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## Twin Falls County settles sheriff's credit-card debt

Commissioners approve \$10K payment to settle \$20K in fees

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

Twin Falls County will pay \$10,000 to Bank of America to settle about \$20,000 in outstanding credit card debt stemming from the county sheriff's office.

Tousley unknowingly racked up the sum in late charges and service fees over 13 years. After discovering it last year, he approached county commissioners in September for help paying it back.

County Prosecutor Grant Loeb negotiated with the

bank for about two months and produced the settlement, which county commissioners unanimously signed off on Friday morning. Commissioner Tom Mikesell said during the meeting that Loeb had advised him the county really had no other options

"other than to stop the bleeding."

The problem, Tousley previously said, started when Bank of America moved his office's many credit cards into a "corporate account," providing one large statement of purchases for all of them. Items such as service



Tousley

charges were documented separately — something county officials said they weren't aware of.

Loeb previously said the county might not be allowed to pay all of the money back,

citing a restriction in state law against counties paying charges more than one year old.

On Friday, he said the bank had been very cooperative and professional during the negotiations.

"I think they were reasonable," he said.

Reached at home, Tousley

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## State sets limit for Idaho Power rate increase

Request trimmed to 3.1 percent

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

State regulators have trimmed a rate increase request from Idaho Power Co, granting only an average 3.1 percent increase and creating a new three-tiered rate system effective on Sunday.

The change should result in about \$20.9 million more in revenue for the utility, which had asked for \$66.6 million more.

Residential customers will see a 1.61 percent rise in rates, while industrial and irrigation customers will bear the brunt percentage-wise at 5.6 and 6 percent, respectively.

Citing a need to cover recent investments in new substations, distribution lines and transmission lines, as well as other costs, the company had asked for an average 9.89 percent increase.

Idaho Public Utilities

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### On the Web:

To read the PUC order and other documents in this case, visit <http://www.puc.idaho.gov>, click on "File Room" and "Electric Cases," then scroll to case IPC-E-08-10. For more information on energy-efficiency programs: <http://www.idahopower.com/energycenter/>.



# LIVING LIKE THE HOMELESS



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Nate Hanes stands outside a shelter he helped assemble with other volunteers Friday afternoon in Twin Falls City Park for the 'Point In Time' homeless count. Hanes said he used to live on the streets of Twin Falls a couple of years ago. 'It's harder to get off the streets than it is to get on the streets,' he said. Organizers and volunteers hoped to improve awareness concerning area homelessness while the count surveys the number of area homeless individuals and families.

## Volunteers camp out in boxes at Twin Falls City Park to raise homelessness awareness

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

A stack of cardboard sat on the grounds of the Twin Falls City Park as volunteers pieced together shelters on Friday.

They were preparing to spend the night in the

makeshift cardboard shelters. The event, organized by the South Central Idaho Housing Council, intended to raise awareness about homelessness in the region. About 40 people volunteered to stay in cardboard boxes.

Many of the homeless in the area are families, which

is different from the image that some have of homeless people being single, said Leanne Trappen, community services director with the South Central Community Action Partnership.

"You're only one paycheck from being in trouble," she said. "It doesn't take very

much to be in trouble."

Inside the parish hall of St. Edward's Catholic Church, haircuts, warm clothing and meals were provided to people who came for the annual "Point in Time" count. That's part of a national event

See **HOMELESS**, Main 2

## Convicted child sex offender accused of more sex crimes

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

A twice-convicted child sex offender, with a serious case already pending against him, is facing even more prison time for graphic pictures police say they found on his computer depicting pre-pubescent girls being sexually exploited.

Registered sex offender Bryan Atwell, 47, already faces a charge of sexual battery of a minor in Twin Falls for allegedly trying to solicit sex from a 16-year-old girl on June 30, in a case that could go to trial in March.

His arrest on Thursday stems from a search city police did at his home at 1505 Elizabeth Blvd. on July 1.

Twin Falls Police seized a computer, which had 200 images of possible child erotica, and 366 possible child pornography photos, court records show.

Authorities got a warrant signed Wednesday to arrest Atwell and he was arraigned Friday in 5th District Court in Twin Falls for 10 counts of possession of sexually exploitative material. He faces up to 10 years in prison for each charge.

Even though the charging document is lengthy,

See **CRIMES**, Main 2



Atwell

## Kimberly recall petitions submitted

Process now in city's hands

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

With little fanfare, but much potential importance to the future of Kimberly, critics of the

city's leadership submitted recall petitions for the mayor and two city councilmen on Friday.

Wayne Sayer and Dan Wade submitted more than 150 pages of signa-

### INSIDE

ISP captain newest Kimberly council member.

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tures to city staff at 1 p.m., starting the next phase of the recall process.

The duo seeks to recall Mayor Dave Overacre and council members Lee McKinlay and George Plew, alleging they received special treatment on zoning issues, gave staffers large pay

See **RECALL**, Main 2



Wayne Sayer, left, and Dan Wade drop off signed petitions Friday at Kimberly City Hall. Sayer and Wade are seeking to recall Kimberly's mayor and two city council members.

ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News



**Magicvalley.com** WATCH: Video of Sayer and Wade submitting the recall petitions.



# 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY Wednesday arraignments**  
 Michael K. Lipinski, 45, Twin Falls; domestic battery, destruction of a telecommunication line; March 10 pretrial; recognizance release; public defender appointed  
 Alicia K. Abshire, 19, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; recognizance release; public defender appointed; Feb. 6 preliminary hearing  
 Joey T. Trevino, 18, Twin Falls; two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; Feb. 6 preliminary hearing; \$15,000 bond; public defender appointed  
 Tyler Q. Day, 19, Twin Falls; fail to purchase driver's license, fail to appear; recognizance release; public defender appointed; March 10 pre-trial

**Thursday arraignments**  
 Anthony J. Martinez, 28, Twin Falls; petit theft; \$100 bond; public defender appointed; March 10 pre-trial  
 Tyson D. Fields, 28, Twin Falls; grand theft, criminal possession of a financial transaction card; Feb. 6 preliminary hearing; walk-in arraignment; public defender appointed  
 Ruth A. Ivie, 46, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; recognizance release; public defender appointed; Feb. 6 preliminary hearing

**Friday arraignments**  
 Michael A. Hauf, 51, Ontario, Ore.; burglary, second-degree kidnapping; \$250,000 bond; Feb. 6 preliminary hearing; public defender appointed  
 Bryan Lee Atwell, 47, Twin Falls; 10 counts of possession of sexually exploitative material; \$5,000 bond; public defender appointed; Feb. 6 preliminary hearing; public defender appointed  
 Michael A. Hauf, 51, Ontario, Ore.; possession of paraphernalia; \$100 bond; public defender appointed; March 10 pretrial  
 Rodolfo Verduzco-Beltran, 38, Buhl; possession of mutilated/revoked driver's license; \$100 bond; public defender appointed; March 10 pre-trial; public defender appointed  
 Rachel D. Bower, 24, Twin Falls; frequenting; March 10 pretrial; recognizance release; public defender appointed  
 Timothy Reese, 25, Twin Falls; frequenting; recognizance release; March 10 pretrial; public defender appointed  
 Leona Rose Skinner, 40, Buhl; willful concealment; \$100 bond; public defender appointed; March 10 pre-trial  
 Salvadore Munoz Ruelas, 25, Jerome; aiding/abetting second-degree kidnapping; Feb. 6 preliminary hearing; \$100,000 bond; public defender appointed

# Murder convict charged with burglary, kidnapping

By Andrea Jackson  
 Times-News writer

Twin Falls County prosecutors said Friday a 51-year-old murder convict recently tried to hold a gas station clerk in a bathroom for sex.

Michael A. Hauf, 51, of Ontario, Ore., spent 27 years in an Idaho prison for second-degree murder and was released in 2006.

On Friday, he appeared in 5th District Court in Twin Falls on charges of burglary and second-degree kidnapping.

Hauf on Thursday allegedly tried to keep a Twin Stop Chevron gas station attendant in a bathroom stall

while he showed her a lewd picture and tried to solicit sex.



Hauf

The attendant was uninjured but driven to tears. She told authorities she was cleaning when a man yelled out from the bathroom that the toilet was clogged, so she went to fix it, according to court records.

The man opened the door for the attendant — she saw the toilet wasn't clogged — and then he tried to grab her by the arm and show her

lewd pictures from a cell phone. He proceeded to attempt to pull down his pants then attempted to expose himself, according to court records.

The attendant was able to get away, threatened to call police, and the man quickly walked out of the store, according to court records.

Hauf told police he went to the gas station to use the bathroom, asked the clerk to fix the toilet and then left, according to court records.

In his truck with Oregon plates, police found a suspected marijuana pipe and a syringe holding an unknown liquid, court records show.

In court Friday, Hauf said he

was concerned because he doesn't have his medication.

He faces up to 35 years in prison and is being held at the Twin Falls County Jail on \$250,000 bond.

His next court date is Feb. 6

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

## Shots fired at T.F. house, car

Police say they don't have any suspects

Times-News

Gunshots that rang out Wednesday night on the 700 block of Washington Street in Twin Falls struck a house and a car, but police haven't identified a shooter.

On Wednesday night, city police got their first shots-fired call of the year, but didn't see any damage when they surveyed the area.

On Thursday, though,

authorities determined that a car and an unoccupied house had been hit. No one was injured.

"We don't have any information those shots were directed at somebody," said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks.

Authorities are categorizing the incident as vandalism, he said.

Police also found bullets or shell casings, but have yet to identify where they came from, he said.

City police received four shots-fired calls last year, Hicks said.

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# M-C unemployment not as bad as many areas

By Damon Hunzeker  
Times-News writer

Looking at employment prospects in competing communities is kind of like comparing apples to Cadbury cream-filled eggs. But, if you're looking for a job, Burley is one of the few places where you may find one.

From December 2007 to December 2008, unemployment in 37 of Idaho's 44 counties doubled. Minidoka and Cassia counties were among the seven where it didn't.

Much of the relative stability in the area can be attributed to large companies that opened industrial operations in Burley during the past 18 months, such as Dot Foods and High Desert Milk.

"Dot Foods has been hiring truck drivers. It's one of the few places in the state where people are hiring and not laying people off," said Bob Fick, Idaho Department of Labor spokesman.

People are still losing jobs, though. The unemployment rate in

the Mini-Cassia area was 6.1 percent in December compared to 4.5 percent in November and 3.3 percent in December 2007.

Between the two counties, Cassia's unemployment rate averaged about a percentage point lower than Minidoka's in 2008.

"The trend for everybody is up — no question about that," Fick said, "but the area hasn't shot up as fast as other counties."

The Mini-Cassia area has a lower unemployment rate

than Lewiston and the Boise metropolitan area, for instance, but it's higher than Twin Falls and Jerome counties.

"The jobs are going down, and job seekers are going up. It's bad out there," Fick said, again emphasizing the exception of Dot Foods.

Mayor Jon Anderson said Burley was in the right situation at the right time to annex land and take advantage of state programs to build infrastructure for the new companies.

"I think the city of Burley, with all of the grants and urban-renewal projects that we were able to use, we managed to bring in some major new employers to help our marketplace," Anderson said. "According to the information we've received, it's also raised the wage base in the city."

Anderson cited another project that has fostered commerce in the area.

"The council recognized a need to increase our employment base, and the citizens evidently agreed with that

because they passed the bond levy for the new sewer plant — and we presented it as a way to expand and continue to grow," he said.

Examining statistics across Idaho, Fick remarked, "The Magic Valley tends to do comparatively better than the rest of the state, anyway ... Things seem to be diversified enough that it's more resilient."

Damon Hunzeker may be reached at 208-677-8764 or dhunzeker@magicvalley.com.

# Top-shelf nutrition

## Some turn to canning to battle high food prices

By Laurie Welch  
Times-News writer

High supermarket food prices coupled with recent safety concerns about raw fruits and vegetables have fostered a resurgence of interest in home canning.

University of Idaho Cassia County Extension educator Grace Wittman, a master food preserver who trains about 15 other master food preservers in the region, said home canning today bears little resemblance to the processes used 50 years ago to stock the shelves of grandmother's pantry.

"We have really started getting a lot of calls in the last year," Wittman said. "We have lots of young mothers calling us with questions about canning."

Wittman said as nice as it is to learn to can from someone who has been canning for years, in the past 10 to 15 years experts in the field have developed safer methods.

Wittman said one piece of information that many people do not know is that every type of food contains a different pH balance, which changes when foods are combined. Foods with differing pH levels may require different methods to safely can.

Foods with a low pH level have to be pressure-canned to kill the bacteria but foods



Grace Wittman, a University of Idaho Cassia County Extension educator, removes a home-canned jar of Victorian barbecue sauce from a pressure cooker on Friday.

that contain a high pH can be canned by using a water-bath method, Wittman said.

Wittman said another recent change in procedures recommends a shortened shelf life for home-canned foods.

"We recommend two years," Wittman said. "But the USDA recommends only canning what you can eat in a year. After two or three years home-canned foods lose their nutritional value anyway and the seals become less secure, which can allow bacteria to grow."

Commercially-canned foods usually have a longer shelf life due to the quicker and hotter methods used for processing.

Wittman said salsa is also a hot topic among people who love to home can and is one food that should be preserved by another method

### Learn how to can

University of Idaho's Cassia County Extension Home Food Preservation Class covers water-bath and pressure canning, freezing and drying foods at 1013 W. 16th Street, Burley. Classes held 6 to 8 p.m., March 18, 25 and April 1. Lab, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 11. Cost: \$35 and covers notebook, publications and lab supplies. Limited to 15 participants. Information: 208-878-9461.

such as freezing or dehydrating.

"Everyone loves their salsa recipe and wants to can it at home," Wittman said. "But there are so many ingredients in salsa, which all have their own pH levels that it would take a lot of vinegar to safely can it. It really is a lot better to just freeze it."

Laurie Welch may be reached at 208-677-8767 or lwelch@magicvalley.com.

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## Officials predict large return of salmon

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is predicting this year's return of salmon will be the largest in eight years.

Agency officials estimate 105,000 salmon will return, and Fish and Game commissioners will likely set a sport fishing season in March for the prized game fish that draws thousands of anglers to the Clearwater and Salmon river systems.

