalo at Edmonton, 7 p.m. San Jose at Colorado, 7 p.m. **Wednesday's Games** N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m. Buffalo at Calgary, 6 p.m. Chicago at Anaheim, 8 p.m. Nashville at Vancouver, 8:30 p.m.

RODEO **Pro Rodeo Leaders** Through Jan. 25 All-Around 1. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. \$6,597

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Taif Kvištad, Crawford, Neb. \$5.221
9. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif.
\$5.073
10. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo, \$5.073
11. Mickey Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas \$4,837
12. Spud Duvall, Checotah, Okla. \$4,706
13. Blake Doyle, Granbury, Texas \$4,193
14. Kyle Hughes, Olney Springs, Colo. \$4,158
15. Bryan Fields, Alvin, Texas \$4,153
16. Britt Watters, Huntsville, Texas \$3,864
17. Gabe Taylor, Valentine, Neb. \$3,860
18. Bill Pace, Stephenville, Texas \$3,790
19. Tyler Holland, Belgrade, Mont. \$3,712
20. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. \$3,540
12. Chad Masters, Santo, Texas \$4,482
2. Cooper Wimberly, Belen, N.M. \$7,890
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4. David Key, Caldwell, Texas \$5,270
7. Tommy Edens, Gatesville, Texas \$5,186
4. Jake Kroy, Caldwell, Texas \$4,64
9. Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore, \$4,888
10. Jolo LeMond, Andrews, Texas \$4,475
12. Jb. Yates, Pueblo, Colo, \$4,244
13. Ty Blasingame, Olney Springs, Colo. \$4,187
14. Blaine Linaweaver, Leavenworth, Kan. \$3,972

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Justin Davis, Cottonwood, Calif, \$5,324
 Wade Clayton, Needville, Texas \$5,186
 Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas \$4,999
 Justin Hendrick, Huntsville, Texas \$4,964
 Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. \$4,888
 Justin Copp, Justin, Texas \$4,275
 Jay Wadhams, Pueblo, Colo. \$4,244
 Boby Baize, Antheny, N.M. \$4,187
 Arky Rogers, Lake City, Fla. \$3,881
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\$3,753 16. Marty Becker, Edmonton, Alberta \$3,753 17. Brad Culpepper, Ashburn, Ga. \$3,664 18. Manny Egusquiza Jr, Madison, Ga. \$3,436 19. Joe Day, Howe, Texas \$3,418 20. Bobby Harris, Highmore, S.D. \$3,404 Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Bradley Harter, Weatherford,

\$210,643

Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas \$13,243
 Rusty Allen, Eagle Mountain, Utah \$11,632
 Seth Glause, Rock Springs, Wyo. \$8,043
 Dusty Hausauer, Dickinson, N.D. \$7,247
 Bryan Hammons, Victoria, Texas \$6,969
 Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. \$6,279
 Cody Taton, Newell, S.D. \$6,033
 Kaleb Asa, Powell. Wvo. \$4,638

SKI REPORT

machine groomed 109 109 base 110 of 112 trails 91% open, 2000 acres, 7 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:15a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9 15a-4:30p. Beaver Mountain — Mon 6am 4 new pow-der 61 61 base 30 of 30 trails 100% open, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p. Brian Head — Mon 6am 9 new powder 50 50 base 63 of 63 trails 100% open, 9 of 9 lifts, Mon-Thi: 9:30a-4p; Fri: 9:30a-9p; Sat: 9:30a-9p Sun: 9:30a-4p. Brighton — Mon 5:44am 15 new powder machine groomed 90 90 base 66 of 66 trails 100% open, 26 miles, 1050 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p Sun: 9:a-4p. Idaho Bogus Basin – Sun 10 33pm partly cloudy 15 degrees hard packed 44 49 base 60 of 66 trails, 27 miles, 2400 acres 6 of 8 lifts, 89% open, Mon-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat/Sun: 9a-10p.

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der machine groomed 10 57 base 3 of 3 lifts 95% open, Mon-Thu: 9:30a-4p; Fri: 9:30a-9:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-9:30p. Pomerelle – Mon 7 03am partly cloudy 15 Pomerelle — Mon 7 03am partly cloudy 15 degrees 15 new packed powder machine groomed 66 94 base 24 of 24 trails, 3 of 3 lifts 100% open, Mon: 9a-4p, Tue-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-4p, Schweitzer Mountain — Mon 2 41pm clear

13 degrees loose granular machine groomed 49 72 base 92 of 92 trails, 2900 acres 8 of 10 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Thu: 9a-3:45p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p; Sun 9a-3 45p. Silver Mountain – Mon 6 15pm sunny 18

Silver mountain – won 6 John sunny L8 degrees packed powder machine groomed 32 67 base 65 of 73 trails, 5 of 7 lifts 89% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p. Snowhaven – Sun 9am hard packed machine groomed 36 40 base 7 of 7 trails, 2 of 2 lifts 100% open, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 10a-4p.

