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Local authorities want child endangerment law changed

Draft bill would toughen fine for adults exposing children to meth

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Twin Falls law enforcement authorities think it should be a felony crime when parents expose their children to

methamphetamine. Currently, exposing a child to meth use is charged as a misdemeanor crime, said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks. Draft legislation to stiffen the law was crafted by local authorities who said Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, is on board. The drafted bill will probably change, though, before heading to lawmakers in Boise, Hicks confirmed. Block did not return repeated phone calls and an e-mail message sent last week

from the *Times-News* for this story. Local authorities say this is an important bill and should be passed by lawmakers, though it has not been introduced yet to the Legislature. The draft bill would make anyone 18 or older who lets a minor under 18 "be exposed to, ingest or inhale, or have contact with a controlled substance or an immediate precursor substance ... guilty of a felony." People found guilty of that would be imprisoned for up

to 10 years, or put in a drug court program, according to the draft bill. "Exposure to kids is deserving of a felony," said Hicks, referring to meth. Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb agrees. "Right now it's difficult to prosecute someone smoking and exhaling meth fumes with a child in the room," said Loeb. Authorities charge parents

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Burley doctor discusses effects of meth on babies

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Doctors aren't certain about the long-term effects on babies with meth in their systems, but they know it isn't good. In the context of the recent baby born at Cassia

Regional Medical Center whose urine tested positive for marijuana and methamphetamine, Dr. Michael Cannon, an obstetrician-gynecologist at the hospital, provided his general opinion on the problem.

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Grocery relief on hold?



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Cheryl Brown, of Twin Falls, hurries through the produce aisle Monday afternoon at a local supermarket. In response to shrinking tax revenue, legislative budget writers are considering delaying an increase in the credit meant to offset Idaho's 6 percent sales tax on groceries.

Budget writers broach delaying grocery tax relief

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Legislative budget writers are considering delaying an increase in the credit meant to offset Idaho's 6 percent sales tax on groceries. At a hearing Monday, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert and co-chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, broached the idea with state Tax Commission Chairman Royce Chigbrow as a way of saving Idaho \$14.5 million, the projected cost of the credit increase for the fiscal year that starts July 1. Cameron and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, who also chairs of the committee, both said the worsening budget outlook could make delaying the credit expansion unavoidable. Preliminary estimates indicate tax revenue after January is about \$42 million behind the state's already reduced estimates, though final figures won't be out until later this week at the earliest.

"We're trying to find every single dime we can, every single dollar, to make cuts in 2010 less onerous and to reduce the impact on education," Bell told The Associated Press. Under the measure passed by the 2008 Legislature after two sessions of rancorous debate, members of a family of four earning less than \$25,000 each get \$50, while members of families earning more each get \$30. Rebates for each resident would rise by \$10 each year to a maximum of \$100 and \$120 for seniors. The proposal cost Idaho state government about \$22 million in the current fiscal year, a figure that would rise to about \$122 million annually by 2015 if nothing is done to delay the expansion. In his Jan. 12 State of the State speech, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said he favored preliminary estimates indicate tax revenue after January is about \$42 million behind the state's already reduced estimates, though final figures won't be out until later this week at the earliest. "I haven't heard any dis-

GROCERY RELIEF BY THE NUMBERS

- \$14.5 million**
Projected cost of grocery tax credit increase for the fiscal year that starts July 1.
- \$22 million**
What current grocery credit proposal has cost the state during current fiscal year. If left unchanged, it could rise to \$122 million annually by 2015.
- \$42 million**
Preliminary estimated shortfall in state tax revenue after January.



cussion about reversing course," said Jon Hanian, Otter's spokesman. "He's still committed to it." House Democrats, meanwhile, also said they were skeptical of plans to slow grocery tax relief, especially for low-income residents, though there's no official caucus position yet. With Otter's plan to raise taxes and fees for gas and registration on cars and trucks, grocery

"We're trying to find every single dime we can, every single dollar, to make cuts in 2010 less onerous and to reduce the impact on education."
— Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome

Suspect in SV dorm death charged with involuntary manslaughter

Drehmel faces up to 10 years in prison

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Corey D. Drehmel, arrested following the Friday night death of Jerome James, appeared in 5th District Court Monday in Hailey to hear the charge against him: involuntary manslaughter. Prosecutors allege Drehmel "unlawfully, but without malice" caused James' death and are charging him with a felony that carries a sentence of up to 10 years. Police initially recommended a charge of aggravated battery. An autopsy conducted Monday produced incomplete results, said Blaine County Coroner Russ Mikel. It is likely to be four to six weeks before there is an offi-

cial cause of death for 49-year-old James. Drehmel appeared via videoconference from the Blaine County jail, and his voice often wavered as he answered questions posed by Judge R. Ted Israel at the arraignment. The Roark Law Firm of Hailey was appointed as his public defender. After hearing from a county prosecutor, who asserted that Drehmel had no ties to the community, the judge set Drehmel's bail at \$100,000. According to court documents, James and Drehmel, employees of Sun Valley Co., were roommates at a



Drehmel

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Forest reopens public comment on cell tower

Tower company to host informational meeting on proposal

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Sawtooth National Forest officials are moving forward again on analyzing a controversial proposed cell phone tower on Galena Summit, four months after the issue was returned to them on appeal. The 90-foot tower, disguised as a pine tree, would provide phone service in the forest and Sawtooth National Recreation Area and was proposed years ago by Idaho Tower Co. Its backers praised the advantages cell service would offer for emergency services personnel in the area. But National Forest Supervisor Jane Kollmeyer rejected the plan in a July 11 decision, writing that it would cause serious harm to the scenic value of the summit. In the same decision,



Photo courtesy Idaho Tower Co.

Idaho Tower Co. has proposed to build a cell phone tower disguised as a tree, like the one pictured, on Galena Summit.

Kollmeyer also raised the site's "visual quality objective," a rating tool used by the agency to determine how best to preserve an area's scenic quality. It was the first time that change was announced to the public, and a deputy regional forest

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MORNING BRIEFING



TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Michael Franti and Spearhead concert, fundraiser for 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, 4:30 p.m. doors open and 5 p.m. program, Sun Valley Pavilion, tickets: \$50, \$100 and \$200, 726-3423 or tickets.front-gatetickets.com.

The 5th Annual Race to Safety, involves NazzKart teams sponsored by area businesses; to raise awareness of child passenger safety, 5:30 p.m., NazzKart Indoor Race Track, 320 Third Ave. S., Twin Falls, free admission, 208-737-2807.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Snake River Weavers' Guild meeting, with hostess Dar Wagner, 1:30 p.m., 735-8123 or 734-5358.

American Legion Post 7 and Auxiliary Potluck, Pie Social and Auction, 5:30 p.m. social hour with potluck and business meetings to follow, Post Home, 447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls, meat provided; bring dish to share and pie, www.twin-fallslegion.org or 733-9306.

Citizens Protecting Resources (CPR) meeting, 7:30 p.m., Idaho Fish and Game building, two miles north of the Flying J on U.S. Highway 93, 324-3202.

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

BUSINESS FAIR

Idaho Department of Labor first annual Service Provider's Fair, variety of service agencies on hand with information for customers in need of assistance for childcare, housing assistance, training, healthcare, food and utility support and other services, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Idaho Department of Labor, 420 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 735-2500, ext. 3126.

EDUCATION/LECTURE

Hagerman Valley Historical Society monthly program, speaker: Henry Whiting II, author of "At Nature's Edge" and owner/renovator of Frank Lloyd Wright artist studio, 7 p.m., National Park Service building, 221 N. State St., Hagerman, no cost, public invited, refreshments served, 208-837-4597.

EXHIBITS

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

New work by Twin Falls sculptor Yvonne Jacques, noon to 5 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council's La Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Main Street Plaza, Twin Falls, free admission, 734-2787 or magicvalleyartscouncil.org.

"Domestic Life" exhibition, multidisciplinary project on the financial and time investments spent on homes, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum, no cost, sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

Photographs and art by Carl Pulsifer and Joyce Deford, noon to 5 p.m., The Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, no cost, 543-5417.

GOVERNMENT

CANCELED: Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 734-9490.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln St., 644-2700.

Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Snake River Grill, 837-9131.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.

Blaine County School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 118 W. Bullion St., Hailey, 578-5000.

Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second St., 366-7418.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4321.

Hagerman School Board, 7 p.m., high school, 150 Lake St. W., 837-4777.

Hazelton City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 246 Main St., 829-5415.

Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 2392

Main St., 655-4225.

Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.

Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison St. W., 423-4151.

Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park St., 544-2102.

Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple St., 886-2038.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Hagerman High School gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Buhl old Middle School gym, no cost, 732-6475.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

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

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

Adult Children Anonymous (ACA) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

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

LIBRARY

Twin Falls Public Library Book club meeting, discussion: "The Faith Club," 5:30 p.m., library's program room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, 733-2964 ext. 110.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

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

TODAY'S DEADLINES

Reservation deadline for Feb. 14 Valentines Beef Prime Rib dinner, gourmet fare by candlelight prepared by Chef William Benedict for all ages, 5 to 7 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Citizen Community Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, \$10 per person, 734-5084 (reserved tickets may be paid for at the door).

Reservation deadline for Feb. 11 Magic Valley Advertising Federation evening presentation and meeting, features "The Advertising Success of Budweiser" by Linda Watkins of Watkins Distributing; includes appetizers and beverages, 5:15 p.m. check-in, Twin Falls Shilo Inn, Twin Falls, \$10 for members and non-members, 308-0488 or Melissa.Crane@cableone.biz.

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

Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to do today

- Henry Whiting II, author of "At Nature's Edge" and owner of the Frank Lloyd Wright artist studio near Hagerman, will speak at 7 p.m. at the National Park Service building, 221 N. State St., Hagerman. There's no cost for this Hagerman Valley Historical Society monthly program.

- The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra's Pops Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley. Paul Pugh is guest conductor. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for students and \$17 for families.
 - Enjoy dinner and a basketball game at Kimberly High School. Dinner goes

from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. before the Bulldogs boys face Filer. Cost is \$8 to eat. For those 8 and under, its by donation.

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

Law

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with felony possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine. But when their kids' hair tests positive for meth, authorities aren't charging the parents with felony child endangerment.

"It's not prosecutable currently as a felony," said Loeb. "That's the problem. The definition doesn't let you prosecute that (smoking meth around a child) if that's all that happened."

Under the current law, in order to prosecute felony

child endangerment for smoking meth around a child, Loeb said he'd have to show that the act would likely cause great bodily harm or death.

Statistics showing that just aren't available, Loeb said. "There's not enough data yet."

Loeb said many doctors believe meth exposure to children will likely cause great bodily harm, but more than that is needed to prove a case in court.

At least at drug production sites, children can be harmed through: chemical burns, eye and tissue irritation, death, fires, abuse, and neglect,

according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Loeb wouldn't support making exposure to marijuana a felony, he said, and the proposed law change would probably cost taxpayers additional money for testing.

"If the crime were expanded ... Then you could use evidence in the house, around the house, in the children's hair to prove that this had happened," said Loeb. "This would allow you to get to a different issue, the damage it's doing to children."

Twin Falls police took 58 reports in 2008 regarding child endangerment, said Hicks.

Babies

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Regarding marijuana, the negative effects, if any, are unproven, Cannon said—but it's different with meth.

"With drug exposure during pregnancy, we only learn about it by history, because nobody is going to give a mother meth and then study the effects," he said. "Everything is kind of sketchy, but with meth, when they test it on animals, it has shown teratogenic effects on the heart."

Does that mean the hearts of human babies would be similarly malformed?

"Probably," Cannon said. "What we have seen is that the babies tend to be smaller and show withdrawal symptoms after birth."

While withdrawal symptoms among infants aren't as easily recognizable as they are in adults — all babies are often crying, for instance — Cannon said the difference is unimportant.

"It's having the same withdrawal. Its brain isn't as developed as yours and mine, but it's feeling the same thing as an adult going through withdrawal," he said.

Because the ubiquity of meth is a relatively recent problem, precise data on the subject remain elusive.

"That's exactly why we don't know," Cannon said. "You would have to identify the patients during pregnancy and follow the study over the next 20 years for us to know what will happen."

Identifying a patient with a meth problem, even though the ravages of the drug are vis-

ible, is often difficult for doctors — precisely because drug addicts tend to avoid doctors.

"Sooner or later, they're going to show up at the hospital to have the baby. One of the big clues is if someone hasn't received prenatal care, and that's generally because of drug use," Cannon said.

While Cannon said suspicious patients are screened for meth use, he acknowledged that the policy scares some meth users away and prevents them from getting proper pregnancy treatment.

Regardless of the long-term effects of meth on babies, Cannon said there's at least one way that it can be fatal.

"The mother can die," he said. "The baby is getting the same dosages as the carrier. If she dies, the baby will die, and mothers can die from drug use."

Relief

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Leader James Ruchti, D-Pocatello, also favors expanding the credit.

At Monday's hearing, some lawmakers were per-

turbed that it's costing the Tax Commission more money than originally forecast to administer the expanded credit.

Last year, the commission had predicted the administration costs would be \$50,000, but Chigbrow said

that covered only software. He now wants another \$208,000 for this fiscal year, to pay for temporary staff and postage to handle 82,000 more returns the state expects from people applying for the credit during the current tax season.

Drehmel

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dormitory for company workers. A man in a neighboring room allegedly heard a loud, physical fight coming from the men's room for about 10 minutes on Friday night. An officer from Sun Valley Security responded to the neighbor's call, and allegedly saw Drehmel standing near the dorm's emergency exit, covered in bruises, cuts and blood.

The officer saw James lying unconscious on the floor of the dorm room. Drehmel allegedly said James was sleeping, then entered the room and locked the door.

Sun Valley police were called, and when Drehmel

opened the door, the officer allegedly saw a bruise on Drehmel's eye, fresh scratches on his chest and shoulder, a bite mark on his right rib cage, and blood on his bicep and pants. The officer allegedly smelled a strong alcohol odor on Drehmel's breath, and observed slow, slurred speech and difficulty standing.

James, who was unresponsive with blood coming from his nose and fixed, dilated eyes, was given CPR and taken to the St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Although Drehmel was initially arrested on charges of aggravated battery, Roark attorney Doug Nelson said those charges were unusual.

"That doesn't make any sense

when you have a death," Nelson said after Drehmel's hearing.

Drehmel, who will turn 20 on Wednesday, has a history of tangles with the law in Ada and Blaine counties since 2005, including consumption of alcohol by a minor, possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, petit theft, disorderly conduct and DUI.

Court records show no history of criminal activity in Idaho for James, whose hometown has not been identified.

After the arraignment, members of Drehmel's family declined to speak to the press.

Ariel Hansen may be reached at 208-788-3475.

Galena

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supervisor decided in October that Kollmeyer should have given the public a chance to comment on it.

On Monday, forest officials announced the start of a 30-day public comment period aimed at gathering more information on changing the VQO, which would require a non-significant amendment to the forest plan.

Jackie Richter, the agency's project leader for the tower's environmental analysis, said the results of the new comment period will supplement the existing environmental assessment of the project, and that comment should be targeted at the change to the VQO. Kollmeyer will review

both old and new comments when revisiting her decision, but won't likely look at any new comments on the project as a whole unless they bring up new information, Richter said.

"We will look at the whole decision again, but we're going to be using what we already have," Richter said.

Idaho Tower Co. was prepared for the announcement. Co-owner Jennifer Campbell said Monday that the company has put up a Web site with pictures and a video showing how visible the tower would be. The company planned to add a "frequently asked questions" section on Monday, and will also hold a meeting on the evening of Feb. 19 to answer questions from the public. Local public-safety officials

and a representative of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will also be present to share their thoughts, Campbell said.

The goal is to give the public a better idea of the whole project, she said, adding that the Forest Service's regional office in Ogden, Utah, had told her the entire proposal is now opened up for another look. She pointed out that the VQO can also be moved down to accommodate the site, and said the project lines up well with a state push for better emergency services in remote areas.

If the agency receives enough comments against changing the VQO, officials may revisit the July decision, Richter said. Kollmeyer could issue a new decision by May.

CORRECTIONS

Wrong parent name

A Feb. 7 Community section story about Mike Knopp identified his parents incorrectly. Knopp's parents are Howard and Nilace Knopp of Paul.

Wrong name for baseball player

A story in Monday's sports section incorrectly identified College of Southern Idaho baseball player Kasey Jeroue.

The Times-News regrets the errors.

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	% of Avg.	peak
Salmon	84%	56%
Big Wood	75%	52%
Little Wood	80%	53%
Big Lost	81%	51%
Little Lost	85%	54%
Henrys Fork/Teton	82%	55%
Upper Snake Basin	94%	63%
Oakley	81%	57%
Salmon Falls	94%	64%

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Go to Magicvalley.com to find a ski report at the Snow Center.

You don't say

Steve Crump



Native son Grant Sawyer was out to swipe our water

Quick: Who's the only governor ever born and raised in the Magic Valley? ... And if you say Frank Gooding and John Evans, you lose twice ...

Gooding, born in England, wasn't even a citizen when he was elected governor of Idaho in 1904 ... Evans was born and grew up in the eastern Idaho town of Malad City; he moved to Burley after he left the governor's office in 1987 ...

No, the only native son in the governor's office was Grant Sawyer, born and raised in Twin Falls, who ran Nevada from 1959 to 1965 ...

There's a recent biography of Sawyer — born in Twin Falls in 1918 and graduated from Twin Falls High in 1936 — published by the University of Nevada's Oral History Project. It contains some surprising information about a man who was arguably Nevada's most important governor of the past half century ...

For example, Sawyer, — who died in 1996 — thought it would be a dandy idea to stick a pipe into the Snake River around Twin Falls and divert water south to make the Silver State bloom ...

"Piping water to Nevada from the Columbia River, water that he considered to be going to waste because it was running into the ocean, that's an idea as insane as the one somebody had back in the 1950s to dam the Grand Canyon," says his biographer, Gary Elliott ...

In his eight years as governor, Sawyer effectively desegregated Nevada's casinos and established the Nevada Gaming Commission, an action that eventually drove organized crime out of gambling in the state ... He was, Elliott says, a cow-county district attorney (from Elko) who took fairness personally ...

Maybe he learned that from his deepwater Baptist upbringing ... His parents were both osteopaths who divorced, bitterly, when he was 3 ... Sawyer grew up on a bleak Twin Falls County farm

So you say

If it's odd, funny, poignant, sad or weird and it happens in south-central Idaho, I want to hear about it.

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with a stepfather who was a hard-shell Baptist ... He was a good enough student to win a scholarship to Oregon's Linfield College, then a strict Baptist school where dancing was not allowed ... Sawyer got kicked out for organizing a dance ...

He transferred to the University of Nevada, and promptly experienced the compulsory culture shock of the Nevada newcomer, according to Elliott ... "I went to a fraternity dance and arrived as they were carrying a body out. It turned out to be a faculty adviser; he was drunk, passed out. I was amazed at the difference in atmosphere from Linfield, and I was delighted" ...

Sawyer got into George Washington University Law School and landed a job with Sen. Pat McCarran, a Democrat who was Nevada's most powerful political boss ... But McCarran was a reactionary, and Sawyer — an unabashed liberal — loathed the senator's politics ... He moved to Elko, got elected county prosecutor and decided to take on the McCarran machine, beating one of its candidates in the Democratic primary and another, incumbent Republican Charles Russell, in the general election of 1958 ...

Sawyer affected a deep, theatrical voice developed in childhood voice training and in his hobby of amateur acting, according to Elliott ... He had learned to tap dance as a kid and would break into dance steps ... He usually insisted on driving the governor's official car himself. "He was a terrible driver," attorney Bob Faiss told Elliott ...

But a good governor ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

IDWR gives budget presentation

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Idaho's water director told state budget writers Monday that water officials are still searching for funds for aquifer planning in south-central Idaho should the Legislature lack funds.

Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill told the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee the state will see less timely service and less

regulatory duties performed because of budget cuts. The agency focused heavily on staffing to cover the \$539,300 mid-year budget holdback and the additional \$1.1 million budget cut for next year.

Tuthill said IDWR is not requesting money to begin the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan, estimated to cost \$7 million to \$10 million for the first phase. The plan for managing the aquifer would cost as much as \$100 million in its first 10 years, but board members

and water users say problems from the declining aquifer must be addressed.