"They generate more excitement among fishermen than anything we've got," said Ed Mitchell, a spokesman for Fish and Game. "They are not only a good fighting fish, they are excellent table fare. There are a lot of reasons for liking them."

If a season is approved for 2009, it will mark the 10th consecutive year anglers are allowed to fish for salmon. That's the longest streak of sport fishing in Idaho going back to the 1950s, the Idaho Statesman reported.

This year's predicted run, if accurate, will be the second highest since 150,000 salmon returned to Idaho in 2001.

That year marked the most salmon returning to Idaho since counts started at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in 1975.

Salmon returning from the Pacific Ocean migrate up the Columbia and Snake rivers to reach the Clearwater and Salmon rivers in Idaho.

"It looks like a really good season," said Mitchell. "Not the best we've ever had, but one of the best seasons in memory, by all indications."

This year's forecast is based on last year's return of "jack" salmon, males that return after a single year in the ocean.

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# ISP captain becomes Kimberly's newest council member

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

A state policeman is now Kimberly's newest city council member.

Capt. Kedrick Wills, who heads up the Idaho State Police's regional office in Jerome, has replaced one of his former troopers, Chris Glenn, who is moving to the Treasure Valley for a training position at ISP headquarters.



Wills

The change was made official at a meeting Tuesday night, Mayor Dave Overacre told the *Times-News* in an e-mail Thursday evening.

Wills — whose father, Rich Wills, is a state legislator and also served 30 years with ISP — seems to have inherited the taste for both law enforcement service and politics. On Friday, he said his new position is simply a sign of his desire to stay civically involved in the place he calls home.

He said his new position is the result of several conversations with Overacre about ways he could assist the city, started "well before" anyone knew Glenn would leave. When the seat opened up, Wills said, the mayor asked if he'd be interested in it.

"It's a real opportunity for me to try and give something back to a community that I feel has given a lot to me and my family," Wills said. "It's about service."

The ISP captain has started his service during a turbulent time for the city. Just a few months ago, the council raised utility bills by 50 percent — cut back from a possible 100 percent — to accommodate future infrastructure needs. And on Friday, critics of the council filed recall petitions for Overacre and two council members.

Wills said it will take him a while to get up to speed on city government, particularly the budget process. But he said he hasn't seen anything so far to show that city officials are making decisions maliciously or have anything

but the best intentions for Kimberly residents.

"I believe that the most important thing that we can do is become truly informed," he said. "Rumors will kill us, no matter who they're about."

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## Idaho town sends letter to U.S. Supreme Court

SUGAR CITY (AP) — Officials in this small eastern Idaho town have written to the U.S. Supreme Court, asking justices to reconsider rulings town leaders say harm the nation's moral health.

In particular, the letter sent Thursday by officials in the town of 1,500 cites a 1981 case in which justices ruled the First Amendment prevents towns from banning adult-oriented entertainment businesses.

"We disagree," city leaders wrote. "One study of the First Amendment and of the ideology that created it convinces us that the Framers merely intended to protect political and religious speech."

The letter is signed by Mayor Glenn Dalling, City Council President Harold Harris, and Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Brian Hawkes.

The letter was prompted by a Jan. 22 meeting in which the City Council passed a city code amendment creating zoning laws intended to prevent future adult-oriented businesses from opening near libraries, parks, schools and churches.

Hawkes called the amendment an "insurance policy" to prevent such businesses from locating wherever they want.

After the amendment was approved, Councilman Bruce King said the city should also make a statement about having to pass such a measure, resulting in the letter to the high court.

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# OPINION

## QUOTABLE

“He failed the test of character. He is beneath the dignity of the state of Illinois. He is no longer worthy to be our governor.”  
 — **Sen. Matt Murphy, a Republican from suburban Chicago, after Rod Blagojevich was impeached as governor of Illinois.**

# Little's election fundraiser could have waited

**JEERS:** Lt. Gov. Brad Little is one of the solid citizens of Idaho politics. So it's disappointing that the Republican went ahead with a campaign event Friday funded by more than \$6,000 from special-interest groups that lobby the Legislature.

Just a week ago, Little — appointed this month to succeed Jim Risch — said it was the “best practice” for elected officials not to accept campaign contributions from lobbyists during the legislative session.

At least 16 states ban or restrict such giving from all contributors during legislative sessions; another 12 restrict giving by lobbyists. The Legislature's minority Democrats are promoting a bill to forbid lobbyists from giving contributions during the session to elected officials.

But about 30 lobbyists were listed as members of the “Host

Committee” for Little's luncheon campaign event on Friday in The Rose Room, a ballroom in downtown Boise. Proceeds will go to Little's campaign for lieutenant governor in 2010.

Contacted by the Associated Press this week, Little conceded that holding this campaign event three weeks into the Legislature conflicts with his statement about the importance of elected officials not taking money while lawmakers are in Boise.

“It may appear a little disingenuous, but I never even thought about it,” he said.

That's the root of the problem. Legislators have grown so accustomed to the present system under which lobbyists can mix influence with money that they rarely give it a second thought, said Kate Kelly of Boise, who leads the Senate's Democrats.

That must change — not to



root out corruption, but to boost faith in the process, she said. We couldn't agree more.

**CHEERS:** To the Twin Falls County commissioners, who seem to be making a serious effort to cut costs at the Courthouse as the economy worsens.

The commissioners boosted the county budget by 9 percent for the current fiscal year, to \$37.5 million — including significant pay raises for themselves or other county elected officials. But since Dec. 29, they've been working on a top-to-bottom review of county spending.

The county got a boost this year from a rare full funding of a federal program that compensates counties for untaxable federal lands. 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 stuck much higher.

But nobody knows where the bottom of this recession is. The Courthouse may need every dime it can save.

**JEERS:** There are as many as 4,000 University of Idaho alumni living in the eight counties of south-central Idaho, and hundreds of students from the Wood River and Magic valleys go to school in Moscow. South-central Idaho is also the site of three major U of I agriculture research facilities, and a fourth — the dairy center — is on the way.

So why isn't the university

including the Magic Valley on its statewide tour to introduce two finalists for the institution's president?

Kansas State University Provost Duane Nellis will visit Boise on Tuesday and Idaho Falls on Wednesday. Montana State University Provost David Dooley will be in Boise on Feb. 9 and in Idaho Falls on the 10th. Receptions and open forums are planned.

Why can't they spare a couple of hours to stop in Twin Falls?

We'd also like to meet the university's in-house candidate, law school dean Don Burnett, and the two other finalists, Stanislaus State President Ham Shirvani and former Colorado State University President Larry Penley.

The U of I, which is struggling financially, has a lot a stake in south-central Idaho at the moment. We'd like to hear from its next boss.

# America may be running out of dogs

In choosing his Cabinet, President Obama turned to the North, the Midwest and the West. Because Obama stiffed the South, he really ought to look below the Mason-Dixon line for the First Dog. This would be a solid move politically, but it's also a matter of supply and demand.

The Obamas are reportedly leaning toward a labradoodle or a Portuguese water dog. They say they want the First Pet to be a dog from a shelter, a decision that's both fashionable and morally sound. But as with other shifts in our collective tastes in pets, the growing popularity of shelter animals has had an unanticipated side effect — there is a mismatch between the number of people who want to rescue a dog and the number of dogs needing to be rescued.

In 1970, 24 million dogs and cats were put to death in animal shelters in the United States. By 2007, the number had fallen to 4 million. This reduction was the result of the most successful crusade in the history of the animal protection movement, the spay-and-neuter campaign.

But the rush to pluck the reproductive organs from every household pet in America has been so suc-



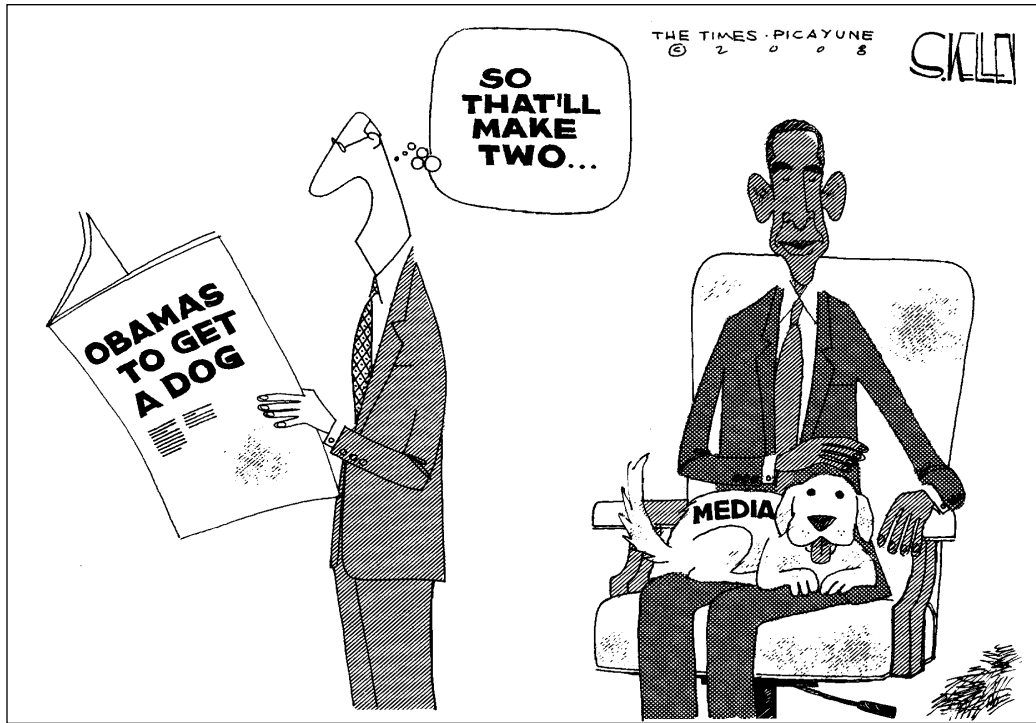
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cessful that we may be running out of dogs.

In fact, some leaders in the animal welfare movement worry that the slack will be taken up by puppy mills in countries such as Mexico and China. Meanwhile, others believe that the United States has plenty of dogs to go around. The only problem is that they're in the wrong places.

There is distinct geographic disparity in the distribution of adoptable pets because spay-and-neuter campaigns have been much less successful in Southern states than in other parts of the country. For instance, the per capita rate of unwanted pet euthanasia is 40 times higher in my home state of North Carolina than in Connecticut. It seems a lot of people in the South don't like restrictions on the sex lives of their pets any more than they like zoning laws or gun control.

There is, however, an



upside to my region's historic resistance to animal birth control. It is that, on the whole, our shelter dogs make better pets than the shelter dogs in other parts of the country. Michael Mountain, co-founder of Best Friends Animal Society, the nation's largest sanctuary for abandoned pets, says that animal shelters in the urban North are “overrun with pit bulls.” And because a higher proportion of dogs in Northern shelters have

been neglected or abused, many of them suffer the canine equivalent of post-traumatic stress syndrome. That means that they are not good candidates for adoption into the average home.

The bottom line is that most of the people who want to adopt a dog are up north, while most of the dogs in need of good homes are down south. That's why the animal rescue group in my rural North Carolina county ships 200 dogs a year up to

shelters in Connecticut, where they find loving homes with dog-craving suburbanites.

And that's small potatoes. Since 2004, the Rescue Waggin' program operated by PetSmart, the national chain of pet product superstores, has transported 20,000 abandoned dogs from states such as Tennessee and Kentucky to places where they are snapped up by grateful owners.

The geographic differ-

ences in attitudes toward spay-and-neuter laws have created another paradox as well: The more successful a region's efforts are at controlling pet overpopulation, the more aggressive — and less adoptable — the dogs in their local animal shelter tend to be.

Jennifer Brehler, director of operations of the Asheville (N.C.) Humane Society, which ships dogs to Pennsylvania and New Jersey, has told me that visiting workers from animal shelters in Northern states have said that they are amazed at how sweet her dogs are compared with shelter dogs in the North.

Just to be clear, it's okay with me if our new president picks Yankees and Midwesterners to run the country. But he really should get Malia and Sasha's rescue dog from a Southern state. We have more pooches to choose from, and our dogs are nicer.

*Hal Herzog, a professor of psychology at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C., has studied societal attitudes and behavior toward animals for more than 20 years. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.*

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Windriders staff thanks their customers

This letter goes out to all our (Windriders) customers for the last five years.

All of us want to say thank you so much for your love, friendship and support. We are going to miss each and every one of you. I do hope that as time moves on, I will see you from time to time, even if it's at the store.

Even though the bar has closed, that doesn't mean our friendship is over. The new owner decided to close the bar. That was his choice. Remember the good times; that's what is important. And we did have some

good times.

Thank you again for coming into our lives. We will miss you.

**DARLENE POWELL**  
Twin Falls

*(Editor's note: Darlene Powell submitted this letter on behalf of other Windriders employees. Lyssa Stewart, Meri Maxfield, Judy Young, Savanna Shores, Carma Earl and Don Morris.)*

### Sheena Foundation thanks supporters

A big thank you to everyone who helped the all-volunteer Sheena Foundation make life better for the cats and kittens of the Magic

Valley in 2008.

Especially, we thank those who made the PetSmart Santa Claws photo op sessions such a success. Organized and managed by Danielle Taylor as her Filer High School senior project, they featured Quinn Montague and Theodore Griffin III as Santas and some much appreciated elves.

Thanks also to Christy Shanks, who chose Sheena for her Filer senior project. Her fundraisers resulted in \$500!

We appreciate the wonderful supporters who made end-of-year contributions, and we are grateful to the

adoptive families, the volunteers and the many unnamed folks who make our work possible.

**BONNIE SIMPER-LARUE**  
Executive Director  
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I want to thank these fine gentlemen for taking the time to assist me. Thank you very much!