2 of 2 lifts 100% open, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Soldier Mountain – Sun Open Thu-Sun 11 44am packed powder machine groomed 37 44 base 36 of 36 trails, 1147 acres, 3 of 3 lifts, 100% open Thu/Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; open Thu/Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; open Thu/Fu. Sun Valley – Mon 5 17am snow 13 degrees 7 new powder machine groomed 38 54 base 75 of 75 trails, 18 of 18 lifts 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Tamarack – Mon 6:12am cldy 4 degrees packed powder machine groomed 29 68 base 42 of 42 trails 5 of 7 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Utah Alta – Mon 5:30am 19 new powder

20. Travis Caldwell, Shepherd, Mont. \$3,480 Steer Roping 1. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas \$8,611 2. Leo Campbell, Amarillo, Texas \$6,831 3. Vin Fisher Jr, Andrews, Texas \$5,380 4. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. \$4,754 5. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas \$4,144 6. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, Texas \$4,124 7. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. \$3,928 8. Cordy Lee Gatesville Drags \$3,673

Second Round Aleksandra Wozniak/Daniel Nestor, Canada, def. Yan Zi, China/Mark Knowles (2), Bahamas, 7-6 (8), 6-4.

TRANSACTIONS

L RAINSACTIONS BASEBAL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Assigned INF Oscar Salazar outright to Norfolk (IL). DETROIT TICERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kyle Bloom, RHP Alfredo Figaro, RHP Chris Lambert, OF Timo Perez, RHP Zach Simons, C Dusty Ryan, INF Michael Hollimon and OF Casper Wells on minor league contracts. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Zack Greinke on a four-year contract. NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with LHP Andy Petilite on a one-year contract. LHP Andy Pettitte on a one-year contract. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Jason Lane and INF Brandon Fahey to

minor league contracts

National League HOUSTON ASTROS–Agreed to terms with RHP Geoff Geary and LHP Wandy Rodriguez on one-year contracts. MILWAUKEE BREWERS-Agreed to terms with MILŴAUKEE BREWERS-Agreed to terms with INF Craig Counsell on a one-year contract. LOS ANGELES DODGERS-Agreed to terms with C Brad Ausmus on a one-year contract. NEW YORK METS-Agreed to terms with LHP Jon Switzer, RHP kyle Snyder and OF Rob Mackowiak on minor league contracts. PITTSBURGH PIRATES-Claimed RHP Virgil Vazquez off waivers from San Diego. FOTBALL National Forball League CAROLINA PANTHERS-Mamed Ron Meeks defensive coordinator.

defensive coordinator. CLEVELAND BROWNS-Announced the resig-CLEVELAND BROWNS—Announced the resig-nation of vice chairman Bob Kain. Announced the resignation of director of player personnel T.J. McCreight. DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed DT Tim Anderson and CB Michael Hawkins. TENNESSEE TITANS—Signed DE Charles Bennett, DE Larry Birdine, OT Pete Clifford, C-G Doug Datish, CG Fernando Velasco, CB Tanard Davis, CB Christian Morton, TE Matthew Mulligan, C Jason Murphy, DT LaJuan Ramsey and WR Craphonso Thorpe.

Auther Mulagait, consolin Horkey League HOCKEY National Hockey League ANAHEIM DUCKS—Recalled LW Drew Miller and D Brendan Mikkelson from Iowa (AHL). BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled G Tuukka Rask from Davidence (AHL) BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled G Tuukka Rask from Providence (AHL). BUFFALO SABRES—Recalled D Marc-Andre Gragnani from Portland (AHL). CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled LW Pascal Pelleiter from Rockford (AHL). COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Placed C Nikita Filatov on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 18

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Emmett, Glenns Ferry at Melba Wood River at Twin Falls Valley, Raft River, Oakley at Wendell

BASKETBALL

5 p.m. ESPN — Kentucky at Mississippi

5:30 p.m.

7 p.m.

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Boston

7:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Australian Open, men's and women's quarterfinals, at Melbourne, Australia

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nen Lewis, La Junta, Colo. \$6,724
 Matt Reeves, Pampa, Texas \$6,677
 T. Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif. \$5,457
 Tait Kvistad, Crawford, Neb. \$5,221
 Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. \$5,073

6. Justin Davis, Cottonwood, Calif. \$5,324

15. Casey Cummins, Lodge Grass, Mont. \$3.753

Fexas

Fourth Round Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues (21), Spain, 6-3, 6-2. Elena Dementieva (4), Russia, def. Dominika Cibulkova (18), Slovakia, 6-2, 6-2. Svetlana Kuznetsova (8), Russia, def. Zheng Jie (22), China, 4-1 retired. Serena Williams (2), U.S., def. Victoria Azarenka (13), Belarus, 3-6, 4-2 (30-30) retired.