About \$3 million is planned to come from the state, but the economic downturn has forced the Idaho Water Resource Board to look within its own agency.

Tuthill gave two possibilities, including using approximately \$1.2 million in annual interest over 10 years it will gain this year from the Pristine Springs transaction. He also mentioned the \$1.8

million the Legislature approved last year to study the Minidoka and Teton dams that could be directed toward CAMP.

"As we move forward the state's participation has already been there, and our intent is to continue," he said.

The Legislature, concerned about the rising number of delivery calls and water lawsuits, requested the project years ago. The plan will go before the Legislature on Feb. 23.

Twin Falls Police still probing death at motel

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Twin Falls Police are still investigating how a woman found Saturday in a motel room died, while the death of man found Friday in the Snake River was ruled as a suicide.

Police announced Monday that Twin Falls resident Lisa Round, 41, was the woman they found Saturday, dead at the El Rancho Motel on Addison Avenue.

Her death isn't believed to be connected to other current investigations, said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks.

A hotel manager told the *Times-News* he found the woman's body with a bag over her head in room 15, after her friend could-

n't get a hold of her.

Hicks said he wouldn't talk about anything police may have found in the room and stressed authorities are still investigating. Round's body underwent an autopsy on Monday, authorities said.

"We haven't ruled out the possibility of anything," said Hicks.

Police are waiting on Round's toxicology results, which Twin Falls County Coroner Dennis Chambers said could take six to eight weeks.

On Friday, a hiker found Twin Falls resident Harlan Wolters' body near a boat launch at Centennial Waterfront Park, in the Snake River Canyon. A car belonging to Wolters, 64, was found high-centered in a lot above the park and authorities said he hadn't been in

the water more than 24 hours.

Wolters walked off a dock to take his own life, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Lori Nebeker.

The *Times-News* generally does not report the names of suicides unless the death, as in this instance, was in a public place.

Pat Gaskin, a nurse and manager of St. Luke's Canyon View Behavioral Health Services, said there's no explanation for the number of suicides in the county. The rate of suicides "waxes

and wanes" unpredictably, she said. Gaskin encourages anyone considering taking their life to call for help.

"The best prevention is to be with people," she said. "If someone says something, check into it."

Canyon View provides free assessments to people from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., said Gaskin, and calls for help are accepted 24 hours a day, at 208-734-6760.

Andrea Jackson may be reached at 208-735-3380 or ajackson@magicvalley.com.

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Kutran's trial set by judge

Times-News

A trial is on track for a father charged with serious crimes in the house fire death of his young daughter last year in Twin Falls.

Stepan Kutran, 32, and his wife, Inna Gorbenko-Kutran, 28, were both charged with felony involuntary manslaughter and misdemeanor injury to a child, after their daughter, Jasmine Gorbenko, 2, allegedly died of burns, smoke inhalation, or a combination of the two, following a Feb. 19 fire at 441

Gardner Ave. in Twin Falls. The child was allegedly left with her 1-year-old brother, Emmanuel Gorbenko Jr., who also allegedly suffered smoke inhalation.

Fifth District Judge Randy Stoker denied numerous motions from Kutran's lawyer, Michael Wood.

Another pretrial is scheduled for March 2 and the jury trial is slated for March 5-13.

Business Highlight

Pasta Roma Café & Grill, located at 611 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls, is an Italian eatery locally owned and operated by Alex and Sandra Becerra of Jerome. The restaurant opened for operation in June of 2008.

Growing up as a child, head chef Alex spent his days as a child cooking alongside his mother where he learned his way around the kitchen. Later in life he honed his cooking skills at prestigious culinary schools, and eventually landed a position as Executive Chef at Pasta Primavera restaurant in San Francisco before settling in the Magic Valley and opening his own restaurant.

Pasta Roma Café & Grill specializes in Italian food, but also offers chicken, steak and seafood dishes, as well as sandwiches, desserts and, of course, the all you can eat pizza, pasta, soup and salad bar. Most of the items on the menu are Alex's own recipes, and all of the food and sauces are made from scratch. "We make everything but the tomatoes" jokes Alex. "In addition to making everything ourselves, we buy as many of our foods as we can from local sources. We think it's important that we support the people who support us", he says. Aside from the spacious parking lot and ample seating inside the restaurant, a banquet room with seating for up to 60 people is also available and can be reserved for meetings or private parties. Pasta Roma Café & Grill is open 7 days a week. For additional information, please call 733-9728.

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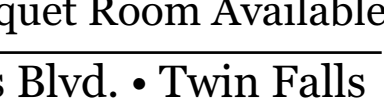
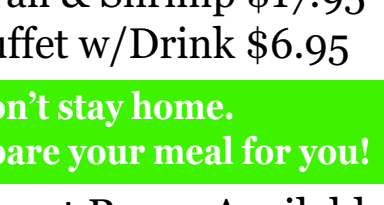
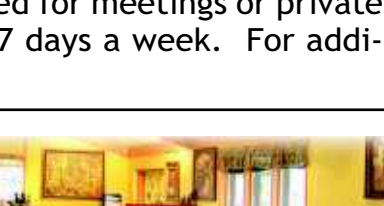
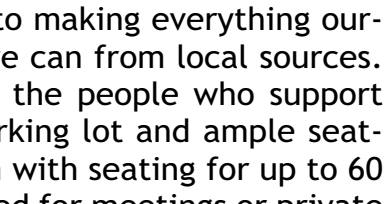
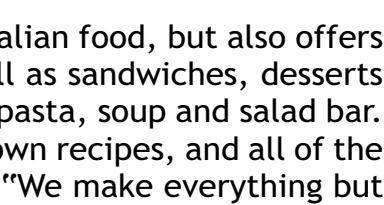
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T.F. parents concerned about future of music in district

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Two parents of Twin Falls High School students involved in school music programs addressed the district's school board on Monday night, citing the need to preserve the programs.

About a dozen other parents and students showed up at the meeting in a show of support.

Their concerns were fueled by a combination of state budget cuts to education and the district's plans to switch the high school's class schedule from a block schedule to a seven-period schedule.

"We would maintain that music programs are a very good investment," said parent Rob Atkins.

Lindsay McMurtry, another parent, asked those involved in music to stand up at the meeting.

Canyon Ridge High School Principal Brady Dickinson said the goal is to maintain music, adding that it's too soon to know the specifics of what to expect for next school year.

The school still needs to survey students for their preferences before working on the schedule, he said, adding that the district is also trying to absorb budget cuts through attrition.

TFHS Principal Ben Allen said that Jive, one music program, may have to be an after-school program next year.

"It's not as if we don't support music, because all of us do," Allen said.

Category 1 teachers could be evaluated like other instructors

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — A task force that spent last year studying teacher evaluations wants districts to adopt processes based on a uniform state policy and hopes the Legislature will expand evaluations to teachers hired on one-year contracts.

The recommendations include requiring districts to adopt or develop evaluation policies that meet state standards and those given by education expert Charlotte Danielson. Some already use her framework but the task force wants the assessments incorporated into teachers' routines.

"This isn't a 'gotcha.' We want to help districts," Nick Smith, a deputy superintendent with the state Department of Education, told the Senate Education Committee on Monday. "What good is assessing a teacher's performance if we're not using that information to drive improvement of their professional performance?"

The only legislative proposal is to have evaluations include Category 1 teachers, who are hired after Aug. 1 on a one-year basis. They often stay on longer than that, leaving a gap in reviews,

Smith said.

"We have wasted an entire year where we didn't evaluate them," he said.

The other recommendations, which essentially adopt Danielson's methods, will be submitted as administrative rule changes to the State Board of Education. But Smith told the *Times-News* legislative support would be beneficial.

The state hopes to set a deadline of submission for approval of the district's proposed plans for about a year from now. Implementation is aimed for fall 2011.

The goal of the task force was to provide new, modern ways to review teacher performance after they said they weren't clear on what evaluations were based on. It was formed after last year's controversial pitch by Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna to boost teachers pay if they gave up job security.

IEA president Sherri Wood, who sat on the task force, said the only major concern from teachers is making sure they receive equal training as administrators on what evaluations are based on.

"It comes down to training," she said after the meeting. "Teachers need to know what they're being evaluated on."

T.F. Council reviews budget, hears baseball field proposal

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

It was all — or at least mostly — about the economy at the Twin Falls City Council's Monday night meeting.

Among their actions, council members heard a presentation on the city's budget and then held off on a proposal to renovate a city baseball diamond because of financial concerns over the near future.

Finance Director Gary Evans walked the council through a new "dashboard approach" to summarizing the budget. Created by the city's finance department and advisory committee, the document he presented

sums up current city expenses and revenues, highlights where things stand in comparison to the overall budget year and throws in a handful of economic indicators for good measure. The goal is to make something readable for both the council and the public, he said, and the document will be updated monthly on the city's Web site.

Evans pointed to a decline in both state and city revenue that could cause problems if it continues. But he noted property tax collection in January was above previous years, and said he's not sure why.

Council members then took no action on the proposed renovation of Cowboy

Field in the northeast corner of Harmon Park. Many cited the budget figures from Evans' presentation and the uncertainty of the future in their decision. For more on the project, read Wednesday's edition of the *Times-News*.

Also Monday, the council approved 4-2 handing over

3,500 square feet of city right-of-way on Ash Street South and a nearby alley to Idaho Power for its Blue Lakes Boulevard facility, a request that prompted much debate at a Jan. 12 public hearing. For more on that hearing, read the archives of the Capitol Confidential blog at Magicvalley.com.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Chubbuck man killed in Sunday crash

Daniel J. Birch, 28, of Chubbuck, died Sunday when his car crossed the center line on U.S. Highway 93 and collided with a semi-trailer.

The accident happened at approximately 9:30 p.m. by milepost 20, according to a Monday Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office release. The driver of the semi — Ron Dickinson, 47, of Alberta, Canada — was uninjured.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation, but prior to the crash, deputies in the area were searching for a reported reckless driver in a vehicle matching the description of Birch's car, the release stated.

Gooding school levy vote is today

Gooding School District voters will decide today whether to pass a two-year supplemental levy and a 10-year renewal of its plant facilities levy.

Voting takes place from noon to 8 p.m. today.

The plant facilities levy renewal, if passed, will

increase from \$125,000 to \$250,000 annually to provide money for building improvements. The supplemental levy is \$325,000 annually to provide money for the district to keep programs in place for students.

District officials said the levies are needed to offset state funding cuts and money lost from declining enrollment.

Residents eligible to vote are registered voters who have resided in the district at least 30 days prior to the date of the election. Voter registration is available on site to those with valid identification and a utility bill with their current address.

Voting locations:
• Gooding High School, 1050 Seventh Ave W.
• Gooding Elementary and Middle School, 1045 Seventh Ave. W.
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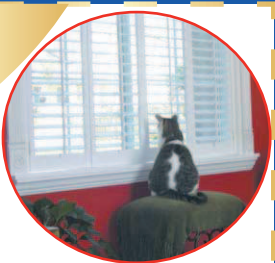
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Obama defends economic recovery bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama, pressuring lawmakers to urgently approve a massive economic recovery bill, turned his first prime-time news conference Monday night into a determined defense of his emergency plan and an offensive against Republicans who try to "play the usual political games."

He said the recession has left the nation so weak that

only the federal government can "jolt our economy back to life." And he declared that failure to act swiftly and boldly "could turn a crisis into a catastrophe."

He said the country could be in better shape by next year, as measured by increased hiring, lending, home values and other factors. "If we get things right, then, starting next year, we can start seeing significant

improvement," Obama said.

With more than 11 million Americans now out of work, Obama defended his program against Republican criticism that it is loaded with pork-barrel spending and will not create jobs.

"The plan is not perfect," the president said. "No plan is. I can't tell you for sure that everything in this plan will work exactly as we hope, but I can tell you with complete

confidence that a failure to act will only deepen this crisis as well as the pain felt by millions of Americans."

Obama spoke from the East Room of the White House in a news conference that lasted almost exactly one hour. He hit repeatedly at the themes he has emphasized in recent weeks, including at a town hall meeting to promote his plan earlier in the day in Elkhart, Ind.

Nelda Jean Boyer

Our beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, Nelda Jean Boyer, left this earthly life to be with her Heavenly Father and eternal parents, Sylvan Kenneth and Birdie Rachel Rytting Boyer on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at the Oakcreek Rehabilitation Center in Kimberly.



Oakcreek Rehabilitation Center in Kimberly.

She lived most of her life in the Magic Valley area where she attended school. Her parents moved to Ogden, Utah, and then to Wells, Nev. She spent the last years of her life living in Ogden, Utah, with a sister, then in a group home and was employed with Enable Industries. She was a good employee and enjoyed her job, but most especially the friends she made while there. In 1994 she moved to Twin Falls to be closer to her mother and sisters who resided there. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Nelda was faced with many health challenges, both mentally and physically, throughout her life and she accepted them with astounding courage. She loved her parents, siblings, and extended family members with boundless love. Her friends were also very important to her and she loved them too. She was a

sweet spirit with a zest for life. She taught us as her family much patience, love and understanding because of the infirmities she had to bear. She is survived by her brother Kenneth Sylvan (Betty) Boyer of Lakeview, Ark.; sisters, N. Sue (Vard) Orrock of Ogden, Utah, Norene Berger of Missoula, Mont., and Sylvia (Gary) Pengelly of Sparks, Nev. She is also survived by seven nephews and six nieces; brother-in-law, Rex Silcock; and sister-in-law, Kathy Boyer. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Arlene Silcock; brother, Robert Lynn Boyer; brothers-in-law, Fred Berger and S. Ivan Rice; and niece, Kristi Pengelly.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park". Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Hagerman Cemetery. As a family we wish to thank the many care takers at the Oakcreek Rehabilitation Center of Kimberly for their tireless hours of tender loving care they provided for Nelda over the years, especially in her last days. We express thanks to the Aspen Grove, hospice caregivers; Jeanette Sparks and LeAnn Maxim. Also a special thanks to Mike and Brenda Hayes and Wendell and Jena Nebeker for their many hours of service and love they gave to Nelda.

Barbara Marie Durfee Ward (Chandler)

TERREBONNE, Ore. — Barbara Marie Durfee Ward (Chandler), 58, of Terrebonne, Ore., and formerly of Burley, passed away Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at her home after fighting cancer for two years.

She was born Feb. 22, 1950, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Ralph and Kturah Millard Durfee. She attended school in the Burley area.

On Dec. 6, 1965, she married Lloyd Ward. They had five children, Trina (Don) Ford of Rupert, Lloyd Ward of Kimberly, Greg (Christine) Ward of Declo, Sara (Raymond) Breeding of Declo, Tiffany Adams of Twin Falls, along with seventeen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Lloyd passed away in 1995 and later Barbara met her soul mate, Dale Chandler, and they were together until her passing.

Barbara was a very happy person always concerned about everyone else. She didn't like the word in-law, it was brother, sister and son and daughter. When she visited Burley and would go shopping, if she saw something she thought someone would like she would always buy these things for them, always spoiling her kids and grandchildren.

Barbara enjoyed camping

with her family and was a member of the LDS church.

She lived with her older sister, Nona, for several years. She was like a daughter to her and like a sister to her cousins, Corinne and Gayle. After the death of their parents, she became very close to her oldest sister, Thelma and her husband, Merritt Wilder. Her siblings included Lonnie (Dorothy), Denny (Mary), Dean (Ann), Cliff (Ruth), Eldon, Bill (Elberta "Bertie"); sisters, Thelma (Merritt) Wilder, Nona (Jay) Drussel, Wanda (Leland) Coffman.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond and Ralph, two sisters Cleo and Rhoda, and her parents. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Burley 1st Ward, Burley West Stake Center. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Hansen Payne Mortuary and for one hour prior to the services at the church. Services will conclude with burial in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Hansen Payne Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Burley 1st Ward, Burley West Stake Center. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Hansen Payne Mortuary and for one hour prior to the services at the church. Services will conclude with burial in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Hansen Payne Mortuary.

Dorothy Hepworth Toombs

Dorothy Hepworth Toombs passed peacefully away at the age of 89 on Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

She was born in Metropolis, Nev., on Aug. 31, 1919. She was the second child born to Clifford Hepworth and Dorothy Hyde Hepworth. She grew up in Metropolis, Nev., and had some very special memories. She loved Metropolis and the special people there. She had the star roles in many plays plus also loved to play basketball. She was even playing basketball with grandchildren when 65 years old. She graduated a year early from high school with her older sister Helen. She worked her way through college in Pocatello, Idaho, to become a teacher. She taught for two years in Metropolis before she got married and moved to Wells, Nev. She had seven children and devoted her life in service to them and others.

She had many church callings throughout her life but her top priority was always her family. She loved the motel business because she got to meet so many people. She always made everyone feel important and that they were special. She changed the lives of many children as she worked in day cares, pre-

schools, and the Head Start Program at CSI in Twin Falls. For this work she received a Presidential Citation. She could quiet any child and they all loved her dearly.

Her entire life was one of service and love to others.

Dorothy is survived by Janice Toombs, Twin Falls; David (Laura) Toombs, Le Grange, Ky.; JoyRae Kehrer, Payette, Idaho; Kathleen (Spencer) Stucki, Pocatello, Idaho; Laurie Wright, Queens Creek, Ariz.; Marcia Buckendorf, Boise, Idaho. She has 16 grandchildren and has 37 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Darwin and Hyde Hepworth; a sister, Helen Loftin Palmer; a daughter, Joyce Monet Toombs; and two grandchildren, Jeff Kehrer and Kristopher Eriksen.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, with visitation starting at 9 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints 14th Ward Chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Condolences may be made at www.magicvalleyfuneral-home.com.

Death toll in Australian wildfires hits 173

WHITTLESEA, Australia (AP) — As the death toll rose Tuesday to 173 in Australia's worst wildfire disaster, suspicions that some of the 400 blazes were caused by arson led police to declare crime scenes in some of the incinerated towns, Victoria police said.

The fires near Melbourne

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Vela Jonnie Blades

Vela Jonnie Blades, 87, devoted wife, loving mother, affectionate grandmother and great-grandmother, a true friend to everyone she met, went home to her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009.



Jonnie was born in Green Forest, Ark., on Nov. 13, 1921, to Charlie Crockett and Ida Jane Matthews who moved to Idaho, along with her four brothers in 1937. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1939 and married the love of her life, Alty Loren (A.L.) Blades, Aug. 3, 1941. Together they had one son and two daughters. She was the proud grandmother of eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Jonnie worked for Sears for over 20 years. Her career at Sears was impressive as she became the top commissioned saleswoman and won many sales awards which showed her love for people. She held many positions at the United Baptist church in Filer where her husband, Loren, was pastor. After retiring, they RV'd many winters in Arizona and made countless new friends. She lived her life for her husband, family and God.

Jonnie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and three brothers, Troy, Oren and Wilbur Matthews. She is survived by her children, Darrell and Charlotte Blades (Casper, Wyo.), Judy and Larry Frazier (San Jose, Calif.), and Debbie and Tony Clough (Kimberly, ID); one brother, Lloyd

Matthews (Wenatchee, Wash.). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Joshua Bateman (Owner Diamond Blades Granite Fabrication — Twin Falls), Ryan Frazier (Airman First Class USAF — Mildenhall RAF, England), Katheryn and Andrew Del Boccio (Curatorial Assistant at Wilson Centre for Photography — London, England), Amy Blades (CW02 USN Pensacola, Fla.), Amanda Blades (Veterinary Technician — Eureka, Calif.), Melanie Blades (PFC National Guard Basic Training — Fort Jackson, S.C.), Amber and Esmeraldo Castillo (Mountain Home, ID) and Heather and John Crystobal (Twin Falls). Also, she is survived by her great-grandchildren, Sevyn Blades; Esmeraldo, Kendra and Felicia Castillo; Andrew Evans; Lily and Ella Cristobal.

A celebration of Jonnie's life will take place at 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 13, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls, with Pastor Gene Kissinger, Freewill Baptist Church officiating. Internment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. There will be no public viewing.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to "Guide Dogs for the Blind" San Rafael, Calif.

Family and friends may share their thoughts and memories at www.MeM.com.

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Gooding approves airport hangar project

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

The Gooding City Council on Feb. 2 unanimously approved a project to build an additional hangar at the city's municipal airport.