I would also like to thank the police officers, firefighters and Marky's Towing for

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**KAY MASSEY**  
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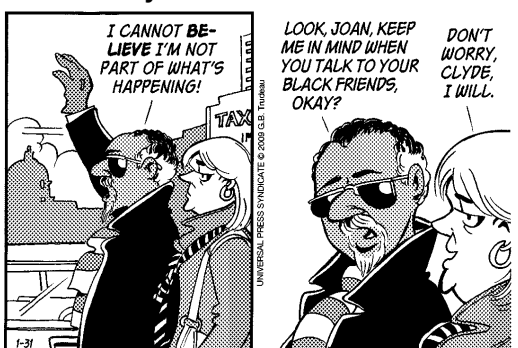
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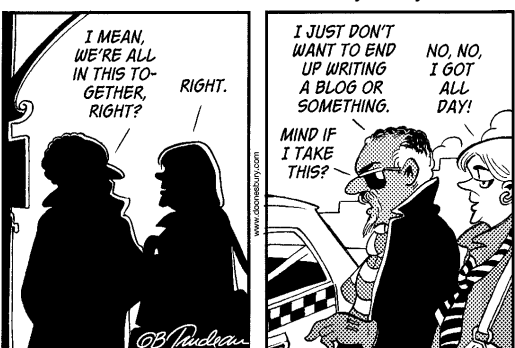
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## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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# Local highway districts get road rage over audit

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Officials at Idaho's local road maintenance districts Friday voiced discontent with an audit that concluded it was impossible to tell if they were using their share of taxpayer money wisely to keep 2,329 bridges and more than 31,000 miles of asphalt and gravel roads in good shape.

Stuart Davis, Idaho Association of Highway Districts director, told the House Transportation Committee his 290 members were "very angry" after the auditors' Jan. 19 presentation.

"That was in my view inaccurate," Davis told transportation committee members, at the suggestion that local highway districts were operating free of rigorous controls or oversight.

James Brock, the lead auditor on the \$450,000 study commissioned by the 2008 Legislature to scrutinize the Idaho Transportation Department, said two weeks ago that the state's 33 county road departments, 64 highway districts and the various departments of 193 cities or towns "lacked basic oversight."

"The condition of those roads, and what happens to those roads, is basically unknown," Brock said at the time, as he outlined a recommendation for the Idaho Legislature to revise laws to allow the Idaho Transportation Department's oversight board to develop new policies to guide funding for local roads in line with state strategy.

Just how well the state Transportation Department and local highway agencies manage their money has

become an important 2009 Legislature theme, as Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter tries to convince lawmakers to back his plan to boost the gas tax, registration fees and other highway-related fees to eventually raise an additional \$174 million a year to maintain roads and bridges.

Local highway districts receive 38 percent of fuel tax and registration fees pumped annually into Idaho's Highway Distribution Account, with the Transportation Department and the Idaho State Police getting the other 62 percent. In 2008, local highway districts received \$125 million of the total \$330 million.

Rakesh Mohan, director of the state Office of Performance Evaluations that coordinated the audit, said that the auditors never concluded local highways districts were doing a poor, or even a good job, with the money they receive.

Mohan said what they instead found was that Idaho lawmakers and Transportation Department officials had no good mechanism for oversight, to make sure both the state and local districts had common goals for maintaining Idaho highway infrastructure as efficiently as possible.

That's why they suggested new laws, similar to measures passed in neighboring Washington state in 2005, that give authority to the state transportation commission to investigate plans and efforts of local agencies performing road work.

"When we look at 38 percent of the funds, that's a lot of money that's going to go to the local entities," he said. "If the state and local districts are interconnected and interdependent, doesn't it make

sense to have a strategic vision about our highway infrastructure?"

For his part, Otter, whose highway measures would generate \$47 million in the first year, should they pass, said he's steering clear of the dustup emerging from audit findings.

"This branch of government doesn't presume to tell other branches of government what to do. He gives them full license to respond to this how they see fit," said Jon Hanian, Otter's spokesman, when asked whether Otter believes local highway districts are good stewards of taxpayer funds.

Lance Holmstrom, administrator of the Boise-based Local Highway Technical Assistance Council, which works with Davis's group, defended local road operations, saying districts are being held accountable for a complex maze of byways ranging from dirt paths to long asphalt ribbons, making centralized management difficult.

Locally elected boards must justify their spending on projects in so-called "road and street finance reports," all of which are subject to annual audits to ensure the money isn't being misused, he said.

"Every single type of expenditure activity must also be itemized and accounted for," Holmstrom told lawmakers Friday.

Holmstrom's group is just completing a \$75,000 study of the 290 districts' needs, and has arrived at some preliminary conclusions. An additional \$5.1 billion in funding above existing levels is necessary over the next 20 years to maintain local highways, with \$4.5 billion more needed to reconstruct local roads that are now in very poor condition, he said.



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## AROUND THE WEST

### ARIZONA

#### Tour bus crashes near Hoover Dam; 6 dead

PHOENIX — The Arizona Department of Public Safety says a tour bus overturned on a highway near the Hoover Dam, killing at least six passengers and injuring at least 16.

A DPS news release says the crash occurred about 4 p.m. Friday in northwestern Arizona.

DPS spokesman Lt. James Warriner says officers on the scene have confirmed six fatalities. He says officials do not know what caused the bus to overturn.

The crash closed down U.S. 93 in both directions. The highway is the main route between Phoenix and Las Vegas.

The crash site is about 190 miles northwest of Phoenix.

### IDAHO

#### School for deaf, blind to use reserve funds

BOISE — Because of state cuts to its budget, the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind will ask the State Board of Education for permission to use funds it holds in reserves.

Spokesman Jeff Woods says the school hopes to use less than a quarter of the \$400,000 of its education reserve fund.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter recommended the school receive nearly \$800,000 less in state funds for fiscal year 2010.

The school will eliminate programs including its summer camp and professional development programs.

The school has been under pressure to scrutinize its residential program that costs more than \$80,000 annually to educate and board each one of its almost 80 live-in students.

Superintendent Mary Dunne says the school is still comparing the effectiveness of residential programs versus those offered to blind and deaf students in their home districts.

#### Judge to decide if Delling is fit for trial

BOISE — A District Court judge will decide whether 23-year-old John Delling is competent to stand trial in the shooting death of a Boise college student whom police say Delling met while playing video games online.

Delling was 21 when prosecutors in Ada and Latah counties charged him with killing two Idaho men and investigators linked him to another shooting in Tucson, Ariz., during a 6,500-mile road trip across the western United States.

Fourth District Judge Deborah Bail told a Friday hearing she was leaning toward allowing Delling to go to trial after two mental health experts testified his delusions had receded and his mental health was greatly improved.

Bail said she would issue a written ruling but did not specify when.

"There's no evidence to suggest he's not competent," Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Roger Bourne told the court.

Delling is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Boise State University student Bradley Morse, who was shot and killed April 2, 2007. Delling was arrested in Sparks, Nev., a day after the murder.

He is also charged in the fatal shooting of University of Idaho student David Boss, a former high school classmate, in Latah County on March 31, 2007.

Investigators have also linked Delling to a March 20, 2007, shooting in Tucson that wounded another former high school classmate, but he has not been charged in that case.

#### Idaho Historical Society seeks stimulus money

BOISE — State budget woes have stalled an expansion plan by the Idaho State Historical Museum, but officials hope to get federal stimulus money to revive the \$15 million project.

The project was put on

hold earlier this month when the state Historical Society returned \$5 million in state-appropriated funds because of Idaho's economic situation.

Historical Society Executive Director Janet Gallimore said the expansion is on the state's list of possible projects to receive stimulus money.

"Certainly it would be a huge benefit to be a part of the benefits Idahoans are going to get from this," Gallimore said.

Society officials say the expansion is one of the few state building projects that is "shovelready."

The 38,000-square-foot addition to the Boise museum has been in the works since the late 1980s.

Gallimore said the society will continue efforts to collect a third of the cost through fundraising.

### WYOMING

#### Lawmakers mull wolf rules amid uncertainty

CHEYENNE — State Attorney General Bruce Salzburg said Friday that it's unknown how the new Obama administration will handle gray wolves in Wyoming, complicating any attempt by the state Legislature to address the issue.

A House committee heard from Salzburg, state wildlife managers and the public as lawmakers began considering five different bills regarding the management of wolves in the state. The hearing was shown by videoconference to five sites around the state.

The lengthy fight over Wyoming's wolf-management rules has reached an uncertain juncture. That was reflected in comments from special-interest groups Friday who urged lawmakers to take actions as varied as positioning for a lawsuit against the federal government to accommodating the feds' specific concerns about Wyoming's plan.

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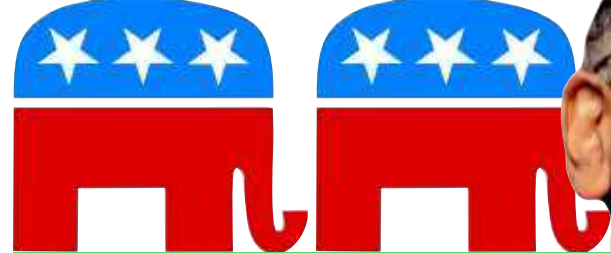
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# Economy shrinks at 3.8 percent pace at end of '08

Consumers, businesses cut spending as recession deepens

By Jeannine Aversa  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The economy shrank at a 3.8 percent pace at the end of 2008, the worst showing in a quarter-century, as the deepening recession forced consumers and businesses to throttle back spending.

Although the initial result was better than economists expected, the figure is likely

to be revised even lower in the months ahead and some believe the economy is contracting in the current quarter at a pace of around 5 percent. The current January-March period, they said, will probably turn out to be the worst quarter for the recession.

American consumers and businesses cut back everywhere in the final three months of 2008. Shoppers chopped spending on cars,

furniture, appliances, clothes and other items. Businesses dropped the ax on equipment and software, home building and commercial construction. And overseas sales of U.S.-made goods and services tanked as foreign buyers grappled with their own economic woes.

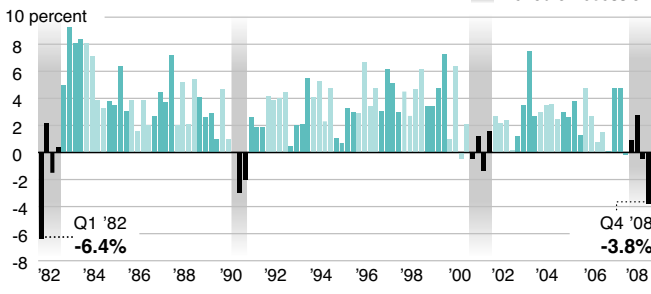
"The downturn is intensifying. The fourth quarter is

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## GDP weakest since 1982

The economy shrank at a rate of 3.8 percent at the end of 2008 as the deepening recession slowed consumer and business spending.

Gross domestic product, quarterly change



SOURCES: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce Dept.

## BY THE NUMBERS:

- 22.4 percent**  
Rate at which spending on durables plunged
- 23.6 percent**  
Pace at which homebuilders slashed spending
- 27.8 percent**  
Pace at which spending by businesses on equipment and software dropped

## Small businesses can run into tax prep pitfalls

Income tax filing season can be a trying time for small business owners, and in a recession, even more so.



SMALL TALK  
Joyce M. Rosenberg

One of the biggest pitfalls owners are likely to encounter is a perennial one: poor record-keeping that not only makes it hard for them to complete their returns, but also to know where they stand financially. Another common problem is keeping up with changes in the tax laws, especially for state and local governments that are now looking for ways to increase revenue.

Ask tax professionals what their clients struggle with, and haphazard books and ledgers is often the first answer. Many business owners don't know how much money they have on hand, how much they owe and what their customers or clients owe them.

"You really need to control your books and understand what you're making," said Jeffrey Chazen, a certified public accountant with Eisner LLC in New York.

Some business owner use their checkbooks and credit card bills as their records. But it's a problem when "they can't locate all their check registers or all of their bank statements," said Gregg Wind, a CPA with Wind Bremer Hockenberry LLP in Los Angeles.

Others are even more disorganized, with boxes or piles of invoices, receipts and canceled checks that need to be sorted — CPAs ruefully refer to these owners as "shoebox clients." These owners are in danger of missing out on important deductions and can end up overpaying the government. Or, if the government questions a

See **SMALL**, Business 2

# Changing the tune

## Chamber and arts council to expand Jazz in the Canyon

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Magic Valley Arts Council are changing up the annual Jazz in the Canyon event this year — even giving it a new name.

The musical festival, which has been called Jazz in the Canyon for nearly a decade, will now be called the Snake River Canyon Jam.

Event organizers say they plan to add a greater variety of music, more venues around Twin Falls and more days to celebrate the event as a community.

Stacey Madsen, executive director of the Magic Valley Arts Council, said the changes were based on feedback given by participants of previous events.

"What we heard the past couple of years was that the music was too specific and it was a lot of the same type of music," Madsen said. "So this year we plan to add new genres such as swing, bluegrass, gypsy jazz and even some rock n' roll."

But she said the changes go beyond just expanding the music variety — the new ideas are geared toward

attracting and retaining visitors at the event.

Shawn Barigar, president and CEO of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, said the current plan is to expand the two-day event into a four-day event, which would begin in the City of Twin Falls and conclude at the Centennial Waterfront Park in the Snake River Canyon.

He said the chamber and the council are seeking sponsorships from local businesses to help support the event.

The question is whether business will have the ability to help finance the music festival during the economic downturn.

"We certainly understand and appreciate the current economic situation that businesses are in," Barigar said.

"But we feel that this is a community event that brings people together to support our businesses and our local economy."

First Federal Bank has already agreed to be the corporate sponsor — the largest donor to the event with a \$10,000 donation.

But Barigar said there is still a need

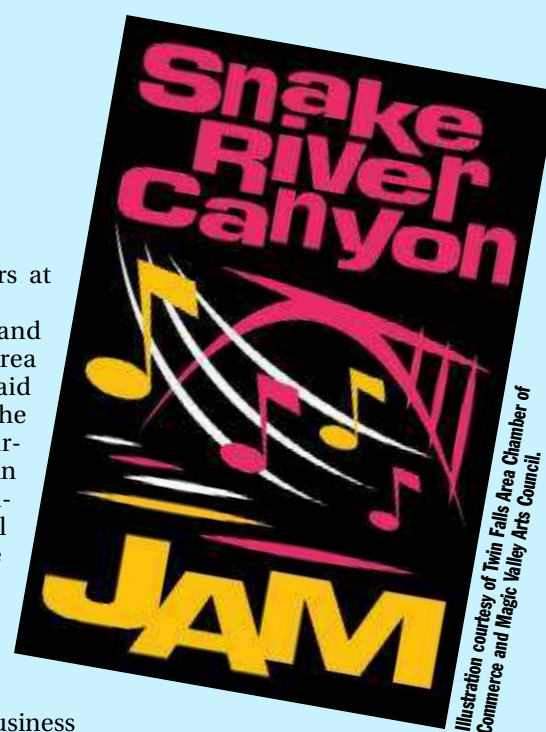


Illustration courtesy of Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Magic Valley Arts Council.