14. Neal Wood, Needville, Texas \$2,123
15. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas \$1,847
16. Guy Allen, Santa Anna, Texas \$1,818
17. Pake McEntire, Coalgate, Okla, \$1,803
18. Paul Patton, Abilene, Texas \$1,618
19. Cody Scheck, Alva, Okla, \$1,662
20. Shane Suggs, Granbury, Texas \$1,648
Buil Ruding
1. Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo, \$25,580
2. Clayton Savage, Casper, Wyo, \$14,981
3. Austin Ambrose, Fletcher, Okla, \$1,2331
4. Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla, \$1,2381
5. Stetson Lewis, Tularosa, N.M. \$9,137
6. Bryan Guthrie, Cheyenne, Wyo, \$7,363
7. Cameron Castleberry, Gillette, Wyo, \$5,410
9. Souli Shanklin, Rocksprings, Texas \$4,386
10. Jarrod Ford, Greeley, Colo, \$4,149

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TENNIS

Australian Open Results

Citer Hellen, Pawinska, Ona. 53,525
 Scody Lee, Gatesville, Fexas \$3,673
 Shandon Stalls, McLean, Texas \$3,032
 Will Gasperson, Decatur, Texas \$2,974
 Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz, \$2,467
 Walter Priestly, Robstown, Texas \$2,463
 Don Eddleman, Santa Anna, Texas

14. Neal Wood, Needville, Texas \$2,123

Monday At Melbourne Park Melbourne, Australia Purse: \$15.44 million (Grand Slam) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles Men Fourth Round

Fourth Round Gilles Simon (6), France, def. Gael Monfils (12), France, 64, 2-6, 6-1 retired. Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Fernando Gonzalez (13), Chile, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. Fernando Verdasco (14), Spain, def. Andy Murray (4), Britain, 2-6, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. Jo-Wifried Tsonga (5), France, def. James Blake (9), U.S., 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (3). Women Fourth Round Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Anabel