Dale Thomas, Gooding Municipal Airport manager, sought approval and permits to build a 60-

80-foot multiple-airplane hanger on a leased city-owned lot at the airport. Thomas said the proposal has already met approval with the Federal Aviation Administration and fits with the city's master plan for airport development.

"I'm just going through the process with the city and the county," Thomas

said after the meeting. "The city owns the land but the airport is in the county. So, I have to go around and see everybody."

The council also saw an update and video from Kit John regarding the Gooding Airport Flyers Association's annual fly-in. John said the association voted to pay for new heating and air condi-

tioning for the airport pilots' lounge and presented the council with invoices for \$2,000 worth of improvements.

Action on accepting a revised canine ordinance was tabled.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Race to Safety held today in Twin Falls

The Fifth Annual Race to Safety will be held at 5:30 p.m. today at the NazzKart Indoor Race Track, 320 Third Ave. S., Twin Falls. Admission is free. This event raises awareness of child passenger safety and the race involves NazzKart teams sponsored by area businesses.

Modern Woodmen of America and Safe Kids of the Magic Valley are partnering to organize the event, with proceeds benefiting local programs and services of Safe Kids.

"It is a great opportunity to learn about child passenger safety and have a lot of fun," said Page Geske, Safe Kids director. "People don't realize that the No. 1 killer of children ages 1-14 years is unintentional injury. Simple things like buckling up can prevent injury and save lives."

This year there will also be a silent auction as part of the event.

Information: Page Geske, Safe Kids Director, 737-2432.

CSI North Side offers antiques, quilt classes

The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center has announced two upcoming classes.

Antiques and Collectibles will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Second Time Around Antique Mall at the Whistle Stop, 102 S. Rail St. E., Shoshone.

The fee is \$20. Antique dealer Claudia Reese will discuss the antique world, how the antique mall operates, from acquiring antiques, pricing and selling to using eBay and more.

Bargello Wall Quilt will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays Feb. 17 to March 31 at the North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E., Gooding. No class will be held Mar. 17.

The course fee is \$35 plus supplies. Pat Eisinger will be the instructor. The Bargello method is an easy, sew-as-you-go strip-piece technique, the strips are sewn into panels that result in quilts that give the impression of motion and resemble intricate needlepoint work. Patterns will be provided by the instructor.

Information or to register: 934-8678.

Gooding students place in business competition

Gooding Business Professionals of America chapters went to the College of Southern Idaho on Jan. 19 to compete. Twenty-four Gooding competitors participated and 14 qualified to go the state competition to be held March 12-14 at Boise State University.

Qualifiers include: Alison Bigler, third in medical office procedures; Kyle Holmes, first in computer security; Gunner Jensen, first in digital media production; Jake Arkoosh, second

in Microsoft network administration; Jon Jenson, first in Microsoft network administration; Rayan Covarrubias, third in Microsoft network administration and fourth in information technology concepts; Randon Becker, third in PC servicing and troubleshooting; Curtis Frampton, first in PC servicing; Anthony Bliss, third in information technology concepts; Anthony Arkoosh, seventh in Parli Pro; Jake Arkoosh and Jon Jensen, first in presentation management.

Gooding Accelerated Learning Center students placed in the following categories: Miki Beadz, network design team; Zulema Juarez, management/market/human relations concepts; Shane Knight, PC troubleshooting and network design team; and Austin Harper, basic office systems and procedure.

Billiard on ISU dean's list

Nicole Billiard of Hagerman has earned a place on the Idaho State University 2008 fall semester dean's list for the College of Education, announced Deborah L. Hedeon, Ph.D., dean of the college.

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

Pierson on Dodge City president's list

Dodge City Community College in Dodge City, Kan., announced that freshman Megan M. Pierson of Gooding has been named to its president's list for the fall 2008 semester.

To qualify for the president's list, students must earn a grade-point average of 3.80 or above and complete a minimum of 12 hours.

Veterans help available in Wendell

Steve Teague, state service officer with the Idaho Division of Veterans Services, will be available from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 17 at the American Legion Hall, 610 W. Main St., Wendell.

Get answers to your questions about current veterans benefits, assistance with ongoing claims and make new claims.

Information: Jim Benson, 536-5140.

Gooding bridge results released

Gooding Duplicate Bridge released its results for Friday. Section A: 1. Jodi Faulkner and Claire Major, 2. Rosemary Anderson and Roberta Canine, 3. Mary Steele and Susan Faulkner, 4. Don and Lorna Bard.

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave.

Information: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

A quilter's journey



MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

Ann Jansen, one of the Gooding Centennial Quilt makers, volunteers at GED testing sessions at the College of Southern Idaho's North Side Center in Gooding.

Jansen among Gooding Centennial quilters

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

Ann Jansen is a member of the Wood River Quilters and one of many who helped piece together the Gooding Centennial Quilt, a quilt that celebrates Gooding's history and 2008 centennial.

The quilt and the women who made it have been documented with biographies and displays. That will continue in the future, as when the planned Gooding County Historical Society museum is completed south of the city, the quilt, books about it and the biographies of the makers will be a prominent display.

Jansen is responsible for the section of the quilt that represents ranching as an industry through Gooding's first 100 years.

Jansen and her husband, Jack, have lived in Gooding for 50 years. Both are from Wisconsin, where Ann received her education. The two married in Idaho and began teaching — Jack in Gooding and Ann in several school districts before she put

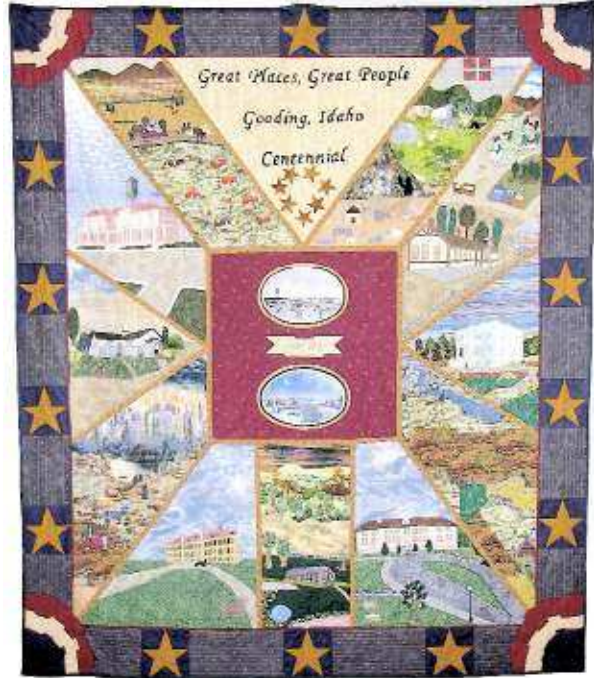
Editor's note

Before its closure, the Gooding County Leader began a series of profiles on the quilters who patched together the Gooding Centennial Quilt. Over the coming weeks, the series will be completed in the Times-News North Side Community section.

down her teaching roots at Shoshone High School, where she taught various subjects over a span of 36 years.

Jansen said her mother taught her to sew when she was 10 but she didn't take up quilting until many years later when she bought a new sewing machine with a quilting attachment. She decided to use it and began to teach herself how to quilt — a journey she said she is still traveling on.

"I learned the skills from TV, from books, from other quilters and finally, quilters in the Wood River Quilters," she said. "The time that we were all involved together in



The Gooding Centennial Quilt celebrates the south-central Idaho town's first 100 years.

Courtesy photo

designing and making the Centennial Quilt was a remarkable time."

Many of the quilters have said that the effort was a sophisticated one.

"It was difficult, challenging, and all together, one of the most important periods of my life," Jansen said.

"When I see the Centennial Quilt now, I think to myself that I am a part of Gooding's History. I am one of the quilt makers of the Gooding Centennial Quilt."

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Neuropsychology aids early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease

DEAR DR. GOTT: I applaud your approach to Alzheimer's disease and other cognitive impairments. Blood work and imaging studies are important in making or ruling out certain diagnoses. I take strong exception, however, to your statement that there is no specific testing for Alzheimer's disease.

The field of clinical neuropsychology is a subspecialty within clinical psychology. It has existed as a clinical discipline since about the late 1970s. Neuropsychologists use detailed standardized testing of a range of brain functions (e.g. memory, attention, perception, executive abilities, language, per-



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

sonality, etc.). Decades of careful research now allow neuropsychologists to recognize the hallmark early features of a range of neurological disorders that affect cognition, and to assist with the diagnosis of these conditions.

As a clinical neuropsychologist, it is often part of my job to differentiate between normal changes in memory that occur with aging, isolat-

ed memory problems (that do not constitute dementia) and a range of patterns that are associated with the different dementias. For example, in the early to middle stages, it is possible to differentiate between a subcortical presentation (as you would see in Parkinson's disease) and presentations that are more cortical (like Alzheimer's disease). Another common clinical presentation is frontotemporal dementia, with its classic features that are different than Alzheimer's. Vascular dementia has other patterns. Neuropsychologists also commonly differentiate between depression and dementia.

Alzheimer's disease, in particular, has been heavily studied for decades. Although it is not a perfect science, we can detect early Alzheimer's classic features, and there are even markers for pre-Alzheimer's presentations that are under study, allowing us to predict who will go on to develop it.

My goal is to highlight to you the contributions of neuropsychology as an important diagnostic tool in dementia evaluations. All patients who are suspected of having memory problems or other cognitive changes should be seen for neuropsychological testing. Visiting a neurologist, except in rare

cases, would not be sufficient for those with subtle or early-to-moderate symptoms. Brain imaging is also not that helpful with the diagnosis of dementia, as it is well-known that many patients with dementia will show no abnormalities on MRI until late in the disease; some with abnormalities will not necessarily have dementia.

Neuropsychologists are clinical psychologists who have completed a two-year postdoctoral residency in clinical neuropsychology and who are board certified or board eligible in the subspecialty. For more information about the field, I recommend

going online to www.nanonline.org or www.the-ins.org.

DEAR READER: I was unaware (as I am sure many other doctors are, as well) of your field and the apparent advancements it has made with respect to the early diagnosis of various dementias. I have printed your letter in the hopes it will bring awareness of your specialty. Both physicians and patients could benefit from being able to refer patients for early diagnosis, or to rule out a diagnosis. Thank you for informing me of your specialty.

Peter Gott is a retired physician.

OPINION

QUOTABLE

"We can't afford to wait. We can't wait to see and hope for the best."

— President Barack Obama urging Congress to quickly pass the economic stimulus package

EDITORIAL

Senators supposed to keep bad people out of government

Last year, the *Times-News* published an editorial cartoon, drawn by *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution's* Mike Lukovich, entitled "If today's Congress were serving during Watergate ..."

It showed President Richard Nixon standing outside the Capitol, proclaiming, "I am not a crook!" Inside, congressmen responded in one voice, "Okey-dokey! Case closed!"

It's a little like that in the Idaho Senate when it comes to checking out folks who have been appointed by the governor to jobs in state government.

Idaho's Constitution requires Senate advice and consent on gubernatorial nominations, but in the real world it's darn near impossible for a candidate not to be confirmed.

"It's important that we handle it a little more professionally and assure they are qualified and not conflicted," Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, told the *Idaho Statesman*. "And if somebody comes from Bonners Ferry to Boise, we ought to ask them more than if they have a couple of kids."

The Democratic and Republican floor leaders in the Senate, Kate Kelly of Boise and Bart Davis of Idaho Falls, have drawn up a list of nine questions to ask 20 department heads and hundreds of members of 180 state boards and commissions.

The Senate's questions are modest compared to those asked by other states. Florida, for example, asks 34 questions, to be answered under penalty of perjury.

And so far, asking the nine questions is up to the chairmen of the committees before which nominees appear.

Senate Resources Committee Chairman Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, told the *Statesman* he wants committees to have authority to kill nominations. As it stands, every nominee gets a full Senate vote, regardless of what the committees do.

Schroeder used to chair the Education Committee and wanted to spike the nominations of two people appointed by then-Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to the state Board of Education. Schroeder didn't, but it wouldn't have mattered anyway since the full Senate confirmed both of them.

Both became members of the education board that went on to wrest control of student testing from former state Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard — and then botched the job.

Senators are not potted plants. We send them to Boise to exercise due diligence over the people brought in to run state government.

It seems to us that asking personal questions is an unavoidable part of the process.

Our view: The Idaho Senate may be about to start asking tough questions of people nominated by the governor for public office. It's about time.

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

Ashley Judd: Clown princess of animal rights movement

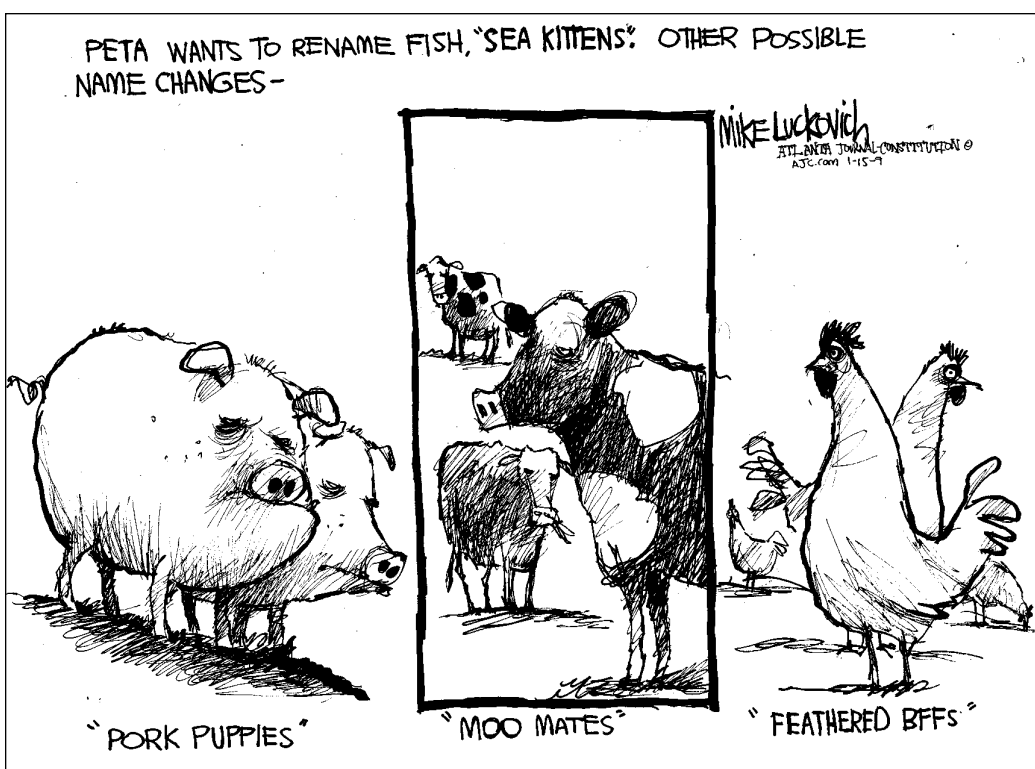
Actress Ashley Judd has finally earned her Hollywood stripes and provided award-winning comic relief. With Washington poised to shove a trillion-dollar "stimulus" pork pie down our throats, we need all the distractions we can get. I give Judd's unintentionally entertaining performance in a new Sarah Palin-bashing animal rights ad two diversionary thumbs up.



MICHELLE MALKIN

The Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund sponsored the YouTube video starring Judd. They've dubbed their campaign, launched this week, "Eye on Palin." With all the serious, socially responsible celebrity earnestness she could muster, Judd decried the aerial hunting of wolves in Alaska, the GOP governor's state. "It is time to stop Sarah Palin and stop this senseless savagery," Judd intoned.

Casting herself as an environmental expert, Judd attacked Palin for "casting aside science and championing the slaughter of wildlife." The video shows a wolf being shot, writhing in pain, with an ominous soundtrack throbbing and menacing photos of Palin flashing across the screen. "Riddled with gunshots, biting at their backs in agony, they die (pause for quiver) a brutal death," Judd enunciates slowly as wolf squeals punctuate the video. Defenders of Wildlife assails Gov. Palin for proposing a \$150 bounty for every wolf killed by aerial hunters. She's



cruel and bloodthirsty, and she must be stopped!

It's a compelling black-and-white storyline. But like the world Judd inhabits, this plot is make-believe.

Fact is, the policy is intended to protect other animals — moose and caribou — from overpopulation of wolves. Alaskans rely on caribou and moose for food. Not all Americans care to live on environmentally correct starlet diets of tofu salad and Pinkberry yogurt.

Neither Palin nor the aerial hunters in those scary low-flying planes that have Judd quivering promote the program out of malice and animal insensitivity. On the contrary, they are the true compassionate conservationists. The bounty helped state biologists collect wolf age data and provided incentives to reduce the wolf population when wildlife management efforts had fallen behind. This is about predator control. But to liberal,

gun-control zealots thousands of miles away, it's all heartless murder.

Federal law makes specific exceptions to aerial hunting for the protection of "land, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life or crops." Targets are not limited to wolves. And, as Alaska wildlife officials note, the process is tightly controlled and "designed to sustain wolf populations in the future."

No matter. As Judd proclaimed, "It is time to stop Sarah Palin." That is the true aim of left-wing lobbying groups and their allies in Hollywood. Palin is a threat not to Alaska's wolves, but to the liberal establishment's wolves. Defenders of Wildlife isn't targeting the ads in states affected by these policies. They're running the Judd-fronted ads across battleground states. It's about electoral interests, not wildlife interests. The eco-Kabuki theater is just

plain laughable.

On a deadly serious note, Judd's selective concern for savagery is not lost on long-time observers of the activist entertainer's political forays. A militant, pro-choice feminist, Judd lashed out at the Republican ticket during the campaign: "[A] woman voting for McCain and Palin is like a chicken voting for Colonel Sanders." Yet, not a peep has been heard from Judd about the serial predators of Planned Parenthood who have been caught on tape urging young girls to cover up statutory rape to facilitate abortion procedures. And she won't be starting in any YouTube ads decrying grisly late-term abortion procedures.

In a starlet's world, "senseless savagery" only applies to the poster pet of the month.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inspired by prayers for injured player

Attending the Wendell-Filer girl's basketball game on Feb. 3, I watched with much fear and concern as one of our Wendell girls, Lauri Andrus, lay prostrate and unmoving on the court after sustaining a blow to the head during the game. I could feel the concern of both teams and visitors from both sides through the silence that followed.

As I watched both teams huddle and pray for the healing of the injured player, I felt very moved and proud of both teams and coaches. I know that many people in the stands were, in their own way, praying for her, too.

In a world where it is so easy to talk negative about things and relationships, it was just "over the top" to see that the well-being of our children still takes precedent over anything else.

Sure, competition is good, but it is wonderful to know that when a player gets hurt,

we are all on the same team. It is wonderful also to know that God is alive in the Magic Valley and the girls of Filer and Wendell are not ashamed to bow their heads in prayer.

Thank you, and your prayers were answered. Lauri suffered a cerebral concussion, but after treatment at St. Benedict's was able to come home late that evening. Praise God.
HILL BRANDSMA
Wendell

Event raises awareness about plight of homeless

Kudos to Leanne Trappen and her committee for orchestrating the Homeless Awareness and annual "Point in Time" count at St. Edward's Catholic Church and Twin Falls City Park on Jan. 30! Kudos, also, to all the adventurous box campers who participated to bring a sense of awareness and importance to this issue. As one of those "inside-the-box" campers, I was espe-

cially eager to see how the community responded to the event.

The state of Idaho estimates that 5 percent of the adult population over 18 years old in Idaho suffers from mental illness. Of those citizens who suffer from the most severe mental illness, approximately 5 percent are homeless. In the Magic Valley, that is approximately 350 citizens who are homeless and frequently living with untreated mental illness. They, too, live on the streets or in other unsuitable living conditions but most do not seek treatment. These citizens are especially at risk for hopelessness and suicide. Just know that most of these persons' accounts of homelessness are not the loss of a job, a recent experience of the economic downturn or a "paycheck away from trouble." Rather, they are accounts of long-term, cyclical disengagement from the community through catastrophic losses resulting from a mental illness.

The Twin Falls County commissioners and Valley House are working with Region V Behavioral Health to develop housing opportunities for persons with mental illness. We are engaging the homeless population through agencies like the Valley House, South Central Community Action and the Salvation Army and working to assist them to step up and out of homelessness.