FILE PHOTO/Times-News

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### N. Idaho mining company faces suit

COEUR D'ALENE — A lawsuit has been filed by 39 companies and individuals against the operator of the historic Sunshine Mine in northern Idaho.

The lawsuit filed earlier this month in 1st District Court claims Sterling Mining Co. defaulted on a \$1.5 million loan made in June.

Private Capital Group, Inc., a Utah company, has been appointed the representative for all the plaintiffs.

The lawsuit is asking that the Sunshine Mine's lease be given to the plaintiffs.

Sterling Mining Co. also faces other claims from contractors, attorneys and suppliers of mining equipment.

In a news release, Sterling Chief Executive Officer John Ryan says the tough economic climate will make it difficult for the company to raise money to pay the loan.

### Supervalu cuts 25 Boise corporate jobs

BOISE — Grocery chain Supervalu says it is cutting 90 positions at corporate offices, including 25 positions in Boise.

A news release from the company says another 60 jobs will go unfilled, and that the decision was made because of the challenging economic environment.

The company says it will offer displaced corporate employees severance pay and help finding new job placements.

### INL, WTG sign arsenic removal technology licensing agreement

IDAHO FALLS — The U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory and Water Technology Group Inc. based in Harvard, Mass. signed a licensing agreement Thursday that provides exclusive rights to commercialize a sorbent that will help remove arsenic from contaminated water supplies.

Jack Boyles, chief financial officer with WTG, said, the company has seen growing awareness of arsenic in drinking water and frustration with the lack of effective testing methods for arsenic in drinking water.

The specifics of the agreement between WTG and the laboratory were not released.

— Wire reports

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## COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	82	▼ .90	Mar. oil	41.68	▼ .24
Feb. gold	927.30	▼ 22.2	Feb. silver	12.56	▼ .42

## Monday in business

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

WASHINGTON — The Commerce Department releases personal income and spending for December.

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department releases construction spending for December.



# NATION & WORLD

## Gov't launches criminal probe in peanut recall

By Sharon Theimer and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar  
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials opened a criminal investigation Friday into the Georgia peanut-processing plant at the center of the national salmonella outbreak. President Barack Obama pledged stricter oversight of food safety to prevent breakdowns in inspections.

The investigation into Peanut Corp. of America follows reports of shoddy sanitation practices and inspections

that found the company sold contaminated peanut products to food makers.

At least 529 people have been sickened as a result of the outbreak, and at least eight may have died because of it. More than 430 products have been recalled.

In a statement late Friday, Peanut Corp. expressed its "deepest and most sincere empathy for those sickened" and said it was reviewing the facts to determine exactly what happened.

"Our top priority has been — and will continue to be —

to ensure the public safety," it said.

Until recently, federal food safety inspectors had not been to the Georgia plant since 2001. The Associated Press found that FDA interest in the facility was renewed, at least temporarily, after a shipment of peanuts from the plant was seized at the Canadian border.

The shipment, taken April 11, originated at the Peanut Corp. plant and was turned back at the border. The FDA seized the product after it was found to contain metal fragments.

The seizure was the FDA's first hint of problems with the peanut products being processed at the Georgia plant. At the FDA's request, Georgia state inspectors visited the plant on June 10 searching for the source of metal fragments. State inspectors visited again in late October, records show. Neither inspection looked for salmonella.

A few weeks later, federal health officials saw the first signs of a salmonella outbreak. But it took more investigation to identify peanut

products as the cause, and the public wasn't alerted until early this month.

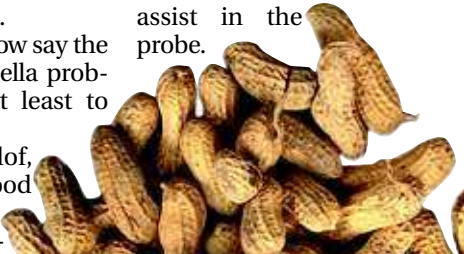
The FDA reported this week that federal inspectors who visited the plant since the salmonella outbreak found roaches, mold, signs of a leaking roof and numerous other sanitation problems.

Federal officials now say the plant had a salmonella problem dating back at least to June 2007.

Stephen Sundlof, head of the FDA's food safety center, said the Justice Depart-

ment will investigate possible criminal violations by the Peanut Corp. plant.

The company shipped products that initially tested positive for salmonella after retesting and getting a negative result. The FDA's investigations branch will assist in the probe.



### AROUND THE NATION

#### VIRGINIA

##### Mitt Romney criticizes Obama's stand on abortion

HOT SPRINGS — Republican Mitt Romney, a potential candidate for the White House in 2012, accused President Barack Obama on Friday of answering to the "most extreme wing of the abortion lobby."

Even if the administration "will say nothing on behalf of the child waiting to be born, we must take the side of life," the former Massachusetts governor told House Republicans at a weekend retreat, according to his prepared remarks.

The GOP lawmakers gathered two days after voting unanimously against a White House-backed economic stimulus bill, and Romney praised them for their opposition.

He said the \$819 billion measure that passed the Democratic-controlled House was a plan to "spend and borrow with reckless abandon."

#### PENNSYLVANIA

##### Gluttony and strippers reign at Philly Wing Bowl

PHILADELPHIA — In a gut-busting display of championship eating, a man nicknamed Super Squibb has won Philadelphia's Wing Bowl by downing 203 chicken wings in about 20 minutes.

For his efforts, 23-year-old John Squibb of Berlin, N.J., gets a car, a \$7,500 diamond ring and a crown of miniature chickens. And maybe a case of indigestion.

Thousands attend the early morning gorge-fest held every year on the Friday before the Super Bowl. The contest is sponsored by sports-talk station WIP-AM. It also features scantily clad "Wingettes" and a cast of sickened contestants.

#### NEW YORK

##### Virtual heroics: Gamers can try NYC river landing

An online video game inspired by the heroics of Flight 1549's crew offers players the chance to try landing a plane in the Hudson River.

The instructions for "Hero on the Hudson" tell you to use the left and right arrow keys on your keyboard to keep the plane level with the water as it plunges from an altitude of 1,500 feet. It begins with the warning, "The fate of passengers is in your hands!"

If you get it wrong, the jet crashes and sinks into the river with an ominous gurgling sound.

##### Scientology robocall uses Bart Simpson's voice

Nancy Cartwright, who provides Bart Simpson's voice on "The Simpsons," has been heard this week in a phone message using the voice of the cartoon fourth-grader to promote Scientology.

Cartwright, long a member of the church, recorded her 60-second robocall to boost attendance at a Scientology event scheduled for today.

Although she identifies herself, much of the spiel is delivered in Bart's voice, wrapping up with, "See you there, man!"

— The Associated Press



Former Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, center, is congratulated by supporters after he was elected the first black Republican National Committee chairman at the party's winter meeting, Friday in Washington. Steele was the most moderate candidate in the field and was considered an outsider because he's not an RNC member.

## THE NEW REPUBLICAN

### GOP elects first black national party chief

By Liz Sidoti  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Republican Party chose the first black national chairman in its history Friday, just shy of three months after the nation elected a Democrat as the first African-American president. The choice marked no less than "the dawn of a new party," declared the new GOP chairman, former Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael Steele.

Republicans chose Steele over four other candidates, including former President George W. Bush's hand-picked GOP chief, who bowed out declaring, "Obviously the winds of change are blowing."

Steele takes the helm of a beleaguered Republican Party that is trying to recover after crushing defeats in November's national elections that gave Democrats control of Congress and put Barack Obama in the White House.

GOP delegates erupted in cheers and applause when his victory was announced, but it took six ballots to get there. He'll serve a two-year term.

Steele, an attorney, is a conservative, but he was considered the most moderate of the five candidates running.

He was also considered an outsider because he's not a member of the Republican National Committee. But the 168-member



Republican National Committee Chairman Mike Duncan addresses a forum at the National Press Club in Washington in November 2008. Duncan bowed out of Friday's race for RNC chairman, declaring, 'Obviously the winds of change are blowing.'

RNC clearly signaled it wanted a change after eight years of Bush largely dictating its every move as the party's standard-bearer.

Steele became the first black candidate elected to statewide office in Maryland in 2002, and he made an unsuccessful Senate run in 2006. The former chairman of the Maryland Republican Party currently serves as chairman of GOPAC, an organization that recruits and trains Republican

political candidates, and in that role he has been a frequent presence on the talk show circuit.

He vowed to expand the reach of the party by competing for every group, everywhere.

"We're going to say to friend and foe alike: 'We want you to be a part of us, we want you to with be with us.' And for those who wish to obstruct, get ready to get knocked over," Steele said.

"There is not one inch of ground that we're going to cede to anybody," he added.

"This is the dawn of a new party moving in a new direction with strength and conviction."

His job is to spark a revival for the GOP as it takes on an empowered Democratic Party under the country's first black president in the next midterm elections and beyond.

He replaces Mike Duncan, who abandoned his re-election bid in the face of dwindling support midway through Friday's voting.

Two others who trailed farther back in the voting eventually followed suit, former Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell and Michigan GOP chairman Saul Anuzis.

In the sixth and final round of voting, Steele went head-to-head with his only remaining opponent, South Carolina GOP chief Katon Dawson. Steele clinched the election with 91 votes; a majority of 85 committee members was needed.

### FDA advisers recommend Darvon ban

#### Popular painkiller's risks outweigh its benefits, experts say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government medical advisers Friday recommended a ban on Darvon, a prescription medicine that's been used to treat pain for more than 50 years but left a trail of problems such as addiction and suicide.

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel voted 14-12 to recommend withdrawing Darvon after a daylong hearing examining its risks and benefits. The FDA is not required to follow the recommendations of its advisers, but often does so.

Darvon was first approved in 1957, when there were few alternatives for treating pain except aspirin and powerful narcotics. Now mainly marketed as Darvocet, which includes a dose of acetaminophen, the drug remains one of the top 25 most commonly prescribed medications. More than 20 million prescriptions were written in 2007.

The consumer group Public Citizen had petitioned the FDA to withdraw Darvon because the drug offers relatively weak pain relief and poses an overdose risk, with the potential to be used in suicides.

"With a drug that has almost no evidence of benefit, any risk is unacceptable," said Dr. Sidney Wolfe, a drug safety expert with Public Citizen who first sought a ban in the 1970s. "Hopefully the FDA will follow the vote of its advisers."

Two companies that market the drug — Xanodyne Pharmaceuticals and Qualitest/Vintage Pharmaceuticals — say the medication is safe and effective when used as directed. In documents filed with the FDA, the companies said doctors need a range of options to treat pain, and noted that many other painkillers have become drugs of abuse — some with far worse consequences.

Dr. Jerry Avorn, a professor of medicine at Harvard and a critic of the pharmaceutical industry commended the FDA for taking a hard look at Darvon.

"I have been astonished at how widely used this drug is," Avorn said. "It's no longer the most abusable and most dangerous drug in its class, but the fact that there are worse drugs doesn't make Darvon a good drug."

## Daschle owed more than \$128,000 in back taxes

By Ceci Connolly, Paul Kane and Joe Stephens  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Tom Daschle, nominated to be secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, did not pay more than \$128,000 in taxes over three years, a revelation that poses a potential obstacle to his Senate confirmation.

The back taxes, along with \$12,000 in interest and penalties, involved unreported consulting fees, questionable charitable contributions, and a car and driver provided by a private equity firm run by entrepreneur and longtime Democratic Party donor Leo Hindery Jr., according to a confidential draft report prepared by

Senate Finance Committee staff.

A spokeswoman for Daschle confirmed Friday night that he recently paid back taxes in excess of \$100,000. She said that Daschle, a former Senate majority leader, and his accountant discovered the error regarding the luxury car service and reported it to the committee after his vetting was completed.

Daschle paid the back taxes six days before his first Senate confirmation hearing with the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. The Finance Committee, however, has jurisdiction

over his nomination.

Daschle, one of President Obama's earliest and most steadfast campaign supporters, is the second Cabinet nominee to acknowledge tax errors. On Jan. 13, Timothy Geithner, who was chosen to run the Treasury Department, disclosed that he had not paid some taxes and subsequently paid \$43,000 in taxes and penalties. He was sworn in on Jan. 26.

Because of an apparent clerical error by the equity firm, Daschle did not report more than \$83,000 in consulting fees in 2007 and has not provided sufficient documentation relating to \$15,000 in charitable contributions over three years, according to the panel's report. He and his wife, Linda,

gave \$276,000 in charitable contributions during the three-year period being studied by the panel, according to a Daschle aide.

His spokeswoman, Jenny Backus, said the presidential transition team "concluded that some of his charitable donations were not properly documented and may have been deducted in error," and the couple paid \$5,693 in back taxes.

Daschle has been called to appear before the full committee Monday in a closed-door session.

He is considering amending his tax returns a second time because he did not pay Medicare taxes on the additional taxable income he incurred related to his use of the car. Finance panel staff members found that lapse.



Daschle

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and comfortably cool. Highs upper 30s.
Tonight: Fair and mostly dry. Lows low 20s.
Tomorrow: Scattered high clouds. Highs middle 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly sunny and dry. Highs near 30.
Tonight: Partly cloudy with a stiff breeze developing. Lows near 20.
Tomorrow: Continued chilly and breezy. Highs near 30.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A cold front will bring a chance of snow to mainly the northern mountains today. Snow chances will fade away overnight leaving Sunday mostly dry and clearing.
Map showing weather conditions across Idaho with city-specific forecasts like Boise (26 to 26), Idaho Falls (24/11), and Twin Falls (37/22).