Totals 35-76 18-22 95.	5. Oklahoma 6. North Carolina	19-1 663 5 17-2 636 6	12. Florida 18-2 595 15	Alleanin		5. Bryan Hammons, Victoria, Texas \$6,969 6. Cody DeMoss. Heflin. La. \$6.279	Serena Williams (2), U.S., def. Victoria	Filatov on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan.
Atlanta 14 13 24 28 – 79	7. Louisville	15-3 547 12	13. Tennessee 15-4 593 10 14. Kansas St. 17-1 490 18	New Jersey N.Y. Rangers	29 15 3 61 145 118 28 16 4 60 127 125	7. Cody Taton, Newell, S.D. \$6.033	Azarenka (13), Belarus, 3-6, 4-2 (30-30)	18
Miami 17 29 18 31 - 95	8. Marguette	17-2 538 10	15. Ohio St. 16-3 466 19	Philadelphia		8. Kaleb Asay, Powell, Wyo. \$4,638	retired. Doubles	EDMONTON OILERS—Recalled F Liam Reddox
3-Point Goals—Atlanta 3-16 (Williams 2-4,	9. MichiganSt.	16-3 475 7	16. Texas 14-4 448 14	Pittsburgh	23 21 4 50 144 146	9. Curtis Garton, New Zealand \$3,539	Men	from Springfield (AHL).
Smith 1-2, Murray 0-2, Johnson 0-2, Evans 0-	10. Xavier	17-2 458 13	17. Notre Dame 15-3 443 13	N.Y. Islander	s 13 29 5 31 115 164	10. Tyrell Smith, Vaughn, Mont. \$3,534	Third Round	MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled D Ryan
2, Bibby 0-4), Miami 7-21 (Cook 3-7, Blount 1- 1, Ouinn 1-2, Chalmers 1-4, Diawara 1-5,	11. Clemson	17-2 425 9	18. Florida St. 17-4 347 22	NORTHEAST	W L OT PTS GF GA	11. Chuck Schmidt, Keldron, S.D. \$3,534	Mahesh Bhupathi, India/Mark Knowles (3).	O'Bryne from Hamilton (AHL).
J.Jones 0-1, Beasley 0-1). Fouled Out–None.	12. Texas	14-4 402 15	19. Virginia 15-4 307 16			12. JJ Elshere, Quinn, S.D. \$3,212	Bahamas, def. Nicolas Lapentti.	NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled F Ryan
Rebounds—Atlanta 51 (Smith 10). Miami 46	13. Butler	18-1 384 17	20. Vanderbilt 15-5 246 17 21. Pittsburgh 14-4 168 25	Boston	34 8 5 73 168 106	13. Wes Burns, Stephenville, Texas \$3,205	Ecuador/Tommy Robredo, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.	Jones and D Alexander Sulzer from
(Haslem 13). Assists—Atlanta 7 (Johnson 4).	ArizonaSt.	16-3 378 16	21. Pittsburgh 14-4 168 25	Montreal	27 13 6 60 145 127	14. Louie Brunson, Interior, S.D. \$2,988	Simone Bolelli/Andreas Seppi, Italy, def.	Milwaukee (AHL).
Miami 16 (Chalmers 6). Total Fouls–Atlanta	15. Syracuse	17-4 321 8	22. lowa St. 15-4 130 –	Buffalo	24 18 5 53 135 133	15. Josh Reynolds, Corvallis, Mont. \$2,976	Andrew Coelho/Joseph Sirianni, Australia, 3-	PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled RW Steven
19. Miami 23. Technicals–Smith. Miami	16. UCLA	15-4 311 11	23. Xavier 17-4 118 -	Toronto	17 22 8 42 136 168 16 21 7 39 108 129	16. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. \$2,868	6, 6-1, 6-4.	Goertzen from San Antonio (AHL).
defensive three second, A-18.103 (19.600).	17. Purdue	15-4 267 18	24. S. Dakota St. 19-2 97 –	Ottawa		17. Alan Frierson, O'Brien, Fla. \$2,697	Lukasz Kubot, Poland/Oliver Marach, Austria,	TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled RW Steve
	18. Saint Mary's	18-1 212 22	25. DePaul 15-5 86 -	SOUTHEAST	W L OT PTS GF GA	18. Mike Outhier, Utopia, Texas \$2,617	def. Carsten Ball/Chris Guccione, Australia, 6-	Downie and G Karri Ramo from Norfolk (AHL).
Thunder 94, Nets 85	19. Memphis 20. Illinois	16-3 193 24	Others receiving votes: Rutgers 60, Oklahoma	Washington	30 15 3 63 153 138	19. Jake Griffin, Powell, Wyo. \$2,474	2, 6-4.	COLLEGE CONFERENCE USA—Suspended Houston
NEW JERSEY (85)	20. IIInois 21. Villanova	17-3 181 24 15-4 113 21	St. 52, Marist 46, Georgia Tech 39, New	Carolina	23 20 5 51 121 142	20. Levi Berry, Morgan, Utah \$2,396 Tie Down Roping	Lukas Dlouhy, Czech Republic/Leander Paes	men's basketball junior G Aubrey Coleman
Simmons 2-6 0-0 5. Anderson 3-9 1-2 8.	21. Villanova 22. Notre Dame	15-4 113 21 12-6 97 19	Mexico 23, Middle Tennessee 12, Boston	Florida	21 17 8 50 129 132	1. Josh Peek. Pueblo. Colo. \$13.158	(4), India, def. Paul Hanley/Jordan Kerr,	one game for violating the league's sports-
Lopez 8-13 2-2 18. Harris 4-17 2-2 10. Carter	23. Georgetown	12-6 97 19	College 10, Montana 6, Gonzaga 5, Bowling Green 4, Indiana 3, Arizona St. 2, San Diego	Tampa Bay	16 21 10 42 121 145	2. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah	Australia, 6-2, 7-5.	manship policy during a game against
2-12 2-2 8. Dooling 2-4 0-2 4. Naiera 1-4 1-2	24. Minnesota	17-3 84 20	St. 1. Va. Commonwealth 1.	Atlanta	17 26 5 39 144 172	\$10.798	Women	Arizona on Jan. 24.
3, Hayes 2-5 0-0 4, Boone 5-6 1-2 11, Hassell	25. Gonzaga	14-4 60 -	St. 1, va. commonwealth 1.		WESTERN	3. Barrett Threadgill, Hallettsville, Texas	Third Round	ALABAMA—Announced the resignation of
1-2 0-0 2. Douglas-Roberts 2-2 4-4 8. Ager 2-		es: Florida 59, Utah State	Standings	CENTRAL	W LOT PTS GF GA	\$7.678	Casey Dellacqua, Australia/Francesca Schiavone (12), Italy, def. Maria Kirilenko.	men's basketball coach Mark Gottfried.
1-2 0-0 2, Douglas-Roberts 2-2 4-4 8, Ager 2- 5 0-0 4. Totals 34-85 13-18 85.	56. Kentucky 50. Ba	vlor 42, Washington 41,		Detroit	31 9 6 68 173 133	4. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas \$7,671	Russia/Flavia Pennetta (7), Italy, walkover.	Named Philip Pearson men's basketball
OKLAHOMA CITY (94)	California 31. Missor	uri 22. Davton 18.	Scenic West Athletic Conference	Chicago	31 9 6 68 173 133 25 12 8 58 152 114	5. Houston Hutto, Del Rio, Texas \$7,430	Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia/Ai Sugiyama	coach.
Durant 6-13 5-7 18, Green 4-10 3-3 13,	Davidson 14, Kansas	s 13, Brigham Young 6,	As of Jan. 25	Columbus	22 20 5 49 129 133	6. J.D. Kibbe, Portales, N.M. \$6,913	(9), Japan, def. Agnes Szavay, Hungary/Elena	CATAWBA—Announced the resignation of
Collison 5-7 2-2 12, Westbrook 3-7 6-6 13,	Florida State 3, UNL	V 2, Virginia Tech 1, West	SWAC ALL	Nashville	20 23 3 43 111 134	Kody Curry, Buna, Texas \$6,449	Vesnina. Russia. 6-1. 6-2.	women's soccer coach John Cullen to take
Mason 3-7 2-4 8, Krstic 3-8 5-6 11, Wilcox 2-	Virginia 1.		W L Pct. W L Pct.	St. Louis	19 23 4 42 133 149	Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas \$6,127	Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany/Patty	the same position at Charlotte.
8 2-2 6, Watson 3-6 3-6 9, Weaver 1-4 0-0 2,	-		CSI 5 0 1.000 16 3 .842	NORTHWEST	W LOT PTS GF GA	9. Clint Cooper, Decatur, Texas \$6,095	Schnyder, Switzerland, def, Lucie Safarova.	MICHIGAN STATE—Suspended ice hockey
Wilkins 0-3 0-0 0, Atkins 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 30-	Sto	ndinco	NIC 4 1 .800 17 3 .850			10. J. Cody Jones, Kelseyville, Calif. \$5,662	Czech Republic/Galina Voskoboeva.	freshman F Andre Conboy and sophomore F
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Blue Devils move to No. 1 in AP poll again