As we move forward, I just want to remind the community that some of our homeless citizens do not fit neatly into the same box of situations or solutions. As the awareness is raised in our community, please keep in mind that homelessness is not always the direct result of economic misfortune but sometimes the misfortune of untreated mental illness.

BRENDA GRUPE
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Brenda Grupe is the program manager for the Department of Health and Welfare's Region 5 Behavioral Health.)

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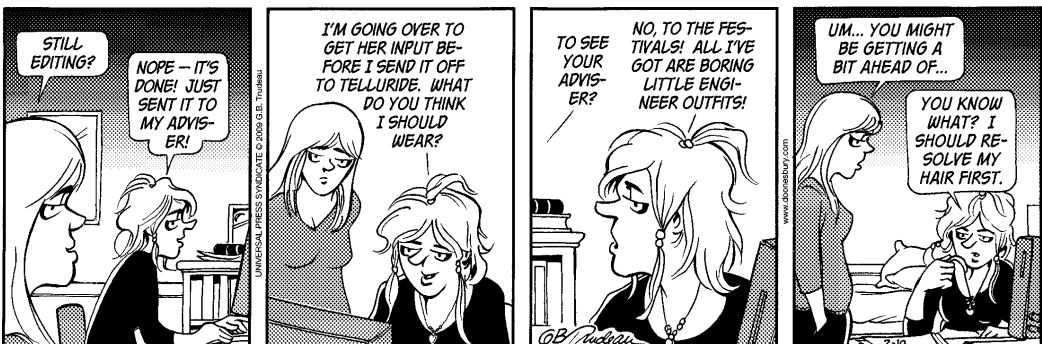
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Nancy Leona (Boehme) Marron

Nancy Leona (Boehme) Marron, 67, died of cancer on Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, at her home in Twin Falls, with family and close friends at her side.



Nancy was born on March 18, 1941, in Minneapolis, Minn., the daughter of David P. and Leona M. Boehme, arriving minutes before her twin brother Joseph. Nancy's mother, who was Irish, often joked that Nancy and her brother really were born on St. Patrick's Day—March 17—but that Leona's German doctor dated the birth certificate one day later to spite his Irish patient.

Nancy's parents moved to San Francisco when she was a toddler, and she grew up in the heart of the city in the Haight-Ashbury district. Nancy attended Catholic schools and, in 1959, graduated from Presentation High School. The summer before her senior year of high school, Nancy's cousin introduced her to a handsome Air Force Airman 2nd class, David Marron. She and Dave dated long distance—he was stationed in Cut Bank, Mont.—throughout her senior year. After graduating from high school, she worked as a bank teller until she and Dave were married. Nancy and Dave were married Aug. 13, 1960, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in San Francisco. They welcomed their five children, two boys and three girls, during the next nine years.

The family moved often, at the behest of the Air Force, and Nancy carefully packed up the household with each move and quickly established a home at each new location. She lived in Cut Bank, Mont. (AFS); Great Falls, Mont. (Malmstrom AFB); Jacksonville, Fla. (US Naval Air Station); north of San Francisco (Hamilton AFB), Montauk Point, N.Y. (AFS); near Rome, N.Y. (Griffis AFB), Guam (Anderson AFB), and Riverside, Calif. (March AFB). In 1976, when Dave retired from the Air Force, they moved to Twin Falls, a happy compromise between California (Nancy's home) and Iowa (Dave's home), where they have since made their home.

For most of her 33 years in Twin Falls, Nancy was a homemaker. She worked tirelessly to keep her house immaculate, her family comfortable and well fed, and her family and many friends stocked with Christmas cookies. Nancy worked in the office at the KMart in Twin Falls for nine years while four of her children were in college at the same time.

Nancy was a devout member of St. Edward's Catholic Church. She was active in many church activities, including the funeral dinner committee. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 7 and helped with many of their community service projects. Nancy was an avid and highly skilled Pinochle player and participated in many ladies' and couples' card groups. Throughout her life, Nancy modeled hard work, organization and efficiency, selflessness, devout faith, strength of character, and loyalty to friends. She had a keen mind and an easy and loving sense of humor. During the times when Dave was stationed away from the family or when he traveled for work, Nancy shouldered the family responsibilities single-handedly. She was enormously proud of her children and their personal and professional accom-

plishments. Her quiet but intense love of her family will long persist.

Nancy has left so many wonderful memories: her masterful (if unconventional) Scrabble playing, her trips throughout the country to visit her children and grandchildren, the dances she and Dave shared to their favorite Glenn Miller songs, the times she could sneak in listens of Elvis and Johnny Cash, the gifts so lovingly packaged and presented to her grandchildren, the long phone calls, and the late night sharing of confidences.

Nancy will be remembered for her devotion to her family. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, David Marron, of Twin Falls, their five children, 11 grandchildren and 1 step-grandchild. Their children, children's spouses (and grandchildren) are: Brian and Janet Marron of Durham, N.C. (Alanna, Flynn, and Aidan); David Scott Marron and Carlyn Wei Marron of Des Moines, Iowa (Alex Wei, Quinn and Ian Marron); Colleen Marron and Karl Guter of Great Falls, Mont. (Joseph and Emma); Eileen Wells of Twin Falls, ID (Stephen Wells, stationed at Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hawaii, and Sara); and Maureen Marron and Shaun Vecera of Iowa City, Iowa (Patrick and Colin).

Nancy is also survived by her brother and his wife, David R. and Sue Boehme, of Filer, ID, and cousins in California. She is survived by many nephews, nieces, and in-laws in her husband's family.

Nancy enjoyed sharing her life with many close friends, among them Barbara, Becky, Bonnie, Charlene, Elaine, and Sue, as well as her many friends from church, card groups, and her years as an Air Force wife.

Nancy was preceded in death by her twin brother Joseph and her parents.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with a rosary being offered immediately following visitation. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E., Twin Falls at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13 with Father Jairo Restrepo celebrating. Pallbearers are Mark Hagenah, Neil Harpster, William Huntsman, Jaren Peay, Jack Rodseth, and Larry Slack. Nancy's grandchildren and Dick Sayers are the honorary pallbearers.

Nancy requests that contributions in her memory be made to St. Edward's Building Fund or to Friends of Hospice at Idaho Home Health and Hospice. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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Anna Vera Bigler Wickel Preston

Anna Vera Bigler Wickel Preston, a 95 year old Burley resident, passed away Feb. 8, 2009, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.



Anna was born Aug. 11, 1913, in Elba, Idaho, the daughter of Jacob Edwin and Hannah Hepworth Bigler. She grew up with four sisters, Margaret Ellen, Vada, Leatha, Essie, and her twin brothers, Denny Arnold, and Lenny. She married Lemmon L. Wickel, Sept. 25, 1929. Their first child was born Jan 30, 1931, a daughter, Joy Ann. They lived at Parks Creek Ranch for two years, and ran a vast herd of sheep. They later moved to the homestead West and slightly North of the original homestead owned by his father, Henry Limon Wickel. Later a son was born to them on the 18th of October in 1934, Leslie Lenn Wickel. During the Depression Era, Anna was a hard worker, canning vegetables fruit and pickles, etc. She did laundry on a wash board, and lived without electricity. About

1943, the family moved to Burley where they had electricity for the first time. Anna was especially proud of her new refrigerator. Her son Leslie went to Chicago with Ben Crech. Anna was able to watch him run a few horse races and win. Losing her mother the 13th of April 1950 was a terrible loss to Anna.

That fall, Lem and Anna were divorced. Anna later married Cline Preston April 18, 1951, and went to Victoria British Columbia for their honeymoon. Their first home was an apartment located on the same block as her present home. In the meantime they moved to a homestead in the Malta area. Dust storms forced them to sell out and they moved to Idaho Falls. Cline liked buying and selling property. They homesteaded land, drilled for wells, raised crops, and made profits selling improved farms and ranches.

In September 1972, she and Cline took a tour of Europe with a group. They began with flying past Nova Scotia, to Paris, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy.

Anna is survived by her

children, 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cline; her son, Leslie Lenn; brothers, Lenny and Arnold; sisters, Vada Rygh and Leatha Edward Steed; and two great-grandsons, Sam and Jason Stone.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Burley LDS 2nd Ward with Bishops counselor Todd Whitehead, officiating. Burial will follow at the Elba Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hansen Payne Mortuary in Burley and one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

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Janis Mary Woodbridge

WENDELL — Janis Mary Woodbridge, 71, of Wendell, our loving wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away Feb. 7, 2009, in Twin Falls.



Janis was born March 14, 1937, in Hailey, Idaho, the daughter of David Baird and Lida L. Ralls Baird. She attended school in Carey and graduated Salutatorian in 1955. Janis graduated cosmetology school and later attended Idaho State University where she earned a Bachelors of Science Degree and later a Masters Degree of Education. She loved teaching, especially the Special Education children and she was instrumental in starting several Special Ed programs.

Janis was a member of the LDS church and was a 47 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary and served as the Idaho State Auxiliary Department President in 2000.

She was very proud of her

Scottish heritage, her family, her pioneer heritage and her Idaho lifestyle. Janis was particularly proud of her country and the people who served it. She loved the outdoors, her favorite place was Copper Basin, traveling and fishing and instantly made friends wherever she went.

Janis is survived by her husband, Calvin T. Woodbridge of Wendell, her brother Ray (Carley) Baird of Carey, and many other family members and friends. She is also survived by "furry" friends Mac, Misty and Smokey Bob. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Earl Baird; and her son, Rodney K. Randall.

Funeral services for Janis will be conducted at 11 a.m., Friday Feb. 13, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome. A visitation will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 12, also at Farnsworth Mortuary, where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., and again one hour prior to the service. Graveside committal services will be held following the funeral, at 2 p.m., in the Carey, Idaho, Cemetery.

Funeral services for Janis will be conducted at 11 a.m., Friday Feb. 13, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome. A visitation will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 12, also at Farnsworth Mortuary, where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., and again one hour prior to the service. Graveside committal services will be held following the funeral, at 2 p.m., in the Carey, Idaho, Cemetery.

Dianne Kay Bolt

Dianne Kay Bolt, 52, of Twin Falls, peacefully passed away on Feb. 6, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center with her loving husband and dear sons at her side. She battled admirably against breast cancer. Dianne's victory is in that she is now with our Lord in Heaven.

Dianne was born March 25, 1956, in Pipestone, Minn., to Marvin and Jeannette Vanden Bosch. She graduated from Ontario Christian High School in Ontario, Calif. Later in her life, she completed general studies at the College of Southern Idaho and hoped to enroll in the Surgical Technology program.

Dianne married Al Bolt, April 11, 1975, in Ontario, Calif. Together, they had three children: Brian, 32; Kevin, 28; and Jared, 24. While raising her children, Dianne held many positions. While still in California after high school graduation, she became a dental assistant. After moving to Idaho with her family in 1979, she participated as a co-owner of Bolt Construction, served in the hot lunch program at Immanuel Lutheran School, and was appointed by Governor Cecil D. Andrus as a commissioner for the Twin Falls Rural Fire District. Her most recent jobs, which she loved with a passion, were as Operations Manager at Fred Meyer and Pharmacy Technician at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. She not only loved to work, but she enjoyed being around others. Her work at Fred Meyer and St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center were a constant source of pride and conversation.

Dianne was an active member of the congregation at Twin Falls Reformed Church. She was also passionate about surviving breast cancer and she devoted many hours to raising breast cancer awareness by participating in local "Susan G. Komen for the Cure" events. She was also extremely generous and compassionate in her desire to help others that had just begun their individual battle against the disease.

In her various volunteer, service, and employment roles, Dianne touched many. Numerous lasting friendships began and countless individuals were touched just by knowing her. Kids were a special part of her life. Friends of her sons quickly recognized that they were always welcome in her home. Her baked goods, especially cookies, were freely available and exceptionally addicting. The combination of her warmth and food resulted in a three year period when one or more exchange students lived at the Bolt residence. Although she welcomed many into her home, she did not tolerate nonsense, and those that chose her to be a temporary

second mother soon realized that she held high expectations for them.

Dianne's greatest joys came from being a wife, mother and, more recently, a grandmother. She had a special gift of creating joy for her husband, sons and granddaughter. She never missed a son's game or school event. She was a natural giver of her time, talents and support. She was a blessing and inspiration to friends and fellow cancer buddies. She loved living in Idaho, vacationing in Alaska and camping in hotels or cabins.

Dianne loved her husband and sons dearly and passionately. She was the best wife and mother anyone could hope for. She was a terrific Nana to her granddaughter Katelyn, who brought that special sparkle to her eyes. She was the friend of all friends to so many.

Dianne is survived by her husband of 33 years, Al; their sons Brian (Krista); Kevin (Julie Palumbo); their daughter Katelyn; and Jared. Brothers Gary (Agnes), David (Julie), Douglas (Juli), Darwin (Linda), Danny, and Marvin Jr. (Tami); sisters Marlene (Andy Zylstra), Donna (Bernie Stuit), LaVonne (Ron Bolt), Glenda (Gary Bremer) and Trudy (Vince Zimmer); parents Marvin and Jeannette Vanden Bosch; mother-in-law Darlene (Bolt) Chalfant; brother-in-law Jeffrey Bolt; and many cherished nephews and nieces.

Dianne is preceded in death by brother, Gregory; father-in-law, Arthur Bolt; grandparents, Peter and Klara Reitsma; grandparents Pete and Alice Vanden Bosch.

Pall-bearers: Brian Bolt (son); Kevin Bolt (son); Jared Bolt (son); Gary Vanden Bosch (brother); Ron Bolt (brother-in-law); and Steve Swope (friend). Honorary pall-bearer: Danny Vanden Bosch (brother).

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday Feb. 12, at Sunset Memorial Park and a Memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 12, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church with Pastor Brian Vriesman officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park". Please join the family in celebrating Dianne's life by visiting her memorial at www.MeM.com and signing the on-line guestbook.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to "Susan G. Komen for the Cure", Attn: Gift Management Services, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244. Email: donorinquiry@komen.org.

Harlan Ray Wolters

Harlan Ray Wolters, 64, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, Feb. 6, 2009.



He was born on June 26, 1944, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Arthur and Loretta (Ulrich) Wolters. In 1958, the family moved to Coeur d'Alene, ID, where he graduated from PostFalls High School.

He married Karen Gilbertson in 1965 they were later divorced. To this union they had one daughter, Valerie. He worked for Con Agra for 25 years until his retirement at the age of 62.

David Carl Peterson

JEROME — David Carl Peterson, 58, of Jerome, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at Twin Falls Care Center.

David was born Nov. 6, 1950, at Portland, Ore., to Carl Howard and Mildred Laurene Adams Peterson. David was raised and educated in Castleford, graduating from Castleford High School in 1969. After high school, he joined the Army Reserves. On Feb. 4, 1972, he married Evie Adams and together they raised three children. They were later divorced. For most of David's life, he drove truck. He worked for several companies, including Circle A, Blick Trucking and the Twin Falls Canal Company.

David loved fishing, hunting, and having coffee with his friends at the Depot Grill. He loved animals and especially his dog, Jesse. David also enjoyed listening to country music.

David is survived by his mother, Laurene Peterson of Ohio; his children, Carla (Nick) Rivera of Jerome, Darla (Tammy Kinter)

He is survived by his mother, Loretta, Twin Falls; brothers, Ronald (Shirley) Wolters, Coeur d'Alene, ID; John (Dorothy) Wolters, Twin Falls; Dwayne (Sheri) Wolters, Twin Falls; Larry (Monna) Wolters, Tucson, Ariz.; Lloyd (Grace) Wolters, Phoenix, Ariz., and sister, Pamela (Ken) Drury, Twin Falls.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur; daughter, Valerie and sister, Arletta Johnson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Condolences may be made at www.magicvalleyfuneral-home.com.

Peterson of Yakima, Wash, and Tony Peterson of Twin Falls; 10 grandchildren, Kourtney Ragains, Megan Ragains, Cassey Ragains, Michelle Rivera and Nicolas Rivera, all of Jerome, Sabrina Peterson, Ashley Atwell, Kayla Atwell, all of Yakima, Wash., and Jessica Adams and Christina Adams of Washington; two sisters, Becky Schendel of Twin Falls and Diane Powell of Richland, Wash.; his children's mother, Evie Peterson; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends; his special friend, Larry Sparks, who was like a brother to him; and his beloved dog, Jesse.

He was preceded in death by his father; a son, Kyle Peterson; and a nephew, David Schendel.

Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made in David's name to help with funeral expenses, at Serenity Funeral Chapel, 502 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

A celebration of life will be held for David at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Rock Creek Community Church in Twin Falls. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Mary Louise Wurst

MT. ANGEL, Ore. — Mary Louise (Willard) Wurst, 85, died Dec. 28, 2008, in Mt. Angel, Ore., of cancer complications and other chronic illnesses.

Mary was born on Feb. 10, 1923, at her parent's home in Minneapolis, Minn. She was the daughter of Ralph and Marie Willard and wife of Joseph John Wurst, all preceding her in death. Mary was raised in Minneapolis, Minn. where she attended St. Bridget's Grade School, St. Margaret's Academy High School for Girls, and St. Cloud Teacher's College where she studied elementary education. In the summer of 1944, she traveled to Colorado Springs to live temporarily with her brother, Ralph Willard, and his wife, Winifred, before Ralph's deployment overseas.

While working as a payroll clerk at the Peterson Field Air Base in Colorado Springs, she met Joseph John (Joe) Wurst of Gannett, Idaho, who was a PFC in the U.S. Army. They married at St. Bridget's Church in Minneapolis, Minn. on Sept. 25, 1945, and following Joe's discharge from the Army in February 1946, moved to the Idaho family ranch. Mary co-owned a nursery school before leaving Minnesota and after moving to Idaho and having five children, she went back to college and graduated in June 1964 with a B.A. in elementary education and minor in English. She taught school for the Blaine County School District.

Mary was involved in numerous community organizations such as the American Legion Auxiliary, American Red Cross, 4-H, Cattlemen's Association Auxiliary, and PTA. She and Joe were selected Outstanding National Young Couple of Year in 1959 by the National Grange, and both

served on the 4-H Camp Planning and Advisory Board. As part of 4-H and teaching associations, they hosted international youth from Chili, Ireland, Japan, and France, as well as chaperoned a young group to Japan in 1973. Mary was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church where she belonged to the Altar Society and directed the church choir for several years. She enjoyed teaching, knitting, sewing, crocheting, and other craft projects.

Mary and Joe lived and worked on the family cattle ranch until 1986 when they retired, sold the ranch, and moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. In the late 1980s, they purchased a winter home in Yuma, Arizona. For several years they spent the summers in Idaho and the winters in Arizona. In 2002, they sold both the Idaho and Arizona homes and moved to Woodburn, Ore. to be closer to family.

Mary is survived by her five children: Mary Church and husband, Mel, of Aloha, Ore.; Roger Wurst and wife, Cheryl, of Las Vegas, Nev.; Nancy Hoobler and husband, Gordon, of Deary, Idaho; John Wurst of Haines, Alaska; and Beth Victoria Wurst of Boise, Idaho. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; also one brother Theodore (Ted) Willard and wife, Sylvia, of Burnsville, Minn., as well as numerous other nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents Ralph David Willard and Marie Antoinette LaBissoniere Willard; her beloved husband, Joe; two brothers, Ralph and Allen; and one sister, Bernadette. A Catholic Memorial Mass and graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 19, in Hailey, Idaho at St. Charles Catholic Church.

Remembrances can be made to the Idaho Youth Ranch, The American Red Cross, or the Betty Hise Trust for Cancer Research.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert A. Ramsey

BURLEY — Robert Andrew Ramsey, 82, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Saturday both at the Burley LDS Stake Center (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

Russell Czaplicki

Russell Czaplicki, 62, of Twin Falls died Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at his home in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Michael C. Brierley

KIMBERLY — Michael C. Brierley, 60, of Kimberly died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, in Kimberly.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, in Kimberly; visitation will be held from 12 to 2 p.m. Friday at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, corner of Irene and Washington Street in Kimberly (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Glenn E. Roach

Glenn E. Roach, 86, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Graveside inurnment services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at Twin Falls Cemetery (Serenity Funeral Chapel).