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny, comfortably cool. High 37.
Tonight: Fair and mostly dry. Low 22.
Sunday: Scattered high clouds. Highs 35/20.
Monday: Sunny periods expected. Highs 37/23.
Tuesday: A mix of sun and clouds. Highs 33/26.
Wednesday: Partly sunny. Highs 40/27.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with columns: City, Hi, Lo, Precip. Lists weather for various locations like Boise, Burley, Challis, etc.

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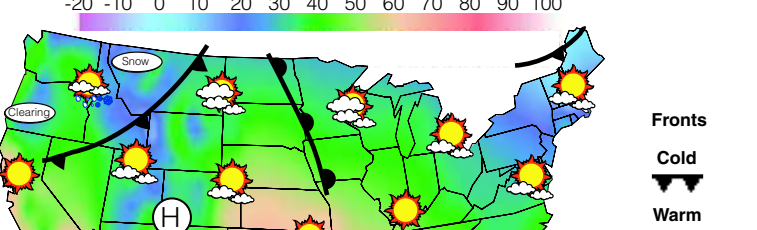
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. 'Pain is temporary. It may last a minute, or an hour, or a day, or a year, but eventually it will subside and something else will take its place. If I quit, however, it lasts forever.'

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Calgary, Cranbrook, Edmonton, etc.

Blackwater's Iraq deal not to be renewed

WASHINGTON — The State Department said Friday it will not renew Blackwater Worldwide's contract to protect American diplomats in Iraq when it expires in May.
'The department notified Blackwater in writing on Jan. 29 that it did not plan to renew the company's existing task orders for protective security detail in Iraq,' said Joanne Moore, a State Department spokeswoman.

Life after ice storm dire, getting worse in spots

By Bruce Schreiner, Associated Press writer. MARION, Ky. — In some parts of rural Kentucky, they're getting water the old-fashioned way — with pails from a creek. There's not room for one more sleeping bag on the shelter floor. The creative are flushing their toilets with melted snow.



A yard jockey stands coated with ice in front of a home Friday in Henderson County, Ky. they have the means, because we can't service everybody in our shelter,' said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown, who oversees about 9,000 people, many of whom are sleeping in the town's elementary school.

chain saws to clear fallen trees. 'We've got people out in some areas we haven't even visited yet,' Smith said. 'We don't even know that they're alive.'
Smith said FEMA has been a no-show so far. 'I'm not saying we can't handle it; we'll handle it,' Smith said. 'But it would have made life a lot easier' if FEMA had reached the county sooner, he said.

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# Sweet Music

Jazz cruise past Oklahoma City  
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# Goodell says union profit claims are 'fiction'

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Despite fears of a worsening economy and potential labor problems, commissioner Roger Goodell tried to be upbeat Friday, saying the game was showing signs of being safer and that the league wasn't done tinkering with overtime.

In his state of the NFL address at the Super Bowl, Goodell said he was hopeful



Arizona vs. Pittsburgh  
4 p.m., Sunday, NBC

there would be a new agreement with the union before the 2010 season.

Still, there was no getting around the fact the NFL was

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hardly immune from the world's ongoing financial chaos.

"We're not part of the economic crisis in the sense that we have any specific steps that we can take for the broader economy," he said. "As it relates to the NFL, we have announced, very

aggressively, that we are going to look at all of our season ticket prices. ... I believe about three-quarters of the league will hold their ticket prices flat.

"They're going to have to work harder and be more creative and offer extended terms, in some cases, to our fans to allow them to try to get through this difficult cycle.

"Unfortunately ... many of our clubs are having the difficult process of letting go

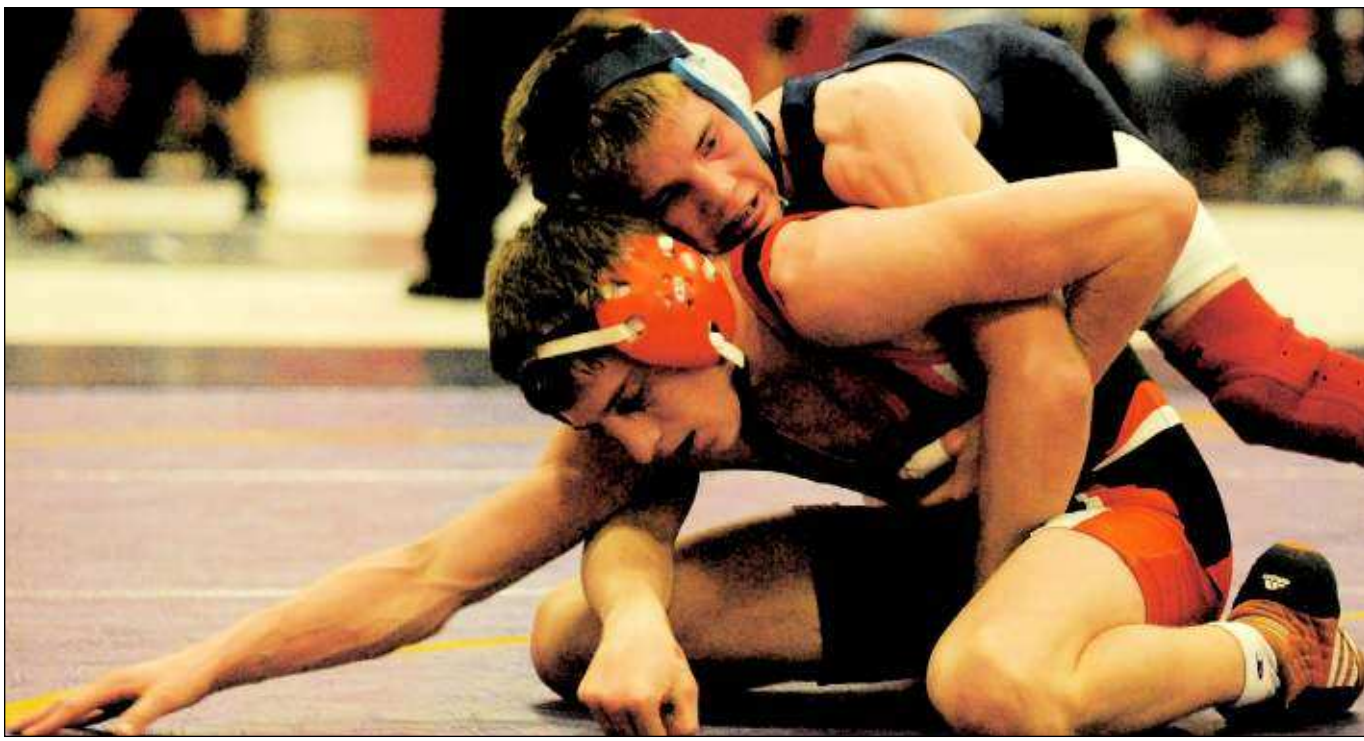
employees. There is uncertainty out there, and we have to cut our costs so that we can continue to keep this business a successful business and grow this business at some point."

The union claims there has been plenty of growth and the owners had no reason to opt out of the collective bargaining agreement that was supposed to run through 2012, but now will end after 2010. On Thursday, a union-commissioned study showed

the average value of franchises has grown from \$288 million to \$1.04 billion during the past decade, and that teams averaged a \$24.7 million profit in the last year — even as the economy took a turn for the worse.

Goodell disputed those numbers and defended the owners' decision to opt out of the CBA, which assures players about 60 percent of the applicable revenues. If a new

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RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Joe Hamilton (top) of Twin Falls wrestles with Cory Cummins of Jerome during their 119-pound championship quarterfinal match at the Red Halverson Invitational Friday at Minico High School.

# Rams lead at Red

## Host Minico trails at Halverson Invitational

By Ryan Howe  
Times-News writer

One of the intriguing aspects of the Red Halverson Memorial Invitational is it takes place toward the end of wrestling's regular season, which gives the athletes a chance to gauge their overall progress.

After Day 1 on Friday, it was evident who had put in the extra time over the past few months — their hard work is beginning to pay off.

Highland is pulling away in the team standings with 111.5 points, with Pocatello a distant second at 82.5. Minico, the host of the tournament, is the highest area team at fifth place, with Jerome and Twin Falls following at eighth and ninth place, respectively.

Twelve area wrestlers reached the championship semifinals as some old rivalries were renewed, and young hopefuls emerged.

Joe Hamilton of Twin Falls and Cory Cummins of Jerome met for the second time this season at 119 pounds. Hamilton made it two in a row against Cummins with a 12-4 major decision over his cross-canyon rival.

In the 145 championship quarterfinals, Kimberly's Nolan Ward faced a wrestler

who he had already beaten twice this season, Minico's David Borden. But the third time was the charm for Borden as the freshman controlled the match from start to finish and earned a 9-1 major decision over Ward.

It was the second victory of the day for Borden against a wrestler who had previously beaten him this season, as he defeated Nolan Crawford of Rocky Mountain in the earlier rounds.

"David and all these kids have been working their tails off in practice," said Minico assistant coach Steve Barnes. "They'll come in the mornings and stay after practice for extra work. They have such a great work ethic that you can see the difference as its building through the season."

Riley Argyle of Jerome and Blake Finney also renewed a rivalry, but their history goes back to their eighth grade match, when Finney pinned Argyle in the first round.

"He kicked the trash out of me," Argyle said of that first match, some three years ago. "He's always reminding me of that."

Argyle finally exacted revenge Friday with a hard-fought 6-5 decision in the championship quarterfinals at 160 pounds. Argyle, who says he is better on his feet while Finney thrives on riding legs, capitalized from the neutral position.

"All I was trying to do was beat him on his feet and take him down," Argyle said. "(At the end) I just had to get my hips up higher than his hips

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# CSI men drop close one at NIC

## Late trey misses as Eagles fall by 2

Times-News

Cheyne Martin's last-second 3-point bid kicked off the rim, leaving the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team with a 69-67 loss to No. 13 North Idaho College in Couer d'Alene on Friday.

The 16-5 Golden Eagles fell to 3-3 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play, while the Cardinals responded six consecutive points to narrow the gap. That pattern repeated throughout the game, with the Cardinals opening up 6- to 9-point leads and the Golden Eagles battling back.

"We got a good look and (Martin) gave it a good run and it just missed," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar.

Jay Watkins scored 16 for CSI, which also got 13 apiece from Aziz Ndiaye and Byago Diouf. Martin netted 10, but preseason All-American Daequon Montreal was held to six points. CSI won the rebounding battle 44-38, but hit only 8 of 16 free throws.

Melvin Jones hit 6 of 9

shots from 3-point range and scored a game-high 23 points for NIC, while Shawn Henderson scored 20 and Renado Parked 16.

The two teams meet again at 6 p.m. (MST) today in what is a must-win for a CSI team slipping in the conference race.

"It's going to be a big gut-check (today)," said Gosar. "Our backs are against the wall and we're going to have to come out and get the W."



North Idaho jumped to a quick 12-3 lead Friday, but CSI responded six consecutive points to narrow the gap. That pattern repeated throughout the game, with the Cardinals opening up 6- to 9-point leads and the Golden Eagles battling back.

Down 45-36 in the second half, CSI rallied with an 11-2 run highlighted by two 3-pointers from Diouf and one by Martin. That knotted the score at 47-47. The teams battled back and forth until Jones' sixth trey of the game

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# N. Idaho snaps CSI women's win streak

## Golden Eagles lose one-point contest

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball had its 13-game winning streak snapped Friday, falling 59-58 to North Idaho College in Couer d'Alene.

The loss was the Golden Eagles' first setback in Scenic West Athletic Conference play and dropped No. 13 CSI to 16-4 overall and 5-1 in SWAC play.

CSI rallied from a 57-52 deficit in the final minutes, taking a 58-57 lead on a Shauneice Samms layup with 39.7 seconds remaining. But NIC's Lindsay Wimmert answered with a layup on the other end and CSI point guard Martina Holloway was called for a carry with 7.7 left.

Shaneyya Valdez missed two free throws to give CSI one final chance with 1.8 seconds on the clock, but Holloway's shot at the horn was blocked by Bianca Cheever.

"Give North Idaho credit, they came in with twice the energy we saw (in Twin Falls)," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told 1270 AM KTFI. CSI beat the Cardinals by 25 in a Jan. 17 home game.

The Golden Eagles gave up 26 offensive rebounds in Friday's loss and made only 6 of 16 free throws.

"To win on the road you have to rebound and make your free throws and we didn't do it," said Rogers.

Samms scored 20 points to lead CSI, while Lucet added 15 and Pringle-Buchanan 11. Wimmert netted 15, Cheever 12 and Valdez 10 for NIC.

CSI jumped out to a 2-0 lead on a layup by Lucet, but quickly fell behind 14-5 against an amped up NIC squad. The Golden Eagles still trailed by nine at 20-11, but 3-pointers by Lucet and Pringle-Buchanan helped CSI draw within 28-26 at halftime.

The Cardinals came out strong after intermission, building a 44-35 lead. CSI responded with a 13-0 run, capped by a Pringle-Buchanan 3-pointer that gave CSI a 48-44 lead. But NIC forged back in front to set up the exciting finish.

"I think we lost our composure down the stretch after taking that four-point lead," said Rogers.

The two teams meet again today with tip-off set for 4 p.m. (MST). The game can be heard live on 1270 AM KTFI on streamed live online at <http://athletics.csi.edu>.

**North Idaho College 59, CSI 58**  
North Idaho (18-3, 5-1 SWAC)  
Natalie Nichols 2, Shaneyya Valdez 10, Bianca Cheever 12, Marielle McKean 2, Lauren Boyd-Miller 2, Katie Sanders 2, Lindsay Wimmert 15, Nia Gibson 8, Brigitte Boucher 6.  
CSI (16-5, 5-1 SWAC)  
Kaika Tullock 2, Martina Holloway 6, Cassie Wood 1, Noelle Millicic 3, LaCale Pringle-Buchanan 11, Shauneice Samms 20, Soania Lucet 15. Totals 23-53 6-16 58.  
Halftime: NIC 28, CSI 26. 3-point goals: NIC 3-16; CSI 6-12.