There's a new No. 1 in The Associated Press Arkansas on Thursday. college basketball poll for the third time in four weeks, and it's a familiar spot for Duke.

The Blue Devils (18-1) moved up one place Monday, their first appearance at No. 1 since the final poll of 2005-06. Only UCLA has been top-ranked more in the 59-year history of the poll.

This is Duke's 111th week at No. 1, 23 behind UCLA. The Blue Devils were ranked No. 1 at least one week every season from 1997-98 to 2003-04 and have been there in nine of the past 12 seasons.

Connecticut and Pittsburgh moved up one place each to second and third. Wake Forest dropped from No. 1 to No. 6 after a loss to Virginia Tech.

Pittsburgh was No. 1 for two weeks before Wake Forest.

Gottfried quits as Alabama basketball coach

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Mark Gottfried resigned as Alabama's basketball coach Monday, leaving in the middle of his 11th season amid criticism of both the team's play and the departure of a star player.

The school said Gottfried will immediately be replaced by assistant coach Philip Pearson. Alabama's next game is at

Gottfried, who played at Alabama, said he quit during a meeting with athletic director Mal Moore.

The Crimson Tide's record this year is 12-7, 2-3 in the Southeastern Conference.

Gottfried's teams have missed the NCAA tournament the last two years, and the coach was criticized over the recent departure of point guard Ronald Steele, a preseason firstteam AP All-American pick two years ago, who later was hit by injuries. The school blamed Steele's departure on a recent injury, but Steele said there was more to his decision than that.

BOXING

Klitschkos look to hold all four belts in 2009

MOSCOW — Vitali and Wladimir Klitschko are worried that promoters will deny them the chance of holding all four heavyweight titles.

The Ukrainian brothers currently hold three of the belts — Wladmir is the IBF and WBO champion, and Vitali is the WBC champ.

Only WBA champion Nikolai Valuev stands between a historic four-belt family sweep.

The Klitschko brothers claimed Monday that Valuev's promoters, Don King and German Wilfried Sauerland, are holding up

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the chance for one of them to take his title by offering an unacceptable share of the purse.

Vitali Klitschko said the purse should be split 50-50 because it would pit champion against champion.

Both Vitali, 37, and Wladimir, 32, said they would be ready to fight the 7-foot Russian, and Valuev himself has appeared agreeable to the idea.

MAGIC VALLEY **Soccer** association offers coaching course

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Youth Soccer Association will hold an E-License course from Feb. 21-23 at Twin Falls High School.