Elizabeth P. Miller

Elizabeth Peabody Miller, 86, formerly of Wendell, died Sunday Feb. 8, 2009, at River Ridge Care Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service,

SERVICES

Robert "Bob" L. Davis of Glens Ferry, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. today at Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glens Ferry (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Reed Lee Stewart of Fairfield, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Camas County High School gymnasium (Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding).

Claudia Madeline Walthall Walters of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Jerome Methodist Church; reception will follow at 2 p.m. at the Snake River Elks Lodge on Highway 93 in Jerome (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Savannah Lyne Maxine Beverly, infant daughter of Megan D. Read and Jon L. Beverly of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Jane C. Siren of Jerome, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

Wayne L. Hayden of Burley,

Wendell Chapel.

Edwin Jackson

BUHL — Edwin Jackson, of Buhl, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Bette R. Crist

FILER — Bette Rae Beard Crist, 58, of Filer, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, at her home.

Graveside services will be held at 12 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Harlan Wolters

Harlan Wolters, 64 of Twin Falls died Friday, Feb. 6, 2009.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Verna LeAnn Neibaur Black

ALMO — Verna LeAnn Fifth Neibaur Black, 57, of Almo, formerly of Paul, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, at her home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St., in Paul; visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

George D. Steele

HOLLISTER — George D. Steele, 83, of Hollister died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Memorial services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley LDS 2nd and 4th Ward Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church.

Tosha Marie Hanson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hankins LDS 11th Ward Chapel; visitation starting at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Harland Wolters of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

David C. Peterson of Jerome, celebration of life at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Rock Creek Community Church in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Vela "Jonnie" Blades of San Jose, Calif., service at 1 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Donald Roland Hutchings of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

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Idaho delegation seeks federal help for dairy producers

State congressional leaders ask USDA to revive price support programs

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Idaho's Congressional delegation has written U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to urge assistance for the Idaho dairy industry, according to a statement from Sen. Mike Crapo's office.

Crapo and fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, as well as Rep. Mike Simpson and Rep. Walt

Minnick are asking congress to revive existing federal programs that would support dairy pricing, reduce herds and protect domestic milk producers from unfair trade practices.

Dairy prices are more than \$7 below the break-even point needed for dairymen to pay operating costs — dairymen in south-central Idaho are losing about \$100,000 each month for

every 1,000 cows.

Fluid milk prices are at their lowest level since 2006, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"Employing more than 26,000 individuals, Idaho's dairy industry is an essential part of Idaho's economy," the delegation wrote in a letter to Vilsack. "Dairy prices have fallen below the level needed by producers to cover operating costs, and numerous producers are operating at a considerable loss. Without immediate action to assist the industry, jobs and dairy operations could be lost."

The delegation included the following suggestions:

- Enable timely purchasing of dairy products through the Dairy Product Price Support Program.

- Downsize dairy herds by culling cows and providing price premiums for value added products through U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition programs.

- Utilize programs like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to increase conservation efforts.

- Defend U.S. producers against unfair trade actions by utilizing the Dairy Export

Incentive Program.

- Implement the Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels to assist producers with broadening the production of advanced biofuels.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture has a number of programs that if utilized appropriately can provide a much needed boost for the dairy industry during this time of considerable turmoil," the delegation stated in its letter.

Joshua Palmer may be reached at 208-735-3231 or at jpalmer@magicvalley.com

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

MAGIC VALLEY Farm Service Agency to hold 2008 Farm Bill meeting

The Twin Falls and Jerome county Farm Service agencies will hold a public meeting on the 2008 Farm Bill from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 19.

A panel of speakers from various agencies will discuss farm bill subjects and changes to the 2009 bill. The event will also be an opportunity for producers to meet with agency staff that administers the programs.

The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Twin Falls, which is located at 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

A public meeting will also be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Sawtooth Inn, Best Western Conference Center, which is located at 2653 S. Lincoln St. in Jerome.

All new forms for 2009 Farm Program

Producers will be required to complete all new forms in order to determine eligibility for the 2009 Farm Program

The deadline for producers to sign contracts and obtain signatures that are required for the Direct & Counter Cyclical Program is June 1.

Completion of the eligibility documents is required to earn payments from the farm programs.

Officials say major changes to the 2009 Farm Program are adjusted gross income certifications, payment limitations and direct attribution.

Milk producers can sign up now for the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program for 2009. Dairy producers must select a starting month similar to the last program.

Producers should contact their Farm Service Agency office for more information about the program.

IDAHO

Idaho 4-H'ers to meet in Boise for civic studies

More than 180 4-H members are expected to attend the annual Know Your Government gathering at Boise on Saturday through Tuesday.

The event gives youths the chance to learn about the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.

University of Idaho Extension operates the statewide 4-H program, which drew the participation of more than 36,069 youths and 3,716 adult volunteers in 2008.

4-H members will continue the KYG tradition of mock committee meetings, mock trials and breakfast with legislators and judges.

— Times-News

Economy unlikely to affect many U.S. farmers

Consumers not likely to reduce spending on food staples, analysts say

By James Prichard
Associated Press writer

SPARTA, Mich. — After losing three-quarters of his apple crop to bad weather last year, Don Armock is more concerned about what Mother Nature has in store for his fruit business in 2009 than how the global recession might affect it.

"Traditional thinking says that when the economy is struggling, people tend to not frequent restaurants as much and tend to eat at home more. The consequence of that is we tend to pick up that business," said Armock, president and co-owner of Riveridge Produce Marketing in Sparta.

While people will put off buying houses and cars in a bad economy, they still need food. That means farmers may be better able to weather the financial storms.

"Yes, we have housing problems, but we're not going to not feed our kids," said Fariborz Ghadar, director of the Center for Global Business Studies at Pennsylvania State University.

And the economic downturn could even boost income for food producers who know how to take advantage of the situation, said Mike Neal, founder and chief executive of SignalDemand, a San Francisco-based company that provides profit-analysis software to the food industry.

Consumers are likely to cut back on goods they perceive as more dispensable while continuing to purchase basic agricultural products containing corn, soybeans, wheat, butter or milk, said Daniel Sumner, director of the Agricultural Issues Center at the University of California-Davis.

"The sort of core, staple food products may be doing fine but where I'm sitting right here talking to people in the wine industry or the almond or the pistachio industry, they're saying, 'Hey, we're pretty sensitive to incomes,'" Sumner said.

Stephen Hueffed, who last summer launched Willapa Hills Farmstead Cheese, a Doty, Wash.-based company that makes cheese from sheep's milk, said the economic times are tough for a

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Hay market in flux



Times-News file photo

A hay producer stacks bales south of Twin Falls in late summer. Analysts say hay prices will depend on the outcome of a dairy herd buy out and milk prices.

Price return to 2007 levels, but analysts expect continued volatility

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Hay stacks are shorter than a year ago and that usually indicates hay prices could be strong, but 2009 is not starting out to be a normal year anymore than 2008.

Seth Hoyt, a hay market analyst for nearly three decades, said he never saw a year like 2008 where so many buyers backed out of hay deals or made adjustments to the price.

"A lot of good growers got hurt," the lone, Calif.-based analyst said.

According to the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service's weekly hay report for Idaho, demand for supreme-quality dairy hay was light and what little hay was moving was selling for \$165 a ton during the first week of February.

That puts hay prices back to 2007 levels, when supreme alfalfa hay sold for \$160 to \$165 per ton. Hoyt said he wouldn't be surprised if

prices hover around that mark in 2009, but he added that prices depend on milk prices.

"Unless something changes, dairies will be coming off five months of losses when first cutting starts," Hoyt told hay growers during the Idaho Alfalfa and Forage Conference in Burley.

The Idaho Mailbox milk price in January — raw milk prices minus assessments and other deductions — was around \$9.50 per hundred-weight.

It is not projected to climb back to \$15 per hundred-weight — roughly the cost of production at this time — until August.

Hoyt said that if the dairy industry can remove 250,000 to 300,000 head from the nation's herd, and do it without adversely impacting the beef market, then milk prices should recover more quickly and hay growers could expect hay prices to remain near 2007 levels.

But if a herd buyout program doesn't come through

and dairies are forced to cull their herds on an individual basis, milk prices will take longer to recover and hay prices could drop to \$140 to \$150 per ton next summer as dairies try to hold down their feed costs.

But not everyone thinks the hay market will be depressed. Mike Larson, a hay grower from Buhl, believes the latest USDA hay stocks report, which showed hay stocks in Idaho are down 16 percent from a year ago, indicates supplies are tight enough to support prices.

Plus dairies are feeding 10 to 15 percent more hay than they anticipated because of the winter weather conditions, he said.

Dairymen he's talked to are looking for premium hay they can build a ration around and have indicated \$175 to \$200 a ton isn't unreasonable.

Hoyt agreed that Idaho hay stocks aren't as burdensome as in Washington state where the declining export market means large inventories of

BY THE NUMBERS:

4.4 tons per acre

The USDA estimated 2008 alfalfa production — a record high.

5.59 million tons

Dry hay production for Idaho in 2008 — up from 5.35 million tons in 2007.

400,000 acres

Hay acres were down about 400,000 acres compared to 2007 to 1.41 million acres.

Source: USDA Agricultural Marketing Service's

2008 big bales are still in storage.

"The Idaho market is not in a glut situation so when things turn around, it will take less time for hay prices to recover," Hoyt said. "But when dairies are losing money, the demand side will carry more weight in the market than the supply side."

Washington agriculture groups push for worker program

Farmers and labor groups propose changes to farm worker program

By Shannon Dininny
Associated Press writer

YAKIMA, Wash. — John Wyss had just been hired at Gebbers Farms, one of the nation's largest apple growers, when the company

couldn't find enough workers in 2005. Fruit went unpicked, and much of what was picked came off the trees too late.

Hail and harsh winter freezes have shrunk the crops in the years since, reducing the need for workers. But if the weather had cooperated, he said, "We would have had severe labor problems."

It's become an annual argument — farmers nationally complain about a shortage of workers, while labor

"Too many people think of farm work as unskilled, undifferentiated work. Agriculture has a great variety of jobs, and every single one of them requires some set of skills."

— Howard Rosenberg, an agricultural economist with the University of California at Berkeley

groups counter that higher wages will secure field hands.

This year, new rules enacted by the Bush administration shortly before leaving office may make it easier for farmers to bring in foreign workers. Congress faces another push to potentially

legalize undocumented farm workers already in the country. And in Washington state, farm groups are driving lawmakers to make it just the second state in the nation to create its own guestworker program.

At the same time, thou-

sands of U.S. workers are losing their jobs in the economic crisis.

How problematic does that make any talk of bringing in foreign workers?

"Too many people think of

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MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)		
Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg
BkofAm	4487905	6.89 +.76
GenElec	2317475	12.64 +1.54
Citigrp	1702871	3.95 +.04
SPDR FncI	1667673	9.90 +.11
ProJiHfm	1342492	3.70 +.11

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)		
Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg
SPDR	2274342	87.10 +1.2
PSCrudeDL	n233450	2.70 +.01
SP Mid	64569	96.19 -.35
BarcGSOil	42243	18.67 -.09
NthgtM g	25121	1.39 +.02

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)		
Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg
PwShs	QQQ917495	31.50 +.13
Intel	631347	14.91 +.18
FifthThrd	503750	2.89 +.26
Microsoft	497589	19.44 -.22
Dell Inc	373260	9.64 +.18

INDEXES

13,136.69	7,449.38	Dow Jones Industrials	8,270.87	-9.72	-12	-5.76	-32.43
5,536.57	2,865.58	Dow Jones Transportation	3,203.32	-4.2	-0.1	-9.44	-32.54
530.57	294.30	Dow Jones Utilities	381.09	-3.73	-9.7	+2.79	-23.46
9,687.24	4,607.47	NYSE Composite	5,479.88	+4.60	+0.8	-4.81	-38.21
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,457.26	+19.39	+1.35	+4.27	-35.14
2,551.47	1,295.48	Nasdaq Composite	1,591.56	-1.15	-0.1	+9.2	-31.40
1,440.24	741.02	S&P 500	869.89	+1.29	+1.5	-3.69	-35.04
764.38	371.30	Russell 2000	467.94	-2.76	-5.9	-6.31	-33.13
14,564.81	7,340.74	Wilshire 5000	8,789.50	+4.40	+0.5	-3.28	-35.19

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letters' list.

Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.

Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ... mark.

Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family.

Sell: Net asset value, or price at which fund could be sold.

Chg: Daily net change in the NAV.

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. d - New 52-wk low during trading day. g - Dividend in Canadian \$. Stock price in U.S. \$. n - New issue in past 52 wks. q - Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated. s - Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks. Div begins with date of split or stock dividend. u - New 52-wk high during trading day. v - Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual distributions based on last declaration. pf - Preferred. pd - Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt - Rights. un - Units. wd - When distributed. wi - When issued. wt - Warrants. ww - With warrants. xw - Without warrants.

Dividend Footnotes: a - Also extra or extras. b - Annual rate plus stock dividend. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f - Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i - Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. j - Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting. k - Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p - Init div, annual rate unknown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x - Ex-dividend or ex-rights. y - Ex-dividend and sales in full. z - Sales in full. vj - In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

• Most active stocks above must be worth \$1 and gainers/losers \$2.

Mutual Fund Footnotes: e - Ex-capital gains distribution. f - Previous day's quote. n - No-load fund. p - Fund assets used to pay distribution costs. r - Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply. s - Stock dividend or split. t - Both p and r. x - Ex-cash dividend.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Name	Last Chg	%Chg
BkAtI A rs	3.16	+7.6
Mechel s	5.73	+1.28
StratGS33	10.00	+1.75
BarcB prC	12.90	+2.13
BarcBk pr	11.16	+1.76

GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Name	Last Chg	%Chg
InvCapHid	2.01	+5.4
AmApparel	2.46	+2.6
Gulfstream	2.20	+2.0
CCA Inds	3.04	+2.5
Accelr8	2.20	+1.8

GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Name	Last Chg	%Chg
IndepFedl	4.60	+1.85
ARYXTher	2.94	+8.4
TierOne	2.22	+6.3
PRGSchultz	4.61	+1.18
CntyVllyBc	4.50	+1.12

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.50f	11	28.85	-24	-1.1	Kaman	.56	10	20.20	+0.4	+11.4
AlliantTch	...	11	83.00	+42	-3.2	Keycorp	.25	...	9.03	+5.6	+6.0
AmCasino	...	...	10.04	-10	+16.2	LeeEnt h	...	1	.31	...	-24.4
Aon Corp	.60	9	41.46	+8.4	-9.2	MicronT	...	...	4.32	+2.4	+63.6
BallardPw	...	...	1.26	+0.2	+11.5	OfficeMax	...	...	5.43	-1.2	-28.9
BkofAm	.04m	13	6.89	+7.6	-51.1	RockTen	.40	13	31.41	+2.1	-8.1
ConAgra	.76	7	16.95	-5.3	+2.7	Sensient	.76	12	23.43	+0.2	-1.9
Costco	.64	16	45.17	-0.4	-14.0	SkyWest	.16f	7	16.50	+0.7	-11.3
Diebold	1.00	18	25.46	+0.2	-9.4	Terady	...	20	5.28	-0.3	+25.1
DukeEngy	.92	15	15.66	-0.2	+4.3	Tuppwr	.88	7	18.62	-4.5	-18.0
DukeRity	1.00m	27	10.52	+2.4	-4.0	US Bancrp	1.70	10	16.71	+5.2	-33.2
Fastenal	.70f	20	37.53	+4.0	+7.7	Valhi	.40	...	15.10	-1.5	+41.1
Heinz	1.66	13	37.01	+0.1	-1.6	WallMart	.95	14	49.28	-3.5	-12.1
HewlettP	.32	11	36.33	-5.2	+1	WashFed	20m	24	13.53	+3.4	-9.6
HomeDp	.90	13	23.09	-4.4	+3	WellsFargo	1.36	25	19.06	-0.8	-35.3
Idacorp	1.20	13	28.01	-8.3	-4.9	ZionBcp	.16m	...	14.84	+5.4	-39.5

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

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEF

AQHA Executive Vice President Bill Brewer stepping down

Bill Brewer is stepping down after serving for 17 years as the American Quarter Horse Association vice president.

His tenure was marked by the registration of more than 2 million new members to the American Quarter Horse Association registry.

Brewer cited declining health as his reason for stepping down from the AQHA.

"It wasn't — and still is not — a decision that was easy," he said. "But in the long run, it is the right thing to do, and this is the right time."

— Wire report

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy			Feed		
Block	Close	Change	Corn (Per 100 pounds)		
Average price	\$1.154	+0.029	Dairy Feed Supply	\$8.00	—
Barrel			Land O'Lakes	\$7.00	—
Average price	\$1.133	+0.028	Rangen	\$7.25	—
Butter			Barley (Per 100 pounds)		
Average price	\$1.099	-0.004	Rangen	\$6.40	—
Whey protein concentrate			Ogden	\$6.81	-.35
Average price	\$.54	—	Pocatello	\$5.85	-.40
Class III milk			Burley	\$6.00	—
Average price	\$10.78	—	Hay (Mid/Ton)		
Class IV milk			Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low \$165	High \$165
Average price	\$9.59	—	Alfalfa(Good)	Low N/A	High N/A
			Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$120	High \$140

COMMODITY PRICES

Small grain			Livestock		
Soft white wheat			Lambs and hogs		
Rangen	N/A	N/A	Feeder lambs	Low \$94	High \$98
Ogden	\$4.47	-.43	Fat lambs	Low \$87	High \$97
Pocatello	\$4.65	-.10	Killer ewes	Low N/A	High N/A
Burley	\$4.42	-.07	Feeder hogs	Low \$50	High \$70
			Fat hogs	Low \$41	High \$48

Price quotes as of Monday afternoon. Prices subject to change at any time.

To be included in this table, call Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.

COMMODITY REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES				
Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Change
Feb	Live cattle	84.80	83.65	84.70 +1.05
Apr	Live cattle	88.00	86.65	87.75 +1.05
Jan	Feeder cattle	95.80	94.50	95.55 +1.20
Mar	Feeder cattle	97.40	95.65	97.35 +1.83
Apr	Feeder cattle	98.60	97.25	98.53 +1.28
Feb	Lean hogs	56.30	55.90	56.05 -.30
Apr	Lean hogs	60.70	60.00	60.08 -.33
Feb	Pork belly	79.50	77.00	77.03 -.98
Mar	Pork belly	80.50	77.40	78.88 -1.28
Mar	Wheat	577.00	564.00	565.00 +8.00
May	Wheat	586.00	577.50	578.00 +8.00
Mar	KC Wheat	604.00	592.50	595.00 +8.50
May	KC Wheat	615.00	602.00	606.00 +8.50
Mar	MPS Wheat	610.75	605.50	608.25 +3.50
May	MPS Wheat	657.75	641.00	646.25 +5.25
Mar	Corn	383.00	376.50	377.50 +0.25
May	Corn	393.00	387.50	388.00 +0.50
Mar	Soybeans	1019.00	995.50	1002.00 +1.00
May	Soybeans	1023.50	1002.00	1007.50 +1.50
Jan	BFP Milk	9.30	9.30	9.30 +0.4
Feb	BFP Milk	10.38	10.38	10.39 +.19
Mar	BFP Milk	10.95	10.90	11.14 +.24
Apr	BFP Milk	11.60	xxx	11.68 +.31
May	BFP Milk	xxx	xxx	12.47 +.40
Mar	Sugar	13.35	13.11	13.28 +.16
May	Sugar	13.63	13.42	13.56 +.14
Mar	B-Pound	1.4973	1.4696	1.4900 +0.0108
Jun	B-Pound	1.4950	1.4719	1.4879 +0.0096
Mar	J-Yen	1.1011	1.0829	1.0940 +0.0080
Jun	J-Yen	1.1033	1.0882	1.0970 +0.0083
Mar	Euro-currency	1.3087	1.2867	1.3016 +0.0081
Jun	Euro-currency	1.3072	1.2892	1.3002 +0.0072
Mar	Canada dollar	8248	8217	8218 +0.0064
Jun	Canada dollar	8230	8136	8225 +0.0066
Mar	U.S. dollar	85.90	84.67	85.02 -.63
Feb	Comex gold	911.0	891.8	896.0 -17.9
Apr	Comex gold	913.4	891.9	897.9 -16.4
Mar	Comex silver	13.12	12.79	12.85 -.32
Mar	Comex silver	13.09	12.82	12.86 -.33
Mar	Treasury bond	126.02	124.32	125.25 -.03
Jun	Treasury bond	124.22	123.23	124.14 -.03
Mar	Coffee	122.15	118.25	121.40 +1.85
May	Coffee	124.25	120.45	123.55 +1.80
Mar	Cocoa	2022	1960	1963 -37
May	Cocoa	1996	1935	1939 -32
Mar	Cotton	50.34	49.69	49.98 +.12
May	Cotton	50.85	50.24	50.61 +.18
Mar	Crude oil	42.43	39.42	39.93 -.24
Feb	Unleaded gas	1.2982	1.2310	1.2510 +0.0003
Feb	Heating oil	1.4232	1.3373	1.3600 +0.0002
Mar	Natural gas	1.880	4.638	4.796 +.022

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Up, down commodity prices leave farmers uneasy

Some chose to change crops in times of uncertainty

By Marco Santana Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — It wasn't so long ago that farmers were asked what they would do with their windfall profits.