# Jerome nears No. 1 seed with slugfest win over Burley

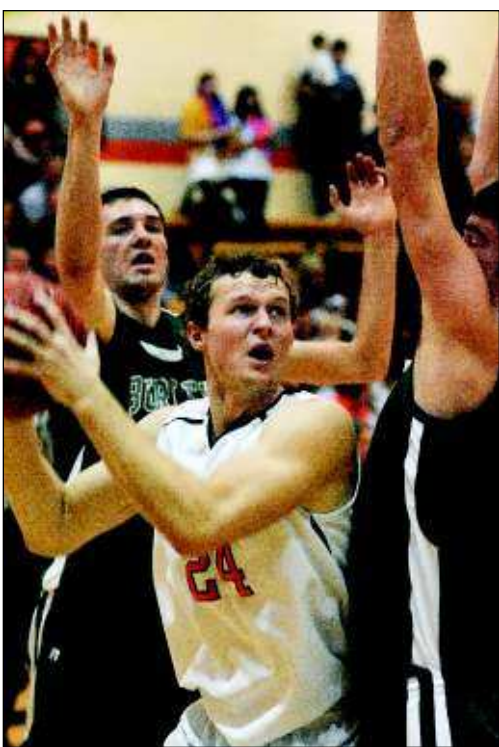
By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

Jerome guard Logan Parker trotted to the sideline and sat down, slamming in frustration against the bench upon which he rested. The senior sharpshooter had seen little go his way in the first half, missing a series of 3-point bids and scoring only two points.

Parker made an adjustment in the second half, and it proved to be part of the difference.

Jerome went on an 11-2 run to start the third quarter after hitting halftime tied and the Tigers never trailed again in a physical 46-38 win over visiting Burley on Friday night, moving Jerome within a win or a Minico loss of clinching the No. 1 seed for the Great Basin Conference West tournament.

Parker hit two 3-pointers and scored 12 of his 14



Jerome's Zach Ingraham (24) attempts to drive through two Burley High School defenders during the first half Friday night in Jerome.

JUSTIN JACKSON/  
Times-News

points after halftime, finding success by attacking Burley's zone defense and getting others involved to create

open space for himself later on.

"Burley threw up a 2-3 (zone) on us in the first half

and they were pretty successful with it. We were just impatient, and I was getting frustrated," said Parker. "(Jerome coach Joe Messick) told me to just let the game come to me in the second half, and we all started attacking and playing a lot better."

Kameron Pearce also sank two shots from beyond the arc and finished with 12 points for Jerome (15-2, 5-0 GBW). On the other end, Burley senior Kyle Hepworth finished with 11 points for the Bobcats (6-10, 1-3), less than half of his season scoring average, and pulled in 11 rebounds.

The stout defense of Jerome seniors Zach Ingraham and Jake Lammers, each of whom gives up at least three inches to Hepworth, was key. A sound rotation policy for the duo allowed a fresh body to

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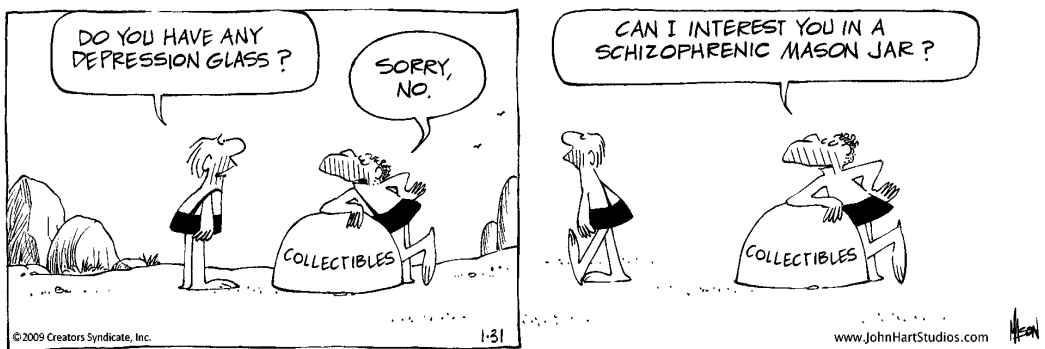






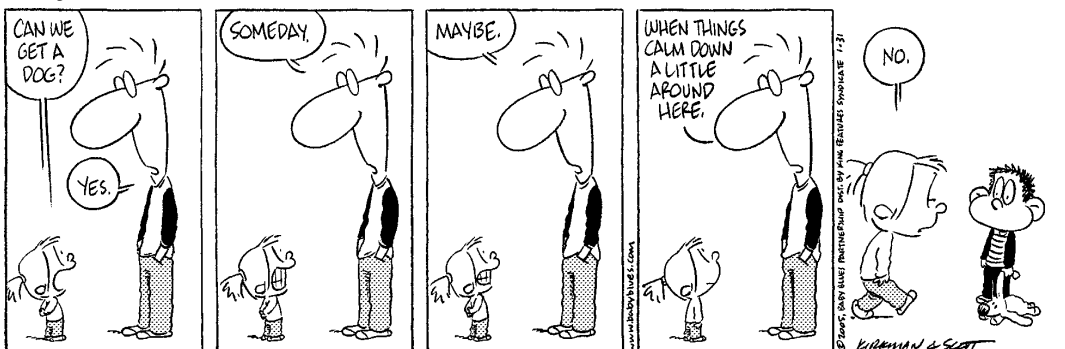
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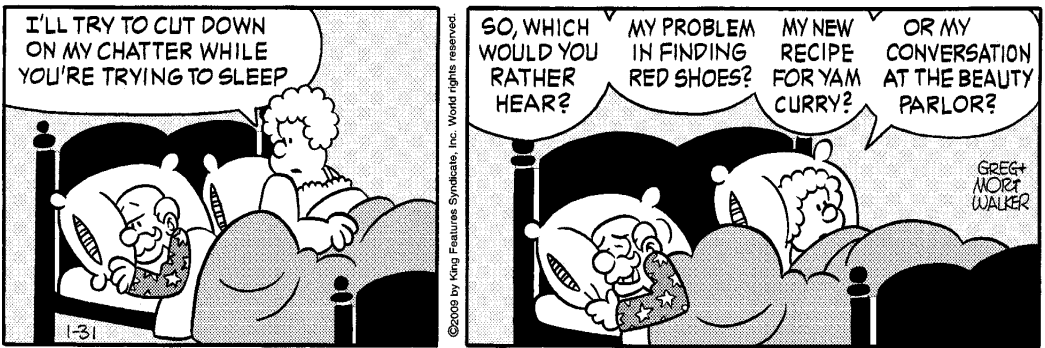
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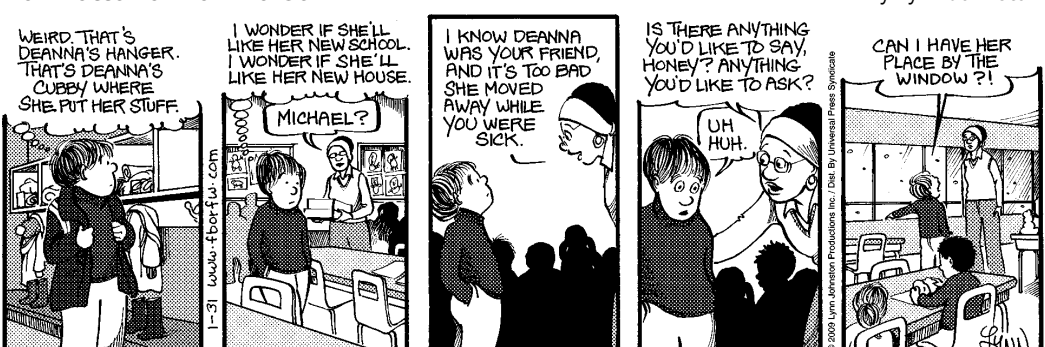
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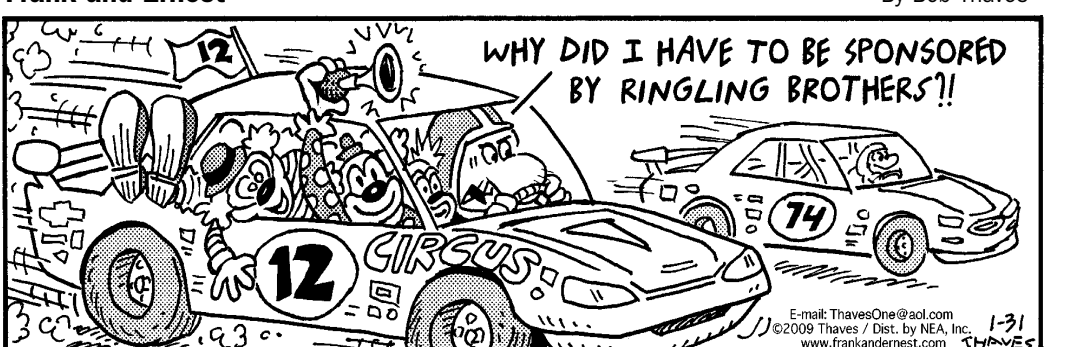
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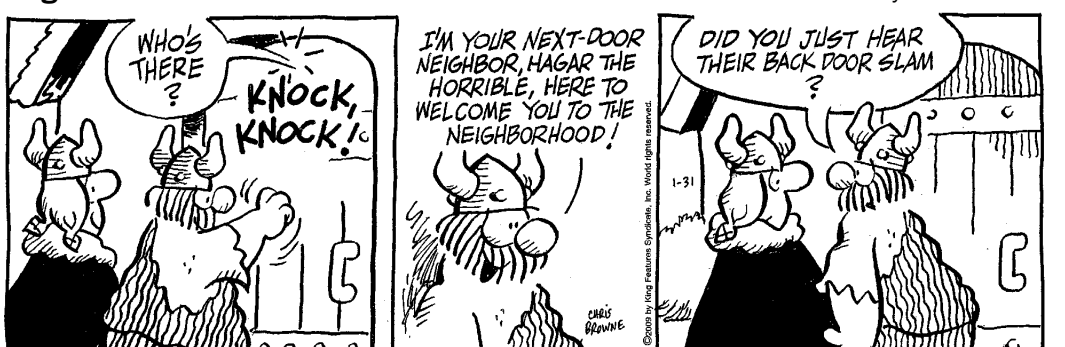
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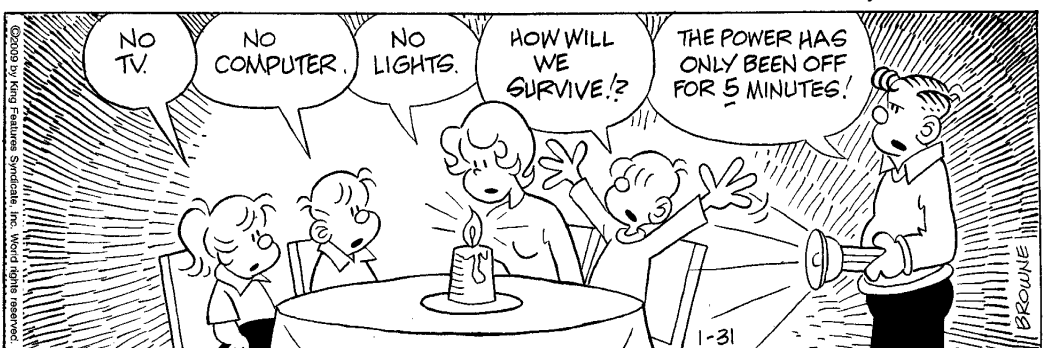
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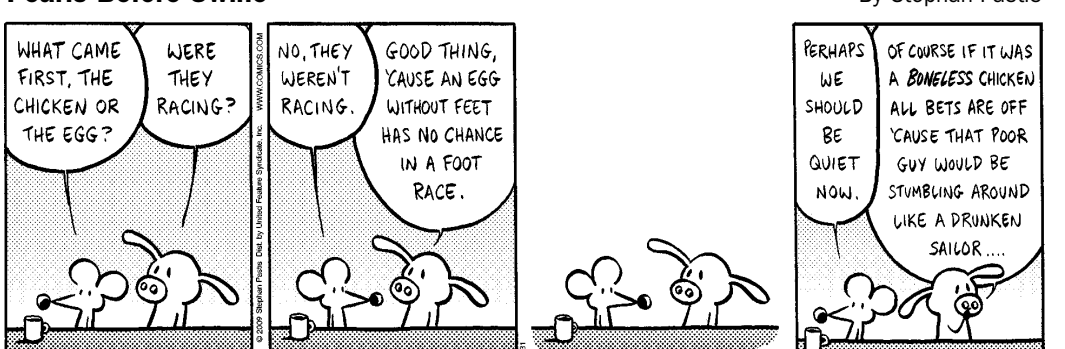
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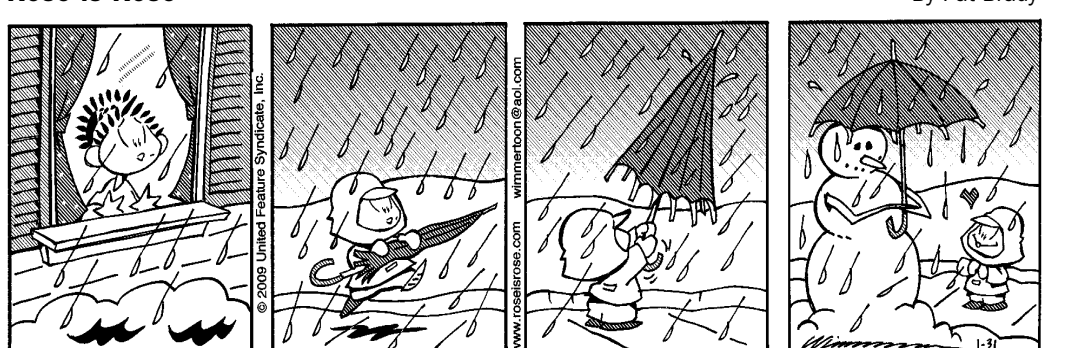
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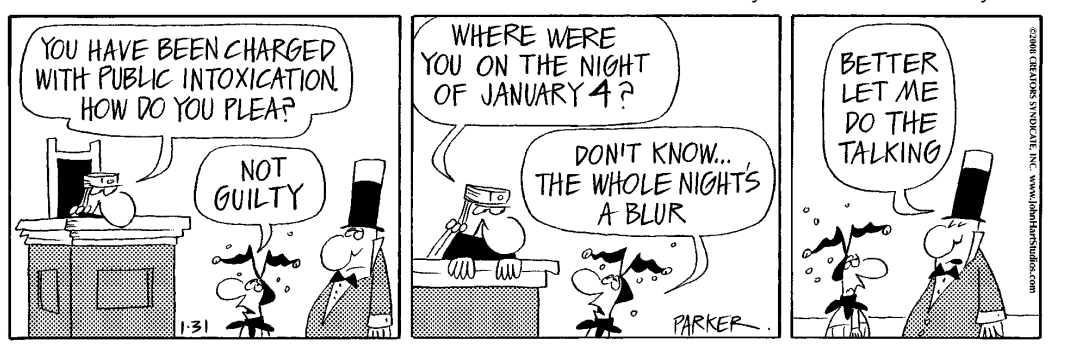
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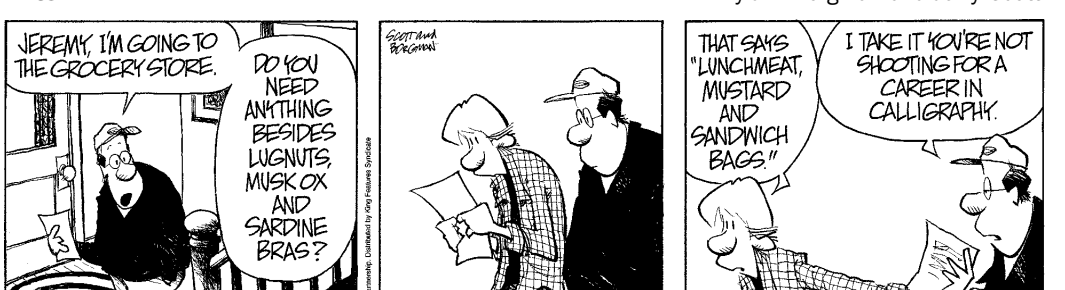
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# COMMUNITY