The cost is \$65 for members and \$95 for nonmembers. Information: Chris Clark at 316-7005 or twinfallsrapids@yahoo.com.

T.F. Youth Baseball holds sign-ups

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth

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Baseball will hold sign-ups for Cal Ripken Baseball, Babe Ruth Softball and Babe Ruth Baseball from 6-8 p.m., Thursday at the Blue Recreation Building at Harmon Park.

The cost for Cal Ripken and 12U and 10U Babe Ruth Softball is \$50. The fee for Babe Ruth Baseball (ages 13-15) and 14U Babe Ruth Softball is \$65. Fundraiser participation is required for all leagues. Registration forms are available at tfbaseball.com.

Players must provide a copy of their birth certificate to register. Softball players must be between ages 8-14 as of Dec. 31, 2008, while baseball players should be ages 8-15 as of April 30.

Information: Bill Merritt at 280-0802.

Vandal boosters host Winterfest Dinner

TWIN FALLS — The 7th Annual University of Idaho Vandal Winterfest Dinner will be on Friday. at Blue Lakes Country Club. Drinks are at 6 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m. President Steven Daley-Laursen and AD Rob Spear will be at the dinner. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Information: Rob Ellis at 420-0330 or Benny Blick at 537-6787.

Staff and wire reports

SPORTS

Pettitte, Yankees agree at \$5.5 million

NEW YORK — Andv Pettitte and the Yankees agreed Monday to a \$5.5 million, one-year contract that brings the left-hander back to New York.

Pettitte can make an additional \$6.5 million on performance bonuses and bonuses based on time on the active roster.

'There was never another team brought up," Pettitte said during a conference call. "I wanted to come back to the Yankees."

He joins a starting rotation that already includes CC Sabathia, A.J. Burnett, Chien-Ming Wang and Joba Chamberlain. The deal raised the Yankees' projected opening-day payroll to \$196.8 million for 17 players

with agreements.

Late last year, New York had offered a deal that would have guaranteed Pettitte \$10 million, down from the \$16 million he earned last year. New York withdrew that offer after it agreed to a \$180 million, eight-year deal with Mark Teixeira.

"If in fact Andy does in 2009 what he's done before. he'll actually make more money," said Pettitte's agent, Randy Hendricks.

Pettitte pitched for the Yankees from 1995-2003, helping them win four World Series titles, then spent three seasons with his hometown Houston Astros. He returned to the Yankees in 2007 and was 14-14 with a 4.54 ERA

last season, his highest ERA since 1999.

ZACK GREINKE AND ROYALS AGREE TO \$38M. 4-YEAR DEAL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -Right-hander Zack Greinke and the Kansas City Royals agreed Monday to a \$38 million, four-year contract that avoided a salary arbitration hearing next month.

Greinke went 13-10 with a 3.47 ERA in 32 starts for Kansas City last season, setting career highs in strikeouts (183) and innings (202 1-3). His 3.47 ERA was the best by a Royals starter in 11 years.

After earning \$1,475,000 last season, Greinke had asked for \$4.4 million when he exchanged proposed arbitration salaries with the

Royals last week. The team offered \$3.4 million. He gets \$3.75 million this

year, \$7.25 million in 2010, and \$13.5 million in each of the final two seasons.

Greinke would have been eligible for free agency after the 2010 season. Often moody and uncom-

municative early in his career, Greinke left Kansas City's spring training camp in 2006 and returned to his home in Orlando, Fla. The Royals had been worried for more than a year that the pitcher, the No. 6 overall pick in the 2002 amateur draft, might quit baseball.

Since finishing treatment for social anxiety late in the 2006 season, Greinke has steadily improved his on-field performance and admitted

baseball had become fun for him.

A'S WORKING ON DEAL FOR SPRINGER

OAKLAND, Calif. - The Oakland Athletics were close to finalizing a one-year contract with reliever Russ Springer on Monday, with an announcement likely in the coming days.

The 40-year-old Springer still needed to undergo a physical, a formality and final step to making things official after the sides already reached a preliminary agreement.

The right-hander is a 16year major league veteran who pitched the last two seasons for the St. Louis Cardinals and has spent the majority of his career in the

National League. He went 2-1 with a 2.32 ERA in 70 appearances and 50 1-3 innings in 2008.

A's general manager Billy Beane and manager Bob Geren have been focused on boosting their bullpen this winter after already working to upgrade their offense with the additions of outfielder Matt Holliday and first baseman and designated hitter Jason Giambi.

Springer has made 70 or more outings in each of the past three seasons. He is likely to be a setup man in Oakland's bullpen, with Beane already having said he plans to use Brad Ziegler and Joey Devine both in the closer role in 2009.