That was last summer, in the heady days of \$8-a-bushel corn and \$16-a-bushel soybeans, when it seemed farmers could count on an inexhaustible demand from ethanol manufacturers and food companies.

Today, corn prices have dropped below \$4 a bushel following a surprisingly strong 2008 harvest and

plunging demand. Soybeans were trading at close to \$10 a bushel.

Faced with such a huge price swing, combined with the high costs of seed, fertilizer and machinery, farmers could be forgiven for being a bit bewildered. Some are considering switching crops, and many are bracing for more questions when they seek annual loans to cover their upfront costs.

The dramatic drop in oil prices has forced a corresponding decline in the price of corn-based ethanol, idling many ethanol plants until their profitability improves and reducing demand for corn.

And while last summer's widespread flooding in the midwest increased corn prices because of fears it

would reduce the harvest, farmers this year produced the second-largest crop in U.S. history. But the harvest came as the economic slow-down swept over the United States and much of the world, likely lessening demand and causing a drop in purchases by food companies and livestock producers.

"It's harder to know what is a good price because it might be \$1 higher or lower in a couple of months," said William Edwards, an agricultural economics professor at Iowa State University.

There's some indication that farmers who had planned to plant corn are instead opting for soybeans, which have lower costs for production, said Bob Callanan, a spokesman for the American Soybean Association.

Others are simply expecting longer talks with their bankers when discussing annual loans. Because banks could be leery of making loans based off uncertain cash-flow projections, more farmers may turn to the U.S. Agriculture Department's Farm Service Agency for help.

Brian Gossling, the farm loan program director for the agency, said the organization offers direct loans as well as a program that guarantees 90 percent of a bank's loan to a farmer as additional collateral.

Gossling said the program, which provides "some stability and incentive to banks to continue to make loans during riskier times," should have enough money to meet an increased demand.

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niche business such as his. He expects to sell fewer pieces per order this year, so he's taking steps such as contracting with a food distributor with greater reach to increase the number of his accounts.

"We are hopeful that we will be successful because we are making a value-added

farm product," he said.

Sumner said one aspect of the recession that is hurting farmers is the amount of credit available to them. Many growers and producers borrow money to pay for seeds or equipment, or to operate or grow their businesses.

Another aspect of the economy affecting farmers is

the strengthening U.S. dollar, which is good for Americans traveling abroad and for importing goods but bad for exporting food commodities. A strong dollar affects competitiveness in the world market and makes it harder for other nations to afford U.S. commodities.

And then there's another volatile variable: the cost of

BEANS

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

Pintos, no quote, new crop; great northers, no quotes; pinks, no quote, new crop; small reds, no quote, new crop. Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Feb. 4.

Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Pintos, \$37-\$38; great northers, not established; small whites, not established; pinks, \$38-\$39; small reds, \$38-\$43. Quotes current Feb. 4

GRAINS

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

Soft white wheat, ask; barley, ask; oats, ask; corn, ask (15 percent moisture). Prices are given daily by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Feb.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

CAN I HAVE A JOB?

YOU HAVE TO PASS A DRUG TEST.

IS IT MULTIPLE CHOICE?

JOBS

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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

WANDA! GET A LOAD OF THIS HIGH CHAIR!

IT'S FULLY ADJUSTABLE FOR KIDS AGES ONE THROUGH ADOLESCENCE.

THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE ONE STURDY HIGH CHAIR.

AND ONE PRETTY MESSED-UP TEENAGER.

MEAL CONCEPT

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BOILED POTATOES AGAIN? I HATE BOILED POTATOES!

GREG + MORT WALKER

HOW ABOUT MASHED?

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Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WOULD YOU LIKE THAT IN \$10s OR \$20s?

I WOULD LIKE IT IN \$50s, \$100s, AND \$500s.

I'D LIKE IT IN \$10s.

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DILBERT WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

MY WIFE LEFT ME, MY TRUCK CAUGHT ON FIRE, AND ALL OF MY ORGANS ARE FAILING.

I WORK IN A COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT.

YOU WIN.

WINNING ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE.

YOUR FIVE-MINUTE BREAK IS OVER!

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The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Ever ponder life on this big blue ball, Perfessor?

Overdunne take away your home-made Segway scooter, again?

Yes, but that ain't why Ah'm askin'...

Yes, I do think about life, quite often...

I think about the ups and downs, the laughter and regret... And the finality of death... But, most of all, I think about the gift of good friends, like you.

Well, dang! How am Ah supposed ta ask ya fer money, when ya go an' wax like that?

I also think about how to handle my good 'friends' thinly veiled mooching.

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For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE ACTUALLY GOING TO PUT AN AD IN THE PERSONAL COLUMN!

CONNIE, THIS IS JUST TOO MUCH! YOUR NEED FOR SOMEONE HAS BECOME AN OBSESSION!

YOU'VE GOT A GREAT KID, A GOOD JOB, AND I THINK YOU'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE AN IDIOT!

THANKS, EL... I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU TO SAY THE RIGHT THING.

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Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

LET'S SEE, I DID "TRUTH" LAST TIME... I'LL TAKE A DARE.

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Garfield By Jim Davis

OH, NO! NOT AGAIN!!!

WHAT HAVE I DONE TO DESERVE THIS??!

SAY... I RECOGNIZE THAT VOICE...

ARMANDO! HOW ARE YOU?

WELCOME BACK, SENOR ARBUCKLE

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Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHAT DO WE DO NOW, HAGAR?

DON'T WORRY... THEY SAY IF YOU HIT A SHARK ON THE NOSE IT'LL GO AWAY!

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Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

WHAT'S MR. WAVERING'S JOB?

HE DOESN'T HAVE ONE. HE'S RETIRED.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A NEW JOB?

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Luann By Greg Evans

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON, DC!

NOW, WE HAVE A LOT TO DO IN A SHORT TIME.

LET'S STAY FOCUSED AND ON-SCHEDULE!

I HAVE A FEELING TOURISTS IN THIS TOWN GET MORE DONE THAN THE POLITICIANS

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Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

Bear Mom, Thank you for the cookies.

I shared them with my friends here in the trenches.

And the book "How to Avoid Knee Injuries" will be useful.

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Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

HOW DOES YOUR HEART KNOW TO KEEP BEATING WHEN YOU'RE ASLEEP?

YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS HANDLES IT, UNLESS YOUR CONSCIOUS MIND STARTS TO FOCUS ON IT. THEN YOU CREATE 'UTTER BRAIN CHAOS.' SO IT'S BETTER NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT.

WHY DO YOU TELL HIM STUFF LIKE THAT?

BECAUSE IT'S FUN AND BESIDES, EVEN A MORON LIKE PIG KNOWS WHEN HE'S BEING MESSED WITH.

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Pickles By Brian Crane

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT OLD WATCH, GRAMPA?

IT WAS MY GRAND-FATHER'S.

DID HE GIVE IT TO YOU?

NO. I GOT IT WHEN HE DIED.

DO I GET YOUR STUFF WHEN YOU DIE?

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Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

PASQUALE! YOU SHOULD BE ON THE BUS! THE BLIZZARD IS GETTING WORSE!

I'M STILL OWED SEVERAL HOURS OF EDUCATION!

SCHOOL ENTHUSIASTS HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME ACCEPTING THE CONCEPT OF EARLY DISMISSAL!

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Non Sequitur By Wiley

HEY, JEFFREY... WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO GLOBAL WARMING?!

WELL, THE CORRECT TERM IS CLIMATE CHANGE...

...WHICH IS A RESULT OF GLOBAL WARMING. IT LEADS TO HOTTER SUMMERS, COLDER WINTERS, MORE SEVERE STORMS, AND EVEN ANOTHER ICE AGE! IT'S ALL VERY COMPLICATED

WHOA...

I THINK YOU JUST INVENTED MICRO-CLIMATE CHANGE

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The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

HALT! GIVE THE PASSWORD!

LONG LIVE THE KING!

THUNK THUNK

THOSE HUNS AREN'T TOO BRIGHT, ARE THEY?

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Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

THE OLD SONGS MAKE MR. WILSON FEEL NOSTALGIC.

DON'T THEY HAVE MEDICINE FOR THAT?!

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SOMEBODY'S IN A DARK MOOD.

YA THINK?!

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with light westerly breezes. Highs 35 to 40.
Tonight: Clouds increasing with a chance of snow developing. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with a chance of scattered snow showers. Highs 35 to 40.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with light westerly breezes. Highs 30 to 35.
Tonight: Clouds increasing with a chance of snow developing. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with a chance of scattered snow showers. Highs near 35.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 A few snow showers will be possible today. Snow chances increase tonight. Scattered snow showers at times will remain in the forecast Wednesday and Thursday.

BOISE
 Today Highs 24 to 29 Tonight's Lows -4 to 8
 There will be slight chance of a snow shower today. Snow chances increase tonight. Scattered snow showers are possible Wednesday, decreasing to a slight chance again Thursday.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Variably cloudy through Thursday. Each day will have a chance of snow, possibly mixed with rain in the valley during the day.

Other cities: Coeur d'Alene 28/23, Lewiston 37/30, Grangeville 27/21, McCall 24/8, Salmon 33/9, Idaho Falls 29/18, Pocatello 29/21, Boise 40/26, Sun Valley 33/11, Mountain Home 41/24, Rupert 33/24, Burley 33/22, Twin Falls 36/26.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 48 at Elk City Low: 10 at McCall
 weather key: bz-blizzard, c-cloudy, fg-fog, hs-heavy snow, hz-haze, ls-light snow, mc-mostly cloudy, mx-winterly mix, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, sh-showers, sn-snow, su-sunny, th-thunderstorm, w-wind

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly cloudy and cooler than normal	Increasing clouds with snow developing	Scattered snow showers	A slight chance of snow showers	Snow chances remain small	Still chilly, light snow possible
High 36	Low 26	37 / 26	38 / 25	38 / 24	37 / 23

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	33	28	0.01"
Burley	40	29	Trace
Challis	41	17	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	28	19	0.00"
Idaho Falls	32	20	0.01"
Jerome	32	22	0.00"
Lewiston	42	32	0.00"
Lowell	37	33	0.03"
Malad	not available		
Malta	43	25	0.21"
Pocatello	36	26	Trace
Rexburg	30	22	0.03"
Salmon	34	19	0.00"
Stanley	33	15	0.02"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure
Yesterday's High 39	Yesterday 0.00"	Yesterday's Maximum 93%	6 pm barometer
Yesterday's Low 30	Month to Date 0.09"	Yesterday's Minimum 70%	Yesterday 29.63 in.
Normal High/Low 40 / 21	Normal Month to Date 0.30"	Today's Maximum 79%	
Record High 55 in 2000	Year to Date 3.98"	Today's Minimum 62%	
Record Low 0 in 1989	Normal Year to Date 4.65"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	

Moon Phases

Feb 16 Last Qtr. Feb 25 New Moon. Mar 4 First Qtr. Mar 11 Full Moon

Moonrise and Moonset

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Today	7:50 PM	8:07 AM
Wednesday	9:03 PM	8:31 AM
Thursday	10:14 PM	8:53 AM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	40 28 18	39 25 15	40 24 15
Bonners Ferry	27 21 15	29 18 15	30 16 15
Burley	33 22 15	35 20 15	35 20 15
Challis	31 8 15	36 6 15	35 6 15
Coeur d'Alene	28 23 15	30 20 15	31 18 15
Elko, NV	34 18 15	35 20 15	35 18 15
Eugene, OR	42 34 r	43 35 sh	44 34 sh
Gooding	38 27 15	39 27 15	40 26 15
Grace	26 16 15	30 12 15	30 13 c
Hagerman	39 25 15	40 25 15	41 24 15
Hailey	31 12 15	27 12 15	28 14 15
Idaho Falls	29 18 15	29 15 15	28 15 c
Kalispell, MT	36 20 15	33 20 15	32 18 15
Jackpot	29 20 15	33 18 15	32 14 mc
Jerome	34 13 15	30 13 15	31 15 15
Lewiston	37 30 15	38 30 15	39 28 mc
Malad City	30 17 15	34 13 15	34 14 c
Malta	30 19 15	32 17 15	32 17 15
McCall	24 8 15	25 7 15	26 7 15
Missoula, MT	36 17 15	36 15 15	35 15 15
Pocatello	29 21 15	33 17 15	33 18 c
Portland, OR	37 33 15	41 34 15	42 34 sh
Rupert	33 24 15	35 22 15	35 22 15
Rexburg	27 16 15	27 12 15	25 13 c
Richland, WA	37 27 15	38 25 15	39 25 mc
Rogerson	36 27 15	37 27 15	38 26 15
Salmon	33 9 15	38 7 15	37 7 15
Salt Lake City, UT	37 24 15	39 25 15	39 26 c
Spokane, WA	34 21 15	35 22 15	35 21 mc
Stanley	29 -1 15	25 -1 15	31 3 15
Sun Valley	33 1 15	29 -1 15	35 5 15
Yellowstone, MT	20 5 15	24 4 15	25 2 15

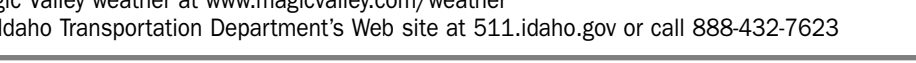
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	70 50 30	70 44 18
Baltimore	56 45 30	63 43 30
Birmingham	46 20 15	42 19 15
Boston	71 55 30	69 47 18
Charlotte, SC	38 37 15	49 39 15
Charleston, WV	67 56 30	68 57 30
Chicago	64 42 15	49 30 15
Cleveland	59 47 15	58 37 15
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Des Moines	58 33 15	39 22 15
Detroit	55 49 15	54 35 15
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Fairbanks	-12 13 15	0 16 15
Fargo	33 18 15	27 11 15
Honolulu	79 66 50	79 68 50
Houston	76 56 15	75 46 15
Indianapolis	64 51 15	68 53 15
Jacksonville	76 52 15	77 57 15
Kansas City	67 59 15	67 47 15
Las Vegas	55 38 15	57 43 15
Little Rock	70 55 15	63 38 15
Los Angeles	59 46 15	61 48 15
Memphis	72 60 15	63 41 15
Miami	78 69 15	80 70 15
Milwaukee	56 38 15	41 28 15
Nashville	67 56 15	68 40 15
New Orleans	74 61 15	74 51 15
New York	44 38 15	52 41 15
Oklahoma City	69 42 15	58 35 15
Omaha	57 32 15	40 24 15

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	86 74 60	86 74 60
Atlanta	57 44 30	60 44 30
Auckland	74 68 15	81 68 15
Bangkok	96 74 60	96 76 60
Beijing	58 32 15	54 32 15
Berlin	46 32 15	39 26 15
Buenos Aires	84 64 15	91 62 15
Caio	69 46 15	69 46 15
Dhahran	81 67 15	82 61 15
Geneva	38 23 15	29 0 15
Hong Kong	71 67 15	71 68 15
Jerusalem	63 51 15	56 46 15
Johannesburg	74 61 15	71 55 15
Kuwait City	79 61 15	76 55 15
London	42 27 15	42 29 15
Moscow	33 23 15	32 28 15
Nairobi	74 51 15	78 54 15
Oslo	25 11 15	25 9 15
Paris	51 31 15	41 31 15
Prague	36 30 15	35 25 15
Rio de Janeiro	83 73 15	87 73 15
Rome	56 43 15	54 40 15
Santiago	83 61 15	89 57 15
Seoul	47 34 15	49 32 15
Sydney	69 62 15	69 60 15
Tel Aviv	66 60 15	63 60 15
Tokyo	52 33 15	44 34 15
Vienna	37 31 15	35 26 15
Warsaw	36 32 15	35 32 15
Winnipeg	33 23 15	31 17 15
Zurich	33 19 15	26 4 15

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "If you are never scared, embarrassed or hurt, it means you never take chances."
 Julia Soui, Actress

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	33 18 15	26 11 15
Cranbrook	22 7 15	23 14 15
Edmonton	37 24 15	27 5 15
Kelowna	21 13 15	28 18 15
Lethbridge	37 24 15	27 5 15
Regina	31 13 15	26 4 15
Saskatoon	30 10 15	25 0 15
Toronto	43 42 15	48 33 15
Vancouver	33 26 15	36 26 15
Victoria	37 33 15	40 32 15
Winnipeg	33 23 15	31 17 15

AROUND THE WEST

IDAHO Cuts save \$1.1M, but tax receipts may drop

BOISE — Tax Commission Chairman Royce Chigbrow said workers let go in December due to budget cuts included 47 temporary auditors and collectors who help generate \$7.5 million annually, seven times what was saved by the layoffs.

In all, 58 people lost posts at the agency. Layoffs, mandatory furloughs, reduced wages and operating cost reductions saved Chigbrow's agency just over \$1.1 million.

Some lawmakers have criticized the cuts, saying Chigbrow was sacrificing precious Idaho state government revenue.

Chigbrow said as much Monday to the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, calling temporary workers "part of our fabric and an integral cog in our success."

Still, the lion's share of Tax Commission costs are employees, so complying with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's order to slash his budget by 4 percent in 2009 made personnel cuts unavoidable.

New community college misses enrollment goal

NAMPA — Administrators at the new College of Western Idaho say they have fallen short of their first semester enrollment goal.

The college based in Nampa reports more than 1,200 students are taking classes, about 500 short of the target set last year.

Still, College President Dennis Griffin says they are still pleased by the total and the high number of credits taken by the first batch of students. The average student credit load is nine, which exceeds the projected goal of 8.

Griffin says the higher credit load will help the college balance its budget illustrate the demand for higher education in southwest Idaho.

Voters in Ada and Canyon counties narrowly backed a measure to create the new community college in May 2007. The college has been estimated to cost taxpayers an additional \$4 million a year to operate.

Budget woes slow Idaho legislative session

BOISE — The slumping economy is slowing down the Idaho legislative session because of the amount of time being spent wrestling

with budget woes, state lawmakers say.

At the end of last week, 410 new pieces of legislation had been prepared and 66 changed or amended.

That trails each of the last five years. The highest total four weeks into a legislative session was in 2006 with 842 pieces of legislation. The lowest total was 2007 with 587, the Idaho Statesman reported Monday.

"The session is focused on the budget, and it is playing such a large role in the decision-making process that there's no doubt the budget is affecting the volume of legislation," said Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell. "We're only dealing with the essential roles of the Legislature."

Just 135 bills have been introduced, 30 fewer than anytime during the last five years. Appropriations bills have not yet been added to this session's total, due to a change in the way legislation is counted. But adding in an estimated 100 still leaves this year's total lagging.

"It has felt to me that there's been a bit of people holding their breath and waiting," said Senate Assistant Minority Leader Elliot Werk, D-Boise.

House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star, said Republican leaders have told their members not to pursue frivolous bills.

"We've encouraged our caucus not to bring legisla-

tion if it's got a fiscal impact," he said. "This is not the year to be pushing personal agendas. This is the year to figure out how best to help Idaho families."

MONTANA Ex-Yellowstone Club owner considers bid

BILLINGS — The former owner of the Yellowstone Club says he may seek to regain control of the resort for the megarich as it struggles to emerge from federal bankruptcy protection.

Club founder Tim Blixseth gave up the 13,600-acre club and its members-only ski hill as part of his divorce settlement with Edra Blixseth last August. Three months after took over the enterprise, the club filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection with more than \$400 million in debts.