## Mini-Cassia

Covering the communities of Acequia, Albion, Burley, Declo, Heyburn, Malta, Minidoka, Oakley, Paul, Rupert

### Soil and water awards



Courtesy photo

The Soil and Water Conservation District awarded several students from Oakley Elementary School honorable mention ribbons and commemorative coins for the posters they made on the theme 'Water is Life.' Shown are, back row, from left: school principal Rena Bovee, Lauren Woodhouse, Kyle Mitton and Doreen McMurray, who presented the awards; front row: Kyanna McKenzie, Clayton Bedke and Jessica Hansen.

### Thumbing a ride is illegal on Idaho's highways

Q: Is it against the law to hitchhike?

A: It is but only when you get caught. Here is a much longer and less funny answer. Idaho Code 49-709(1) reads that no person shall stand on a highway for the purpose of soliciting a ride. That does not mean you can't ask somebody for a ride on private property though. I could guess most of the answers you'd receive though but this is a friendly state, so I guess you never know.

Other things not allowed on highways are soliciting employment or contributions. That is why you usually see people asking for money in parking lots. Contributions could however be asked for on a highway if the person(s) had written authority from the highway authority. Confused yet? The code for this one is Idaho Code 49-709(2) if you really want to look it up.

Q: I sometimes see a neighbor, who is a cop, driving his family around to places in his police car. I should mention that the car is not marked. Is it illegal for a cop to drive with his family in his or her patrol car?

A: There is a law called the "I didn't see it so it didn't happen law." I'm just kidding. There are no laws that prohibit law enforcement officers from having their family in the car that I know of. This is a policy issue set by each department, so if you have a question about one's policy you could contact it to find out. The officer could, in fact, be doing something they didn't know they weren't supposed to be doing anyway.

I know that some departments used to allow family members to ride with the on-duty officers. It usually was the wife and it was seen as a way to keep law



POLICEMAN DAN Dan Bristol

enforcement morale up because wives could spend time with their husbands and know what they really did. I rode with my dad a few times and learned a lot. I also got to prank a friend one time.

#### What I really meant ...

- Here are some polite ways to say somebody might be dumb:
- A few peas short of a casserole
  - The wheel's spinning but the hamster's dead
  - Body by Fisher, brains by Mattel
  - Couldn't pour water out of a boot with instructions on the heel
  - An intellect rivaled only by garden tools
  - Her sewing machine's out of thread
  - Proof that evolution can go in reverse
  - His belt doesn't go through all the loops

#### Officer down

- Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers. God bless them all.
- Officer Joshua Patrick Broadway, Montgomery Police, Alabama
  - Chief of Police Larry Blagg, Trumann Police, Arkansas
  - Captain Richard J. (Rick) Cashin, Massachusetts State Police

Be safe, I'll talk to you next week.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police. Email your questions to [policemandan@yahoo.com](mailto:policemandan@yahoo.com).

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

##### Burley Senior Center to host live music

Couples, single adults, family and friends are invited to come and listen to a live band while they dance, visit, play cards and make new friends from 7 to 10 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Burley Senior Citizens Center.

Cost is a \$1 to \$5 donation. Information: Kathy, 878-7973.

##### Minidoka 4-H Round Robin awards announced

4-H students were honored recently at the Minidoka County 4-H banquet in Rupert.

Round Robin Awards for 2008 were Austin Goff, overall showman; Alyssa Walton, reserve overall showman; Rysten Shurtz, third place; Kaylene Bingham, fourth place; Keisha Lloyd, fifth place; Miles Bishop, Candace Smith, Keona Etherington and Jessica Hunt also won Round Robin awards.

##### Fireman's Ball set for Feb. 7 in Paul

It's time to start planning for the annual West End Fireman's Ball, Feb. 7 at the American Legion Hall on Wayne Street in Paul.

There will be music and dancing beginning at 9 p.m. A breakfast will be served at midnight at the fire hall after the dance.

The event is open to the public, and is the West End firemen's only fundraiser of the year.

Tickets are \$5 and include the breakfast. They can be purchased at the door or from a West End fireman. Information: 431-5209

##### BJ bridge club announces results

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert announced results of Tuesday play.

North-South: 1. George and Nancy Gibson, 2. Barbara Carney and Eunice Merrigan, 3. Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie, 4. Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland

East-West: 1. Jane Keicher and Donna Moore, 2. Clarence and Sylvia Neiwert, 3. Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris, 4. Jackie Brown and Dot Creason

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information: Steve Sams, 878-3997 or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

##### Area residents named to dean's list at ISU College of Business

POCATELLO — Derek B. Moss of Burley, Jason P. Christiansen and Brian T. Ellis of Rupert, Todd M. Huffman of Filer, Regina B. McArthur of Jerome, Lydon J. Crane of Kimberly, and Taj J. Howard of Twin Falls have all earned a place on the Idaho State University 2008 spring semester dean's list for the College of Business, announced Ken Smith, 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.

##### CSI M-C offers Microsoft Word class

The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center is offering a Microsoft Office Word 2007 course from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 10 to Mar. 3.

This course will cover the new features, building blocks, SmartArt and themes, as well as fonts, formats, importing text and images, graphics and templates.

The cost is \$40. Information: 678-1400. — From staff reports

### Dilworth celebrating 90th birthday Feb. 7

Orvis Dilworth of Burley will celebrate his 90th birthday from 6 to 8 p.m., Feb. 7, at the Burley Institute building, 1649 Parke Ave. (across from the old Burley High School). Friends and family are invited to attend. Dilworth



Dilworth

was born Jan. 29, 1919, in Carey. He is married to Florence Dilworth.

The event is hosted by his children: Kenneth and Willa Rae Dilworth, Vernal, Utah; Cheryl and Robert Jolley, Vernal; Glen and Kathy Dilworth, Burley; Lamar and Teresa Dilworth, Sandy, Utah; Debbie and Brad Rogers, Paul; and Dena and Kyle Bodily, Burley.

He has 35 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

### Carey 90th birthday party set for Feb. 10

June Carey, longtime Burley artist, will be honored for her 90th birthday by the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra and the Art Guild, from 6 to 7:15 p.m., Feb. 10, in the foyer at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave., Burley.

The reception will be held prior the philharmonic's performance that evening. Refreshments will be served.



Carey

### HELPING RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Cassia County's Farm Bureau Women's Board held a food/supplies drive for the Ronald McDonald House located in Boise. The fourth-grade class at Raft River Elementary School helped out with the drive. Jewelee Steed, the women's chair for Cassia County's Farm Bureau, said that when she announced to the fourth-grade class what the project was and how important the Ronald McDonald house is to many families with sick children, the class got really excited to help out. In four days, the children brought in many boxes of food. Quilts were made and many supplies for the house were also donated. Steed said, 'I am amazed at what was accomplished in just four days. I know that the Ronald McDonald House has helped out so many families in need, this is one way that we can support such a wonderful cause.' Pictured are students who participated in the drive. Courtesy photo

## Bad cold caused long-lasting damage to Eustachian tube

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read your column everyday and enjoy it very much. Awhile ago, you had a letter from a woman who was concerned about the fact that her husband could hear a blood-flow noise in his right ear but not the left.

Several years ago, I had a bad cold and blew my nose quite hard and often. Following this, I developed a



ASK DR. GOTT Dr. Peter Gott

blood-flow noise in my left ear. Concerned it was some-

thing serious, I made an appointment with my ear-nose-and-throat specialist. After a thorough examination, he told me that my Eustachian tube had been forced open, likely due to my frequent and hard nose blowing. I was told that it may never close back up but I could try deep-sea diving, which would put pressure on the tube and might close it,

or I could just learn to live with it. (I used to be a deep-sea diver, so this suggestion wasn't completely outlandish.)

It has been 15 years since the diagnosis and I still have the problem. I have learned to ignore it but know it is nothing serious. If I have a cold, the sound gets a little louder. I know this is not always

the problem if someone develops blood flowing noise in one or both of their ears, but given the alternatives, this is a much better diagnosis. I still urge everyone to see their physicians because it is the only way to be sure of what is causing the noise.

I hope this helps the woman and her husband and anyone else who may have the problem.

DEAR READER: This was not an option I had considered. Thank you for writing to inform both my readers and I of this possibility. Keep up the good work.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers

# New war vets bonus proposed

Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans would get a one-time bonus of \$1,500 for their service under a bill introduced July 31 in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Combat Bonus Act, sponsored by Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., would provide the tax-free payment within 60 days of the end of deployment to those who served 90 days or longer in a combat zone, or to those — or the families of those — who did not complete 90 days, but were killed or injured in a combat zone.

Stupak's bill, HR 6760, is a slightly more generous version of one previously proposed by House Democrats to give a \$1,000 bonus to returning combat veterans. But while his bill, like the earlier proposal, may sound like a great idea to the troops who

## VETERANS CORNER George Schwindeman

would get the money, it faces steep odds against approval.

### Army working to reduce harmful drug interactions

A trend toward patients taking medication at home rather than in a clinical setting has led to a 3.196 percent increase in fatal medication errors since 1983, according to a study in the July 28 Archives of Internal Medicine.

The problem comes not from the prescriptions themselves, but from mixing those medications with street drugs or alcohol, when not under the direct supervision of health care professionals,

said lead author David Phillips, professor of sociology at the University of California, San Diego.

The military is aware of this problem and is taking steps to minimize it. For example, Army officials told lawmakers in July that they have reduced the number of accidental overdoses in Warrior Transition Units by half.

Still, this study shows it's important for any injured service member taking medications to be aware of warnings about mixing them with alcohol or other drugs.

"Domestic fatal medication errors, combined with alcohol and/or street drugs, have become an increasingly important health problem," Phillips said.

*George Schwindeman is a veteran who lives in Rupert.*

## DEMARY MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOK NOTES

Here are notes on the latest books available at the DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert.

### Large-print fiction: "Being Elizabeth" by Barbara Taylor Bradford

Elizabeth Deravenel sits on the throne of the Deravenel business empire as its managing director. It's her task to steer the company clear of takeovers and intrigues, while rumors and betrayal swirl around her. She must also keep her heart from being broken by the only man's she ever loved.

### "Crossroads" by Belva Plain

Cassie accepted a monumental task when she took the year-old child of a deceased loved one into her home to raise as her own. As Gwen blossoms into adolescence, the two generations clash. Gwen rebels by pursuing a completely different career and marrying the man she loves despite his shady background.

### Large-print nonfiction: "Real Life" by Dr. Phil McGraw

We're all used to managing the day-to-day turbulence of life. What happens when life

throws a curve ball and we're faced with a crisis situation? Dr. Phil explores how to take control of disastrous situations relating to loss, fear, adaptability (or lack thereof), physical or mental health issues, addiction, or existential crisis. He tells readers how to get through each situation and how to master or cope with the problem.

**Children's titles:** "Three Wishes"; "Hannah Montana-On the Road"; "Hannah Montana-True Blue"; "Spot The Differences"; "Miss Smith Reads Again."

## Dr. Gott

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who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** In 2007, at the age of 90, my husband was diagnosed with an abdominal aortic aneurysm. His vascular surgeon said it was so large that no stent would be available in our town at the local hospital. He made arrangements for the surgery at a nearby teaching hospital, where two surgeons performed the miraculous repair with two customized stents.

My husband is now 91 years old and a productive senior citizen who attends luncheon clubs, lodge meetings and is able to enjoy his family. We have been married 68 years and hope to have many more wonderful years ahead.

We know miracles happen, and perhaps the disgruntled "professional consumer advocate" will admit he was wrong. Our family has proof.

**DEAR READER:** I thought this issue had been put behind me, but then I received your letter. I felt it was important to print it because it shows what competent and caring physicians can do.

Age doesn't always have to be a limiting factor in deciding appropriate courses of

medical treatment, as your husband's case clearly shows. I hope you both continue to lead productive, fulfilling lives together for many years to come. Thanks for writing.

*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."*

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# Serving a faith-based audience

## LDS bookshop a staple in T.F. community

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News writer

Dwight Bell's life changed 30 years ago when he opened a small bookshop on the corner of Albion Street North and 2nd Avenue North in Twin Falls.

He didn't know then if his shop, Bell's Family Books, would still be around in the new century, but it is — in the same place, doing the same thing it did back then: selling faith-based books to a growing LDS population.

And Bell is still there, too, on most days Monday-Saturday.