The Associated Press

Hennepin County District

Judge Dan Mabley ruled Eller

was guilty of fourth-degree

assault of an officer and sec-

ond-degree refusing to sub-

mit to a field sobriety test.

Mabley has seven days to

outline his decision in a writ-

The 67-year-old Eller faces

up to a year on each count

when he is sentenced Feb. 23. Count lawyer Mike Freeman

said any jail sentence would

be served in a workhouse,

In a pending federal law-

suit, he claims officers violat-

ed his civil rights, used exces-

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videotape evidence of his

after police said they saw his

Mercedes sport utility vehicle

swerve and speed through a

stop sign and narrowly miss a squad car. They gave chase

and eventually attempted to

arrest Eller in his garage,

where they said he punched

Eller was arrested April 9

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AP photo

Gainesville State School football coach Mark Williams, left, and Grapevine Faith coach Kris Hogan pose under the razor wire near the practice field at the school Jan. 20 in Gainesville, Texas.

Faith-ful coach's reward: **Super Bowl platform**

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — A few days before playing a group of teenage prison inmates, Faith Christian School coach Kris Hogan sent an e-mail to every parent at his school.

Make a big pregame "spirit line," just like you do for your own kids, he asked. Then, sit behind the visitors' bench and root for the Gainesville State School

and checks from Faith boosters.

In Faith's next game, a rival player went down with a neck injury. As he was being loaded into an ambulance, Faith players went across the field to be with their foes, then all dropped to a knee in prayer. Faith's cheerleaders did the same with their counterparts.

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and obeyed everywhere else — the same requirements that can help speed their release. Williams calls the boys who suit up each week "our role models, the ones we've helped correct."

"Some weeks I might take 25 or 28, sometimes 12 or 13," Williams said. "We went through six quarterbacks this year."

Between adult chaper-

Michael Vick sues former financial adviser

Kelci Stringer, the NFL will

support her efforts to create a

heat illness prevention pro-

No other terms of the set-

tlement announced Monday

by a family spokesman were

Kelci Stringer had filed a wrongful death lawsuit

against the league, claiming

the NFL hadn't done enough

to ensure that equipment

used by players protected

them from injuries or deaths

caused by heat-related ill-

Korey Stringer was a 27-

year-old, 335-pound line-

man. He died from heat-

stroke July 31, 2001, during

the second day of training

camp in preparation for the

2001 season. He practiced in

the sweltering heat and

humidity, which pushed his

body temperature to 108.8

EX-VIKING CARL ELLER GUILTY

OF ASSAULT ON POLICE

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RICHMOND, Va. Imprisoned NFL star Michael Vick is suing a former financial adviser for at least \$2 million.

Vick claims Mary Wong of Omaha, Neb., misrepresented herself to gain control of his finances, which she then misused. He's accusing Wong of fraud, breach of contract, negligence and other offenses.

Wong's lawyer, James Mitchell, did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

The lawsuit also names a company Wong co-owns with three NFL players: Demorrio Williams, and twins Josh and Daniel Bullocks. The suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Norfolk late last week.

Vick is serving 23 months in federal prison for bankrolling a dogfighting conspiracy.

WIDOW SETTLES LAWSUIT WITH NFL OVER DEATH

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The widow of Minnesota Vikings lineman Korey Stringer reached a settlement with the NFL over his heatstroke death during training camp in 2001.

Under an agreement with

Cardinals

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to get used to the media

last April.

They have much less time ence, but "we can't lose sight much information as you of the fact that we're here to can about it. It really goes

his team to enjoy the experi- only thing is give them as

MINNEAPOLIS — Former one officer and threw another onto the hood of his SUV. Vikings great Carl Eller was convicted Monday of assault-Efforts to subdue Eller with a Taser didn't work, according ing a police officer who tried to arrest him after he swerved to a criminal complaint. and nearly struck a squad car — The Associated Press

Tornadoes.

They did. And what Hogan saw in the faces of the Gainesville players was all the satisfaction he needed.

Yet he's gotten so much more - including an invitation to the Super Bowl.

Hogan is headed to Tampa as a guest of USA Football, the national governing body for the sport at youth and amateur levels. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell will honor him at a news conference Friday. and he'll attend the game itself.

"I hate it that this thing that we did is so rare." Hogan said Monday. "Everybody views it as such a big deal. Shouldn't that be the normal m.o., though?"

To Hogan's team, it is. In fact, their treatment of the Gainesville squad was the fourth example this season of the way they blend faith and sportsmanship.

It started in late August, when a rival player died in a car accident a few days after playing Faith. Hogan's players went to the funeral as a group, standing side by side in their red jerseys on a strip of grass outside the chapel.