The club's financial woes are traced largely to its failure to repay a 2005 loan through Credit Suisse of \$375 million — much of which was later transferred into the Blixseths' private accounts.

In court documents filed Monday, Tim Blixseth's attorney wrote that he has a "strong interest" in bidding on the Yellowstone Club if it is sold at auction.

Blixseth wants to keep the club from closing and repay its hundreds of creditors, his attorney, Joel Guthals, wrote.

— The Associated Press

Idaho could require accurate caller ID info

BOISE — A bill to outlaw using a fake name or phone number on a caller ID was approved Monday by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Brett Delange, head of the Consumer Protection Division in the state attorney general's office, told the committee that "spoofing," or using incorrect information on a caller ID system, can be used to trick people out of personal information or money.

"I don't want to say it's a tidal wave but it's consistent," Delange said. "I don't think it's going away."

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He said spoofer who work Idaho numbers are generally from out of the state.

The bill's sponsor, Senate Majority Leader Sen. Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, said spoofer will disguise themselves as a local church or a government entity to ask for money and personal information.

Davis said the bill protects people who are likely to be duped.

"Every such phone call that's made to my mother and father-in-law who are in their late 90s, they give them money, they don't know how to say no," Davis said. "But by putting caller ID in place they can protect themselves."

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(W) Panna 16	

Be the object of

Orchid envy

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

Dusy Liman flies in the face of conventional thinking when it comes to growing flowers in Idaho.

The Bellevue woman has a house full of orchids native not to the Wood River Valley, which is covered by snow half the year, but to the tropics.

Liman picked up her first orchid — a lady-slipper, a delicate flower characterized by a pouch that traps insects — at the Cold Mine thrift store in Ketchum 15 years ago. Now 75 spectacular, exotic flowers line the windowsills in her light-filled home.

"I love them — I invite people over to see them when they're in bloom," she said. "I have trouble growing more common houseplants but not orchids. I think that's because I don't overwater them. If you overwater them they can be hard to grow."

In truth, orchids can be some of the more challenging flowers to nurture, especially in a place like Idaho, said Magic Valley flower lover Alan Potter, known throughout the region as "the orchid doctor."

"But they're my favorite flower because the flowers can last up to five months, even longer in some cases," said Potter.

See **ORCHIDS**, H&G 3

Photos by KAREN BOSSICK/for the Times-News
Jennifer Colson, executive director of the Sawtooth Botanical Garden, cared for thousands of orchids at Longwood Gardens, Pa., before moving west to Idaho.



The insider's guide to orchids:

- **Their roots** are photosynthetic like leaves. Consequently, they do well if grown in clear pots.
- **Most like** to get wet and then air out, so holes in their pots can be useful.
- **Moss helps** water retention; cork and bark are good for drainage.
- **Water with tepid water** — orchids don't like cold. And water heavily once a week. If you overwater, the roots will rot.
- **Allow them** to dry out between watering, and water more in summer, less during winter.
- **Less fertilizer** is more. Apply a slow-release fertilizer except with lady-slippers. And fertilize only rarely during winter.
- **Avoid touching** flowers and buds because it can cause bruising. It is OK to cup them in your hand to examine them.



Sunny Mills of the Wood River Valley's Webb Landscaping is jazzed about how proportioned the lines of orchids are.

Got problems?

Your troubleshooting guide:

- **Drooping leaves** indicate dehydration or exposure to cold temperatures. This can't be reversed.
- **Brown leaf tips** signal underwatering. Trim the brown off the leaves.
- **Yellow leaves** indicate overwatering or prolonged exposure to cold temperatures.
- **Irregularly shaped** black dots signal a virus. Be careful not to use the same tool on other orchids without washing it, as the virus can be transmitted with dirty tools or the tip of a watering can.
- **Pests**, which resemble small helmets on the leaves, can be cleaned off with a cotton ball and alcohol.



The moth orchid's blooms have been known to last up to nine months, according to Sunny Mills.



The cymbidium tends to flower during the Christmas season in the Northern Hemisphere.

Some orchids to try:

• **The phalaenopsis, or moth orchid**, is one of the easiest to grow. Native to the tropical rain forests of Southeast Asia, it blooms for about three months. When it's finished flowering, cut the spike back above the second or third node to force reflowering.

Pot in medium bark. It grows easily in a bright window with little or no sun and does well in average home temperatures — generally above 60 degrees at night and between 75 and 85 degrees during the day.

Thoroughly water it every other day in summer and every 10 days in winter, then do not water again until it's nearly dry. Water only in morning so the leaves dry by nightfall to prevent rot. Apply a high-phosphorus fertilizer to promote blooming. Fertilize twice a month.

• **The paphiopedilum, or lady-slipper**, originated in the jungles of the Far East and is easy to grow in the home. They require shady conditions and do well in east and west windows or near a shaded south window.

Warm growing, they should be kept at 60 to 65 degrees during night and 75 or more during day.

Water once or twice a week, but never allow them to get soggy. Set the plants on trays of gravel partially filled with water so the plants never sit in water.

Fertilize with a high-nitrogen fertilizer when potted in fir-bark mix. Use half-strength applications during warm weather, and fertilize only once a month in cool weather.

Do not over pot. The average plant should have a 4- to 6-inch pot. • **Dendrobium, or cane orchids**, are native to tropical Asia and characterized by a cane-like stalk. Hawaii grows these like Idaho potatoes. They grow well in bark or cork and do well at 60 to 65 degrees at night and 80 to 90 degrees during day. Put them in bright light but out of direct sunlight. Allow them to dry between watering.

• **Cymbidium orchids** are native to high elevations in the Himalayan mountains and actually like cool temperatures better than most other orchids. In fact, high summer temperatures at night in many southern climates prevent the plants from blooming.

They produce large, beautiful, long-lasting flowers, but it is difficult to get them to re-flower here.

They like fir bark and orchid soil, and very bright direct light. Optimal temperatures are 45 to 55 degrees at night and 65 to 75 degrees during day, although miniatures can handle temperatures five to 10 degrees higher. Keep barely moist during winter and water heavily during summer. Apply a high-nitrogen fertilizer such as 30-10-10 during the spring and summer growth season every week to two weeks. Fertilize once a month during winter.

• **Oncidium orchids** are known as dancing ladies because of their petals, which resemble a big twirling skirt. These plants may originate anywhere from sea level to the high elevations of the Andes; consequently, they utilize a wide array of conditions based on the specific plants.

Sources: Jennifer Colson and the American Orchid Society

Workshop introduces teens to interior design

Times-News

Design-minded teens can do more than dream of the perfect bedroom at this workshop, which will teach basic skills for planning and furnishing a space.

Led by Abbey Christensen, the Sun Valley Center for the Arts workshop will guide participants through the process of an interior design project, from space planning to final drawings and material selection. Teens will learn how to think in three dimensions and create rooms that meet their own

or a client's needs. Each participant will redesign an interior space and create a mockup.

Christensen is a recent graduate of the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in interior design and a double minor in architecture and art.

"Introduction to Interior Design Workshop for Teens" will be held at the center's Hailey location from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$10. Register: sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491, ext. 10. Snacks will be provided, but bring your lunch.

HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

Learn proper tree pruning

The city of Twin Falls and the Twin Falls Tree Commission are sponsoring a tree pruning workshop from 10 a.m. to noon March 14 at the City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

The free, public workshop will include a brief presentation on the proper care and pruning of trees and a hands-on demonstration. Information: Parks and Recreation Department, 736-2265.

Learn to lower your landscape maintenance

A manicured landscape can add beauty to any home, but it can also be time-consuming and costly. However, say organizers of an upcoming class, with proper planning there are alternative ways to lower your landscape maintenance and still achieve the effect you desire.

In "Going Green: Landscaping Challenges," you'll learn about low-maintenance planting materials, water conservation techniques, environmentally friendly use of pest management and ground preparation. Instructor Dave Kiesig is the horticulture professor at College of Southern Idaho.

The noncredit class is offered through the CSI Community Education Center and will be held 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 18 and 25, in

Evergreen A24 on the Twin Falls campus. Cost is \$45. Register: 732-6442 or community.csi.edu.

Meanwhile in Gooding, Kiesig will also teach a separate class, "Green Landscaping Challenges," on similar topics. "Green Landscaping Challenges" will meet 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 17 and 24, at CSI's North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. Cost is \$50. Register: 934-8678.

Decorate with your own handiwork

Don't spend thousands of dollars on expensive art that doesn't mean anything to you.

Enroll in the new College of Southern Idaho North Side Center class "Easy Art for Your Home," and you'll come away with several beautiful art pieces that you'll be proud to display, organizers say.

You'll get creative with framing, using calendar prints, postcards, book plates or other items that are special to you, then decoupage a mirror. Finally, you'll explore modern art as you create a piece on canvas that you'll frame.

Led by instructor Wanda Keegan, "Easy Art for Your Home" will meet 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 19 to March 5, at the North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. All supplies are included in the \$65 fee.

Register: 934-8678.

— Times-News

Sun in your eyes? Put the rays to work

DEAR JIM: I feel the sun shining in a living room window, and it's very warm. My budget is pretty tight, but I want to make or install something to capture that heat and lower my heating bills. What do you suggest? — Ronnie K.

DEAR RONNIE: All of the heat energy we use in our homes comes directly or indirectly (gas, oil, coal, wood, etc.) from the sun. Some of it, such as oil, gas, coal, has stored the sun's energy over millions of years.

Trees store it for decades until we burn them. Passive and active solar systems use the current sun's heat as it shines on houses each day.

Just having the sun shine in a large window is effective passive solar heating, but it can be made more efficient. This type of solar heating is especially efficient in warm southern climates where the winter days do not become as short as in northern areas. Also, since it is warmer outdoors in mild climates, less heat is lost back outdoors through the window at night.

To be most effective in every climate, there should be adequate thermal mass in the room with the window. This thermal mass captures the sun's heat so the room does not overheat or lose as much of the heat back outdoors again. Once the thermal mass warms up, it slowly dissipates the stored solar heat back out into the room once the sun is no longer shining in.

If your wife is not really into Flintstonesque decor with a pile of rocks in the center of each room, there are other methods to increase the thermal mass in a room. It is preferable to have the thermal mass in the direct path of the sun's rays, but this is not critical to be effective.

Planters can be made with concrete blocks or bricks. You can also pour and make your own concrete planters using tinted concrete similar to contemporary concrete kitchen countertops. A large terrarium with much damp soil has a reasonably high thermal mass, and it adds humidity to the air.

The best solar option, if you do not need a view out-



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This shows various applications of vertical solar heaters mounted on a south-facing wall. Notice how the size, shapes and wall locations vary depending upon the design of the house.



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doors from the entire window, is to build a solar Trombe wall. A simple design uses stacked bricks or concrete blocks very close to the window. The vertical stack gets warmed by the sun, and this creates an upward warm air current. This circulates the warm air throughout the room while it also stores heat for the nighttime. During the summer, just remove the bricks or blocks and store them away.

If you want to keep the view from your window, make a shallow flat solar heater which rests against the outside wall facing the noon-to-afternoon sun. A size of four feet by eight feet is good because it makes the most efficient use of inexpensive standard lumber. The box has to be only the depth of standard two-by-four studs.

Once a plywood box is completed, paint the inside flat black. Cut one hole in the back at the top and one at the bottom and install duct stubs. Cut holes in your house wall so the duct stubs come through to indoors. Cover the front of the box with a sheet of clear acrylic plastic and seal it. Make airtight indoor covers to seal off the duct stubs at night.

DEAR JIM: I have an outdoor wood-burning boiler with a heat exchanger in my new propane furnace. It seems like the blower lets

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the room temperature drop too much before coming on. What is wrong with the new furnace? — Marie H.

DEAR MARIE: There probably is nothing wrong with your new furnace. The blower is controlled by the wall thermostat and the air temperature inside the furnace. The furnace has a sensor so the blower will not come on until the burners

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Contact your furnace installer and have the wall thermostat checked.

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Builders scale back as buyers look for long-term savings

By Elizabeth Razzi
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Frugality is finally showing up in new home developments.

Although the number of new single-family houses sold this year will probably be down about 68 percent from the peak of almost 1.3 million sold in 2005, there will still be about 420,000 households buying new homes this year, according to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

But recession-chastened house hunters are looking for different things than the boom-era buyers who snapped up homes that grew bigger, fancier and pricier by the month.

Because they aren't held back by the need to sell an old home, first-time buyers now make up a greater share of the market. They're trying to stretch their dollars at every turn, and many are concerned about the cost of heating and cooling, especially after having experienced the surge in fuel costs last summer.

Builders say buyers are judging a home in terms of how comfortable it will be as a living space for the long term, rather than as an investment they can flip for a profit after a couple of years.

Choices they are making are just starting to appear in statistics. In the July-September quarter of 2008, the average size of a house



ELIZABETH RAZZI/For The Washington Post

An "energy lab" model home built by Brookfield Homes near Winchester, Va., includes a wind turbine and solar panels. Such energy efficiency features gain popularity as buyers try to stretch their dollars. Also, these smaller houses, which range from 1,250 square feet to more than 1,600 square feet, are basically the size of many townhouses.

under construction fell 7.3 percent, to 2,438 square feet from 2,629 square feet in the previous quarter, said Gopal Ahluwalia, vice president for research at NAHB. "This is the first time we have seen such a significant decline," he said.

It may be only one quarter's worth of data, but Ahluwalia has other reasons to think the drop may be more than a fluke. He surveyed builders in early January, and 90 percent reported that they were building smaller homes. Eighty-nine percent said they were building lower-priced homes.

Until recently, builders have focused mostly on grand houses larded with upgraded countertops, floor-

age about 3,000 square feet.

"On the higher end, we've whittled away at that quite a bit," she said.

Van Stone said Beazer is also paying more attention to energy-conserving and environmentally friendly features such as efficient appliances, programmable thermostats, compact fluorescent lights and paints that emit less toxic fumes, all of which are now standard features.

"Our homes are offering what we feel the public is moving toward," she said. "I think people's priorities have changed. Now it's not only about living in the home with my family, but whether I can afford it in the long run — being able to truly afford it."

Brookfield Homes, based in Fairfax, Va., may be taking the smaller-and-greener trend the furthest. The company recently set up an "energy lab" in one of its model homes in the Snowden Bridge development near Winchester, Va.

The house has a small wind turbine and solar photovoltaic panels on the roof, both of which generate electricity. There also are solar collection tubes on the roof to heat the home's water supply, and a geothermal heat pump to provide heat and air conditioning.

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RED CAN ADD BURST OF STYLE, ENERGY

By Melissa Rayworth
For The Associated Press

It's the color of passionate romance and thundering rage, the hue of choice for everything from sleek sports cars and old-school power ties to knockout nail polish. Sexy or sweet, rugged or regal, red always gets noticed.

And, according to interior designers, it's a secret weapon if you want to add a burst of style and energy to your home without major expense or effort.

"Red is one of those statement colors," says designer Janine Carendi. Even in small doses, "it is something that can really ignite a room."

It's also a mood-lifter. "Going into spring, it's a lively, happy color," says designer Mallory Mathison. "But it's not pastel, so it's unexpected. ... It has that 'wow' factor."

In this season of bargain hunting, here's your guide to seeing red — and using it affordably — to bring a fresh look and distinctive energy to your home.

YOUR GO-TO COLOR

Designer Brian Patrick Flynn calls it "the bold neutral." There are shades of red to match any colors already in your home. Browns, blues, pinks, oranges, grays, black and white — "red even looks really good with lime green," he says. "And depending on what you pair it with, it becomes more masculine or feminine."

Red can be traditional (warm, deep reds like cranberry and cinnamon) or modern (brighter, lighter shades like true red or cherry), and it works as well with homey French country interiors as it does with elegant, Asian-inspired ones.

It's also a quick-fix color. It



A Sarah Dorio room using red.

Photos by SARAH DORIO/AP photos

can brighten a room that gets little sunlight or give a facelift to a room that feels dated. "So many people have been doing blue and brown for such a long time," says Mathison. "Weed out the blue and add in red."

In traditional rooms that feel a bit stuffy, Flynn suggests covering formal wood paneling with flat red paint: "It's clean and serene and more modern."

SECOND LIFE

If you have an old piece of

furniture or accessory that's functional but worn, paint it red. A bold, red lacquer finish "breathes new life into just about any piece and instantly makes it the star of the room," Flynn says.

For small pieces, like chairs, lamps or vases, regular cans of spray paint should work. For large pieces, consider renting a sprayer (the technical name is HVLP, or high-volume low-pressure sprayer) from a home improvement store. The cost is minimal, Flynn says, and the units come with instruc-



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A can of red spray paint creates a conversation piece.

tions (the store may also offer tips on using it).

SMALL DOSES

"You probably wouldn't wear an entire red outfit, but you can have red nails and pretty red lipstick or a handbag. So think that way in your home," says Mathison.

Search your home for items to group together, like books with red covers, red picture

frames and pieces of art that include the color red.

Carendi often uses red as a "conceptual anchor," threading red pieces through the rooms of a home "so that each room, however different they might be, they have a red element."

Consider unexpected locations: Use a rich, red paint on a ceiling or in the interior sections of a bookcase. Carendi even suggests painting the inside of your closets a bright, cheerful red ("It doesn't cost any more," she points out, "to get red paint versus white.")

Flynn loves to energize a room with a red "conversation piece," like a huge vase painted red. "It's about the shape and the color and scale. That makes it a conversation piece versus an accessory."

SHINE AND TEXTURE

Once you've settled on particular shades of red, there are

many textures and finishes to choose from. Mathison loves high-gloss reds because they evoke glam red fingernails. Carendi's current favorite is a deep red wall covering by Ralph Lauren that looks like crocodile. The texture, she says, conveys warmth and richness.

Texture also matters when choosing paint, Flynn says: "Red can easily take five to seven coats which is very time consuming, but also may end up more streaky with each coat. So I opt for flat because it shows less streaks and has a nice, sophisticated finish."

These designers say clients who take a risk on red are rarely disappointed. "People embrace it. At first they may not be sure," says Flynn, "then they see it and they love the idea."

Orchids

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who heads up the Magic Valley Orchid Society. "You give someone a bouquet of roses and they might last a week. You give someone orchids and they will last for a long time."

Anyone can grow orchids in the home, even if they don't live in the tropics, said Jennifer Colson, executive director of the Sawtooth Botanical Garden.

"They are fascinating plants that people really go crazy for ... they add a lot of color and life to our life indoors," she added.

Colson was surrounded by the world's leading orchid biologists in Florida when she studied for her master's degree in horticulture sci-

Questions?

Call Alan Potter of the Magic Valley Orchid Society at 308-3093. Or Jennifer Colson of the Sawtooth Botanical Garden at 726-9358; e-mail her at jennifer@sbgarden.org or go to www.sbgarden.org.

ence. She maintained a collection of more than 25,000 orchids at Longwood Gardens, Pa., before heading west to Idaho.

Orchids are the largest flowering plant family in the world with more than 30,000 wild species and 100,000 hybrids, including one called a bubblegum orchid and another called a swan orchid, she said.

They're found on every continent but Antarctica. Even Idaho has some native orchids, including lady-slip-

pers, coral roots and the white phantom orchid found mostly in northern Idaho.

Some are an inch high. Others take the form of vines reaching up to 50 feet with flowers a foot wide. Even vanilla — the second most expensive spice on the planet after saffron — is a type of orchid.

"There's nothing as beautiful as an orchid," said Sunny Mills, of the Wood River Valley's Webb Landscaping. "They have such detail. They're one of

nature's works of art — just breathtaking."

Not all orchids need the same growing conditions, just as not all orchids grow in the ground or on trees, Colson said. "And, while they generally like light, I've seen more orchids in a basement apartment with no windows than I've seen in my whole life."

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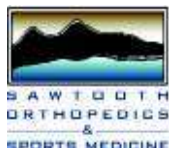


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Canyon Ridge pegs Hicks as head football coach

By Bradley Guire
Times-News

The Twin Falls School District board approved the hiring of Bill Hicks Monday as Canyon Ridge High School head varsity football coach. Hicks was initially hired as athletic

director and vice principal in December.

He was the Burley High School head varsity football coach from 1990-96, leading the Bobcats to the former Class A-1 Division II state championship game in 1994. He also taught physical education and health education

at Burley.