He said people often ask him why he spends so much time at the store. He replies lightheartedly, "I never learned how to play, so I spend my time here."

The people who ask him are returning customers, the people he's gotten to know over the years. "Oh, this is a great place to be," he said of his bookstore. "I've met a lot of good people here."

Surprisingly, he says he doesn't read much.

"There's just not enough time," said Bell, who likes to keep busy both at the store and when away from it. But on rare occasions he'll pull a book from the shelf to read, such as Andrew C. Skinner's book, "Temple Worship: 20 Truths That Will Bless Your Life."

It's a book that obviously would catch Bell's attention, because since it opened last August he spends at least two days a week serving in the church's Twin Falls Temple.

Temples are important to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but so are good books.

Ever since the first edition of the Book of Mormon was printed in 1830 — claiming to testify to "Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ" — the church, which was established with six members on April 6, 1830 in New York, has sought ways to publish and distribute faith-based supplements to its members.

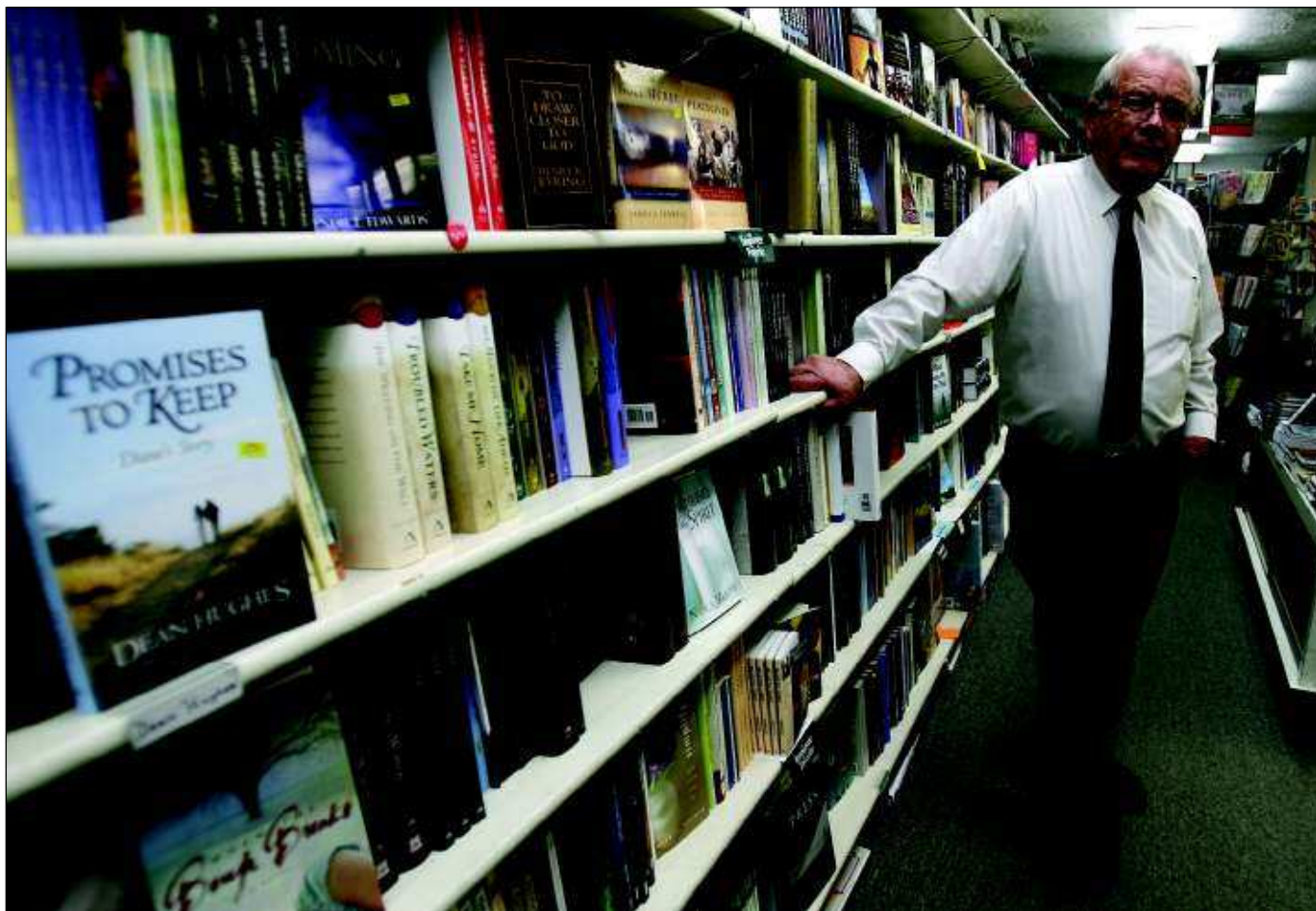
It began with pamphlets

by its apostles and a newspaper called the *Evening and Morning Star*, which rolled off the press on a warm June day in 1832 in Independence, Mo. As the church grew, demand increased by its members, especially by those who lived outside church headquarters, to read sermons and teachings by their leaders.

Finding their own voice in a growing faith, some members penned their thoughts and testimonies about what they felt was God's church restored to the earth, Eliza R. Snow and William W. Phelps among the notables.

Not long after church headquarters moved from the Midwest to the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, its members established another press, this time named Deseret. A newspaper, book publisher and bookstore eventually opened, much of it led by church apostle George Q. Cannon and other leaders. All of these businesses are still in operation today.

Supplying faith-based literature to a growing membership — today the church boasts more than 13 million members worldwide — is a task made easier by independent publishers and booksellers. The largest LDS publisher is Salt Lake City-based Deseret Book Company, owned by the church's Deseret Management Corp., which operates 40 stores in the West and publishes faith-based material — books, art, movies, music — including



Photos by MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Dwight Bell leans on a shelf filled with LDS faith-based books for sale at his Twin Falls bookstore, Bell's Family Books. Bell opened the store in 1979 and took over the management of it when his wife could no longer run it due to Alzheimer's disease.

### There's more

Bell's Family Books isn't the only LDS bookstore in Twin Falls. Find out about Crowley's Quad on Religion 3

works by the church's general authorities.

That doesn't mean Deseret Book titles are official church publications. Official publications contain the church's logo, while all other books and products are the views and opinions of their authors. The church has not limited its members' publishing efforts, but has encouraged it, attested to by the hundreds of LDS-themed books printed every year by Deseret Book and other publishers. On rare occasions, however, there have been some members who have been disciplined or even excommunicated for publishing items contrary to church teachings.

"Our mission is designed to dovetail the mission of the church," Boyd Ware, Deseret Book's vice president of publishing, told the *Times-News* in a phone interview. But that doesn't mean the company doesn't try to hit a larger audience.

In recent years Deseret Book, which operates on its own revenue, bought former independent publishers Bookcraft and Covenant Communications. Titles today are published under one of the company's imprints, depending on the



LDS-themed books are tagged 'for sale' on a display table at Bell's Family Books in Twin Falls. Both fiction and nonfiction titles, among other items aimed to teach and inspire families, are available at the store.

item's genre. Most doctrinally-oriented books are published with the Deseret Book logo, while novels and other items might be published under a different imprint, such as Shadow Mountain, an imprint geared to a national, non-LDS market. Popular science-fiction writer Orson Scott Card and mystery writer Anne Perry, both LDS, have been published under this imprint.

Ware, who was reluctant to tout his company's own horn, spoke highly of other LDS publishers' efforts, and said he believes all of them, like his Deseret Book, are trying to do the same thing:

find their own niche and produce quality, inspirational products.

Bell agrees, and says some of the most popular books in his store are not always Deseret Book titles. Granite and Cedar Fort Inc. have titles that in some areas drown out sales by the larger publishing house. He also said it's not just books that people are buying.

"They have a great selection (of products)," said customer Leah Scott. At least four times a year Scott drives from her home in Gooding to the store to browse and buy books and other prod-

ucts for her family. She said the five or six employees who work at Bell's are always willing to help.

As for the larger LDS market, Scott said she believes publishers are supplying what their audience demands. Well, mostly anyway. "I wish there was more missionary scrapbook paper," she said. "But I'm told it's going out of style." How can that be, she wonders, when there are more than 52,000 church missionaries? But she's still able to get most of the faith-based products she wants, which

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## Friends and missions

By Coreen Hart  
Times-News correspondent

PAUL — Two Mini-Cassia women who became fast friends during junior high and are now serving missions say they owe a lot to the small church they attended in Paul.

The women are Megan Schenk and Laura Ziulkowski; the church is the First Baptist Church.

Megan attended the same church that Laura's father, John Ziulkowski, served as pastor. In fact, he's still serving there today.

"We became known as the Paul Baptist girls," Laura said. "We were always in the same Sunday school classes, camp groups ... from the time I



Courtesy photo

Megan Schenk of Paul is serving a mission in the Midwest for her church, Paul Baptist Church.

came to Rupert in 1990."

The girls, along with a few others, eventually opened a

Bible study in one of the classrooms at Minico High School. "It was nothing for-

## Baptist missionaries say they owe a lot to their teenage friendships and church

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Megan Schenk and Laura Ziulkowski are able to serve because they receive support from church members. If you'd like to correspondent, send e-mails to mschenk@beechpoint.com or lziulkowski@hotmail.com

mal, (but was) to encourage each other and learn from the Bible," Laura said. "Sometimes we cried together."

The girls graduated in 2000 and 2001, respectively. But their early church experiences and friendships helped

prepare them for their church service today, they said.

Laura, 26, is in Monrovia, Liberia, on the coast of Africa for nine months out of the year, while Megan is at Camp Beechpoint in Alegen, Mich.

They recently made a brief visit back home, and while here they discussed their experiences with the *Times-News*.

Laura, a registered nurse, assists surgeons on board the good ship Mercy and, when she can, teaches people about Jesus.

"There are 22 different nationalities represented on my ship," Laura said. "We are all volunteers from nations around the world. My best friend on the ship is from

Ireland."

Megan, 25, went to New Tribes Bible Institute in 2001, then served three-week missions in Brazil, Papua New Guinea and other foreign countries before becoming a summer missionary at the Michigan camp. For 2009 she's been promoted to full time, dividing the year into summers at camp as a teacher, and winters in Chicago as a follow-up director.

"I absolutely love it," Megan said. "This is what I want to do for the rest of my life."

"I owe so much to my early church environment. We got

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 2920799 T.S. No. 200801512 - 31678 On 04/20/2009 at 11:00 a.m. (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: In the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave. East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301.



100 Lost and Found

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FOUND Beagle, female, tri colored, fat and sassy, very friendly. Found Sky-lane Trailer Park. Comes by the name baby & a whistle. 410-2657 or 208-734-4771

FOUND Border Collie cross puppy, black & white, female, around 4 months old. Found at Oasis on Washington & Filer. 420-1164

FOUND Lab mix pup, tan, south of Kimberly. Call 208-404-3920 to identify.

FOUND Yellow Lab, female, golden in color, very nice. Found 3300 E. in Kimberly. Call 208-736-0759.

FOUND, Black Lab, female, 8-9 weeks old. Found on 600 West north of Paul. Call 208-431-1913.

LOST Cat, Tabby orange/white, long hair, male. 215 Heyburn West and Ostrander St. REWARD. Call Pam 421-0510.

LOST Chihuahua pup, male, fawn color, lost 4 1/2 miles S. of Pay & Pack by 3400 Rd. 208-733-3634

101 Lost and Found

LOST (3) young bulls, 1-Herford, 1-Angus and 1-Jersey, east of Heyburn. 219-9654

LOST Puppy on 1/20, male, Pekingese, brown fur, with black & white. Lost near Washington & Shoup St. 208-734-9476

LOST Ring, gold band, with silver leaves and diamonds inside, lost on 1/30 in Costco parking lot. 325-5128 or 410-1582

LOST Standard Schnauzer, kid's dog, lost in Gooding on 12/24. REWARD. Call 208-961-0226.

104 Personals

GENTLEMAN would like to meet single female, age 60+, for companionship and likes to go camping and spend a quiet evening together. Write: Box 946314, c/o Times News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303

MALE Wanting to meet female for friendship & companionship. P.O. Box 15, Hagerman, ID 83332

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<b>CHRYSLER '07 PT Cruiser</b> , 2 to choose from, CD, cruise, \$9999 <b>LITHIA</b> Chrysler - Jeep - Dodge Call 208-733-5776	<b>FORD '04 Focus</b> , 4 door, 5 speed, FWD, Great First Car! \$6,905. 208-324-0069 2811S Lincoln, Jerome <b>SmalleyMotors</b>	<b>HONDA '03 Civic LX</b> coupe, low, low miles. Was \$14,995. Now \$9987. #51641 <b>MIDDLEKAUFF</b> HONDA 208-733-7700	<b>FORD '98 Escort</b> , AT, PW, great gas mileage, runs excellent, \$2200. 420-6722 <b>Thrifty Car Sales</b>	<b>MAZDA '04 6 AT</b> , PW, PM, PL, CD. 49K miles, \$11,550. 208-324-0069 2811S Lincoln, Jerome <b>SmalleyMotors</b>	<b>PONTIAC '03 Vibe</b> , fully loaded, 6 speed, good mileage, good tires, \$7500. <b>GMC '08 Dura Max</b> , fully loaded, shell w/bedliner, \$4,000. 208-731-2973 or 734-7728	<b>SATURN '01 Wagon</b> RIGHT HAND DRIVE 4 cyl, AT, AC, full power, low miles, 30 mpg, mail delivery ready. \$5900. Call 208-293-5587	<b>TOYOTA '07 Camry</b> AT, CD, power everything, 37K miles, \$13,900. 208-324-0069 2811S Lincoln, Jerome <b>SmalleyMotors</b>	<b>WARNING</b> When purchasing a vehicle, make sure that the title is in the name of the seller. Under Idaho motor vehicle code a vehicle cannot be sold unless the title is in the name of the seller (exception: Idaho licensed dealer). The seller shall provide the new purchaser a signed bill of sale showing the following: Full description of the vehicle, vehicle identification number, amount paid and name(s) and address of the new purchaser. The bill of sale must be signed, dated and show actual mileage at the time of sale. If you have any questions, please contact your local assessor's office.
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