Soon after, the team from John Curtis Christian School near New Orleans borrowed one of Faith's buses and a practice field while in the area for a Labor Day game at Texas Stadium against national powerhouse Euless Trinity. At the same time, Hurricane Ike was threatening to wipe out everything Curtis had rebuilt since Hurricane Katrina. Although disaster was avoided back home, Curtis' trip was extended several days, pushing hotel and food bills way up. So Hogan organized a dinner and Curtis coaches left with a "love offering," an envelope stuffed with cash

the season, Faith went 9-3, losing in the regional round of the private school playoffs. It was quite an achievement considering this was their first season in the largest classification.

'We've won nine state championships (in all sports) the last four years, so we obviously play to win," Hogan said. "But on the other hand, we believe winning is not what you strive for, it's simply a byproduct of doing things right."

Hogan is the grandson of a preacher and has a grandmother who taught Sunday school for 60 years, but he didn't affirm his own Christian faith until 15 years ago, as a college sophomore. Within weeks, he said, his life began falling into place.

This is his sixth year as athletic director at Faith Christian, a school of 635 students from kindergarten through 12th grade in a residential neighborhood of this Dallas-Fort Worth suburb.

The school was supposed to play this season in a district with schools in Midland and Lubbock, but when gas was \$4 per gallon school officials opted to move up to a bigger class, and a grouping with local schools including the Gainesville facility run by the Texas Youth Commission.

At his first meeting of district ADs, Hogan and Mike Williams of Gainesville hit it off right away, and Hogan began planning for Gainesville's visit.

"I could just feel it in my spirit. ... That is a ministry opportunity we've got to capture," he said.

Gainesville has about 260 boys, incarcerated for various reasons. Football is a privilege given only to juniors and seniors who've excelled in the classroom

ones, the occasional relative and other supporters, Gainesville gets about 40 fans per game. Teams often greet them with a small banner, sometimes lending the junior varsity cheerleaders.

At Faith, two rows of 100 people lined up for them, stretching about 40 yards. They were connected by a banner roughly 20 feet wide.

"At first, our kids were scared. They were real anxious," Williams said. "I said. 'Burst through the banner and have fun!""

Hogan saw Gainesville players scanning the stands "just to check the genuineness of what was going on." With Faith players helping Gainesville players up after tackles, they realized the emotions were real; the 5gallon drums being pounded behind their bench really were thumping for them.

"Their eyes were just screaming gratitude," Hogan said.

Faith won 33-14, ending Gainesville's season at 0-9. You couldn't tell as both teams prayed together afterward, then left with a mixture of smiles and tears.

A story in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram the next day led to a column by ESPN's Rick Reilly. Troy Aikman made sure Goodell read it, leading to the invitation for this weekend. The fallout has helped Gainesville, too, with Williams noticing warmer welcomes at basketball games and more kids wanting to play football.

"Coach Hogan inspired an entire community in an extraordinary way and gave those young men on the Gainesville team a chance to believe in themselves," Goodell said. "It's a powerful message and shows how football can be such a positive force in shaping values and building communities."

frenzy that comes with the Super Bowl, and they will lean on Warner's experience.

"Anytime you have a player that has Kurt's credentials, that has had the season that Kurt's had throughout this year, it commands respect," Whisenhunt said.

Larry Fitzgerald, whose acrobatic catches have been a highlight of the Cardinals' improbable playoff run, said Warner is a great asset to all facets of his life.

"We talk about family life, we talk about my faith in God," Fitzgerald said. "There's not anything I can't talk to him about."

Whisenhunt said he wants

Steelers

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but noted this was nothing unusual.

The Steelers are appearing in their seventh Super Bowl, only one fewer than the Cowboys' record eight, and will try to win their sixth title — more than any other team.

It was tough to tell the rookies from the veterans as the team arrived for Sunday's game against the Arizona Cardinals. They weren't overwhelmed with the media throng, and they knew how to handle the large crowds of Steelers fans who drove by their Tampa hotel cheering "Here we go, Steelers."

Half the Steelers' starters, including Roethlisberger, remain from the last Super Bowl victory, when Pittsburgh beat Seattle in 2006.

"We embrace all that's involved in the Super Bowl," Tomlin said. "We're down here to play, we're down here to win. I'm sure there's 30 other teams in the NFL that would like to have this burden this week."

play a game."

He knows that trouble lurks in the party environment that leads up to Sunday's game.

"I don't think you can talk to them about it enough," Whisenhunt said. "I've talked to them about it and will talk to them about this again. That's something that's very important. ... The

back to the type of players that we have. They've done a really good job of handling this so far."

The Cardinals have rolled up 95 points in playoff victories over Atlanta, Carolina and Philadelphia, heady stuff for a franchise that had two playoff victories its entire history before this year.



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