"Head coaching is a huge responsibility," Hicks said in a phone interview. "I was questioning whether or not I wanted to get back into that. But I love coaching. It really was an easy decision, and I'm excited about it."

Currently, he is vice principal and athletic director at Shelton (Wash.) High School, as well as the football team's offensive coordinator.

"I think very highly of him," Minico High School athletic director and head football coach Tim Perrigot

said. "He's a heck of a football coach."

Perrigot and Hicks shared the field as coaches four times in the mid-90s but were both head coaches only during the 1996 season.

Hicks will continue making periodic visits as the district continues to fill out the

Canyon Ridge coaching staff with principal Brady Dickinson. So far, Canyon Ridge has filled seven varsity head coaching positions, including Hicks.

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Tiger title

Jerome girls trounce Burley in GBW finale

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome girls basketball team dominated every aspect of its 62-33 blowout victory over Burley Monday night, but the Tigers forgot one important detail.

The scissors.

Players and fans gathered around the hoop for the traditional cutting down of the nets following the Tigers' second consecutive Great Basin Conference West tournament championship. The ladder was in place, but somebody forgot to bring the scissors.

After a brief delay, a pair was found and the nylon was finally snapped. Forgive the Tigers for the oversight — they've got bigger things on their minds.

Now that the Tigers have punched their ticket to the Class 4A state tournament, Jerome (19-4) isn't ready to celebrate just yet.

"That's what you work hard all summer for, that's what you put all the time in for, to win the state championship," said Aubree Callen, who led Jerome with 15 points and seven assists.

"This is not the trophy that we want. It's nice to have it, but we'll put it in the corner for now. We have bigger and better things ahead of us, we hope," said Jerome coach Brent Clark.

Jerome took its play to a

whole other level during the district tournament, rolling through its three games with an average winning margin of 28 points.

"We're pretty high, but I don't think we've reached our potential yet," said Tinley Garey, who had 10 points and six rebounds off the bench for Jerome. "We've worked hard all season, and we knew this game was big and we were ready."

Just like a true prize fighter in a championship bout, Jerome busted Burley in the chops from the opening tip. The Tigers' 8-0 run to begin the second quarter gave them a 20-6 lead, and the fight should have been called right then.

Instead, Jerome kept piling it on, beating Burley in every quarter with its stifling defense. Burley's 18 turnovers led to 22 Jerome points. Burley only managed 32 percent shooting while Jerome blistered the nets with 63 percent.

"I knew if we came out with emotion with the backing of our fans here, I knew they would get us going," said Clark. "We were very aggressive and moved the ball well offensively."

Five Tigers scored in double figures. Baylie Smith had 12, while Carrie Thibault and Jordann Hollifield each

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Jerome post Baylie Smith, left, battles for control of the ball against Burley defender Kelsee Wassom during the third quarter of their game Monday night in Jerome.

ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

A plea to each SWAC referee

The following is an actual fictional letter from an area basketball fan. It is addressed to each referee that works games in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. Interestingly, it arrived shortly after Friday night's men's basketball game between the College of Southern Idaho and the College of Eastern Utah.



MIKE CHRISTENSEN

Dear Mr. SWAC Official, I am writing with a simple request as you work basketball games in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. It is this:

Please let them play. I just finished watching a nearly three-hour game between CSI and Eastern Utah in which the two teams were whistled for 64 fouls and combined to shoot 91 free throws.

That shouldn't happen. A friend of mine was in Shoshone that night attending a high school basketball game. When he got in his car and turned on the radio, 1 minute, 44 seconds were left in regulation of CSI's game. He made it home to Twin Falls — a 25-mile trek — before regulation ended.

That shouldn't happen. To make sure travesties like these don't happen again, I have a few more simple requests. These should be followed for the sake of the game, the players and the fans. After all, which is the more enjoyable way to watch two points go up on the scoreboard: watching a high-flying slam dunk or watching CSI attempt four free throws?

With that in mind, here are a few addition favors:

Please don't call a hand-check 40 feet from the basket.

Please don't award every flop with a charging call.

Please don't anticipate the result of a play before it happens.

Please check your ego at the door.

And please, please remember: While 13 people are on the floor during a game, only 10 of them should decide the outcome.

If you have any questions about how to do the preceding things, please get a DVD copy of Saturday's encore between CSI and CEU. That game featured only 33 fouls and 44 free throws. It was more exciting, more free-flowing and far less taxing on my backside (those benches are hard, after all).

Thank you for your time. And remember, less is more.

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Utah lawmakers call for football playoff system

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's state legislature is calling for a playoff system to determine college football's national champion after an undefeated University of Utah was shut out of the national title game for the second time in four years.

With University of Utah football players on hand, the state senate adopted a resolution Monday it wants sent to President Barack Obama urging the NCAA to abandon the Bowl Championship Series in favor of a playoff system.

Utah went 13-0 and was the only unbeaten team in the country, but finished No. 2 behind Florida in The Associated Press Top 25. In the final USA Today Coaches' poll, the Utes were fourth.

Under the BCS, champions from the six major conferences — the ACC, Big East, Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-10 and SEC — are guaranteed a spot in a BCS game. Notre Dame and schools from the other five conferences can only

earn a spot in a BCS game if they finish the regular season rated high enough under a formula that relies on two human polls and six computer rankings.

The Mountain West Conference, which also had TCU (No. 7) and BYU (No. 25) in the poll, is pushing to get an automatic bid to the BCS. The Associated Press asked the BCS to stop using its poll in December 2004, after undefeated Auburn and Utah were left out of the BCS title game.

Utah's lawmakers contend the BCS formula is flawed and gives schools from the major conferences an unfair advantage that would make it impossible for a school like BYU to win the national title, as the Cougars did in 1984.

"You look at what happened this year, the University of Utah did everything physically possible to win that championship," said Senate Majority Whip Scott Jenkins, R-Plain City. "Unless they are arbitrarily put in to

See **UTAH**, Sports 2

A-Rod admits using performance-enhancers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez, the player who would restore integrity to baseball's home run record, admitted Monday to using performance-enhancing drugs himself.

The All-Star third baseman said in an interview with ESPN that he used steroids with the Texas Rangers for three years, from 2001-03, in an attempt to justify his status as the game's highest-paid player after signing a 10-year, \$252 million contract.

"Back then it was a different culture," Rodriguez said. "It was very loose. I was young, I was stupid. I was naive, and I wanted to prove to everyone that, you know, I was worth, you know — and being one of the greatest players of all time."

He said he quit after 2003, his first of three AL MVP seasons, because "I've

See **A-ROD**, Sports 4



AP photos

TOP: Alex Rodriguez with the Texas Rangers in March 2003. BOTTOM: Rodriguez with the New York Yankees in March 2008. Rodriguez tested positive for steroids in his MVP season of 2003, according to a report posted Saturday on Sports Illustrated's Web site.

Wendell girls get another shot at Kimberly

The Times-News

The Wendell girls beat the Indians 44-32 Monday at home for a chance to face Kimberly in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference championship game Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho Gymnasium. "Buhl played hard," said Wendell coach Delon Huse. "Our defense was pretty excellent, and we handled the pressure. We did a really good job on the boards."

Kristen Brandsma registered a double-double with 11 points and 11 boards for the Trojans (17-6). Jori Fleming matched her nine points with nine rebounds and Jaci Lancaster had seven steals.

Autumn Yturbe had nine points to lead Buhl, which is done for the season.

Wendell 44, Buhl 32
9 5 9 9 - 32
12 12 7 13 - 44

BUHL (32)
Autumn Yturbe 9, Mercedes Pearson 7, Courtney Azevedo 5, Bailee Montgomery 6, Ellie Spencer 5. Totals 10 12-20 32.

WENDELL (44)
Jori Fleming 9, Krystyl Miller 5, Jaci Lancaster 7, Amber Bowers 3, Kristen Brandsma 11, Erin O'Brien 7, Heather Sturgeon 2. Totals 16 11-19 44. 3-point goals: Buhl 2 (Yturbe, Azevedo), Wendell 1 (Lancaster). Total fouls: Buhl 19, Wendell 16. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: Wendell, bench.

Class 2A Canyon Conference Tournament

DECLO 53, GLENNS FERRY 17

The Declo Hornets eliminated Glens Ferry 53-17 and will now travel to Valley for Thursday's championship game.

"This was a game we had to win to be able to go back to Valley on Thursday," said Declo coach Val Christensen. "If we play a perfect game and on the right night we think we can do it (beat Valley)."

Declo (13-10) senior Catherine Blakeslee led the Hornets with nine points, and

Sarah Silcock and Jezzura Durfee each tossed in eight. Mollee Shrum scored a team-high for the Pilots.

DECLO 53, GLENNS FERRY 17
Glens Ferry 2 7 4 4 - 17
Declo 18 8 11 19 - 53

GLENNS FERRY (17)
Jennie Popoca 4, Stevi Baker 2, Aspen Martell 2, Sydney Sterling 2, Mollee Shrum 5, Jessica Ortiz 2. Totals 7 3-9 17.

DECLO (53)
Brielle Breshers 5, Sierra Zollinger 6, Alli Webb 5, Sydney Christensen 4, Sarah Silcock 8, Melissa Carson 4, Jezzura Durfee 8, Catherine Blakeslee 9, Emily Moore 4. Totals 23 6-15 53. 3-point goals: Declo 1 (Breshers). Total fouls: Glens Ferry 13, Declo 12. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Class 1A Div. I Snake River Conference Tournament

SHO-BAN 45, SHOSHONE 40

The Sho-Ban girls eliminated Shoshone 45-40 Monday. Shoshone held a seven-point edge into the final period but was outscored by Sho-Ban in the fourth.

"The girls played hard,"

said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. "We led after the third quarter but let it slip away from us. Sho-Ban is a great shooting team, and we just struggled shooting in the fourth quarter. The girls gave me everything. I'm very proud of them."

Lacey Kniep and Taylor Astle were in double figures scoring 19 and 10 points, respectively. Kniep hit four 3-pointers and Astle had two.

Shoshone ends the season at 11-13.

Sho-Ban will play Raft River Wednesday for second place.

SHO-BAN 45, SHOSHONE 40
Sho-Ban 12 10 5 18 - 45
Shoshone 18 8 14 5 - 40

SHO-BAN (45)
Tyree Smith 1, Jill Graves 2, Shayann Johnson 15, Olivia Yokoyama 11, Samantha Bear 14, Corianna Honena 2. Totals 16 7-14 45.

SHOSHONE (41)
Taylor Astle 10, Lacey Kniep 19, Jennica Kerner 7, Jenny Perron 2, Kelly Perron 2. Totals 12 10-18 40. 3-point goals: Sho-Ban 6 (Yokoyama 3, Johnson 2, S. Bear), Shoshone 6 (Kniep 4, Astle 2). Total fouls: Sho-Ban 19, Shoshone 16. Fouled out: Sho-Ban, Johnson, Shoshone, Kerner, J. Perron. Technical fouls: none.

Bowling

TWIN FALLS TOPS BOYS BOWLING MEET

Anthony Vest of Twin Falls was the top medalist with 687 pins to lead Twin Falls to the district title as the Bruins recorded a 4-1 record with 815 total pins. Burley finished second with the same record of 4-1 but had 744 pins.

Michael Barrutia was the top Filer bowler with 630 pins and finished second.

Boys district bowling

Varsity team scores: 1. Twin Falls (4-1) 815 total pins; 2. Burley (4-1) 744; 3. Filer (3-2) 774. **Junior varsity team scores:** 1. Twin Falls (5-0) 714 total pins; 2. Burley (4-1) 681; 3. Jerome (3-2) 577 pins.

Junior varsity B: 1. Twin Falls (5-0).

Medalists

1. Anthony Vest, Twin Falls, 687 pins; 2. Michael Barrutia, Filer, 630; 3. Gareed Chojnacky, Jerome, 590; 4. Jordan Jerke, Jerome, 588; 5. Kyle Schab, Minico, 570; 6. Tyler Black, Twin Falls, 523; 7. Shane McMichael, Twin Falls, 522; 8. Anthony Brady, Filer, 522; 9. Anthony Meyer, Burley, 505; 10. Andrew Morgan, Burley, 500; 11. Paul Armendariz, Twin Falls, 469; 12. Nick Ridgeway, Filer, 467; 13. Dale Amen, Minico, 463; 14. Jared Studer, Minico, 445; 15. Brody Albertson, Minico, 437.

76ers win third straight over Suns

PHILADELPHIA — Thaddeus Young scored 25 points and Marreese Speights had a career-high 24 points to lift the Philadelphia 76ers to their third straight win, 108-91 over the Phoenix Suns on Monday night.

Andre Iguodala scored 22 points and Samuel Dalembert grabbed 11 rebounds to help the Sixers (26-24) move two games above .500 for the first time this season.

Amare Stoudemire shrugged off persistent trade rumors and scored 19 points for the Suns. Jason Richardson had 16 and Shaquille O'Neal grabbed 10 rebounds.

Speights led a charge in the second quarter that turned this one from a tight game into a fast 14-point lead for the Sixers.

BUCKS 124, ROCKETS 112

MILWAUKEE — Charlie Villanueva scored 25 points, grabbed eight rebounds and sparked a big second-half run that gave the Milwaukee Bucks a 124-112 victory over Houston on Monday night that snapped an eight-game losing streak against the Rockets.

Ramon Sessions scored 26 points and had seven assists, Richard Jefferson added 25 points and reserve Charlie Bell had 21 for the Bucks, who are missing three starters to injury and trying to stay competitive in the Eastern Conference.

This one was a dominant performance by Milwaukee, which had lost two straight overall and had a four-year skid to Houston.

BOBCATS 94, CLIPPERS 73

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Emeka Okafor had 19 points and 16 rebounds, Vladimir Radmanovic hit three fourth-quarter 3-pointers in his Charlotte debut, and the Bobcats pulled away from the road-weary Los Angeles Clippers to snap a five-game losing streak.

Boris Diaw and Raymond Felton added 15 points apiece for the injury-riddled Bobcats, who depended on Radmanovic two days after he was acquired from the Los Angeles Lakers.

Despite not having practiced with his new team, Radmanovic hit two long jumpers in a 15-2 run that broke open a close game. He added another 3 to put

Charlotte ahead 88-70 with 4 minutes left.

Zach Randolph had 20 points and 10 rebounds and Eric Gordon scored 17 for the Clippers, who fizzled in the fourth quarter in the finale of a seven-game road trip.

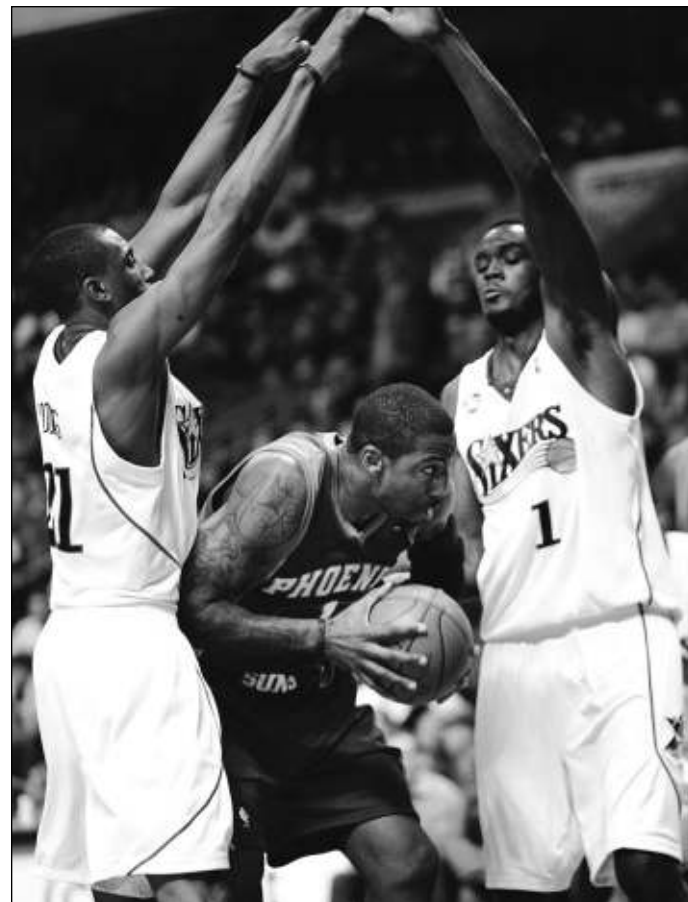
GRIZZLIES 85, HORNETS 80

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — O.J. Mayo had 22 points and a career-high 16 rebounds, while Mike Conley scored 18 and handed out eight assists to lead the Memphis Grizzlies to an 85-80 victory over the short-handed New Orleans Hornets on Monday night.

Hakim Warrick had 15 points and a season-high 14 rebounds, while Marc Gasol added 10 points and 10 rebounds for Memphis, which has won two straight and four of its last five.

Peja Stojakovic scored 23 points to lead the Hornets, who were without their top three players in Chris Paul, Tyson Chandler and David West. Paul and Chandler were out with injuries, while West was suspended for the game after his flagrant foul against Minnesota's Mike Miller on Sunday.

— The Associated Press



Phoenix Suns forward Amare Stoudemire, center, splits the defense of Philadelphia 76ers forward Thaddeus Young, left, and center Samuel Dalembert right during the first half of their game Monday in Philadelphia. The 76ers won 108-91.

Boise State men fall at Fresno State

FRESNO, Calif. — Paul George scored a career-high 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Monday night to help Fresno State hold off Boise State 88-82 and snap a three-game Western Athletic Conference skid.

Sylvester Seay added 23 points for Fresno State (10-14, 2-7 WAC), including an open three-pointer with 2 minutes, 50 seconds left and four consecutive free throws in the final 1:24.

Kurt Cunningham scored 20 points for Boise State (16-7, 6-4), equaling a career high. Paul Noonan added 17 points for the Broncos, and La'Shard Anderson had 15.

Boise State trailed by as many as 18 points in the second half before rallying to within 84-80 on Anderson's long jumper with

31 seconds remaining.

The Broncos immediately fouled George in the backcourt, but he calmly made two free throws with 29 seconds left.

After Boise State missed a three-pointer on the other end, Bryce Cartwright grabbed the rebound, got fouled and made two free throws with 19 seconds left to seal the victory.

Men's Top 25

NO. 4 PITTSBURGH 70, WEST VIRGINIA 59

PITTSBURGH — Sam Young scored 20 points as No. 4 Pittsburgh seized the lead with a late first-half run and went on to beat rival West Virginia 70-59 on Monday night.

Young followed up a 22-

point game in Pitt's 79-67 win at West Virginia two weeks ago, making seven of 12 shots and adding seven rebounds. Levance Fields had 13 points and seven assists to help the Panthers (22-2, 9-2 in Big East) win their fourth in a row and sixth in seven games.

NO. 17 MISSOURI 62, NO. 16 KANSAS 60.

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Zaire Taylor hit a 10-footer from just outside the lane with 1.3 seconds to go, capping No. 17 Missouri's comeback from a 14-point halftime deficit in a 62-60 victory over No. 16 Kansas on Monday night.

DeMarre Carroll had 22 points and seven rebounds for the Tigers (21-4, 8-2 Big 12), who won their 16th in a row at home against a bitter border rival that had beaten

them five straight times. Fans from a raucous sellout crowd of 15,061 mobbed the floor after Cole Aldrich's desperation shot banged off the backboard at the buzzer as he was being knocked to the floor.

Women's Top 25

NO. 8 NORTH CAROLINA 75, NO. 4 DUKE 60

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Rashanda McCants scored 19 of her 22 points in the second half to help No. 8 North Carolina beat No. 4 Duke 75-60 on Monday night.

NO. 11 MARYLAND 85, BOSTON COLLEGE 81

BOSTON — Kristi Toliver scored 19 points with seven assists, picking up a loose ball and hitting a 3-pointer with the shot clock winding down

in the final minute to lead Maryland over Boston College.

Marissa Coleman added 23 points, seven rebounds, and five assists as Maryland (19-4, 7-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) won its third straight game.

NO. 23 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 64, IUPUI 48

INDIANAPOLIS — Maria Boever scored 19 points and Jennifer Warkentien added 18 to help South Dakota State beat IUPUI for its ninth straight win.

Kristin Rotert added 10 points for the Jackrabbits (23-2, 12-1 Summit).

Julia Whitted scored 14 points and Janna Eichelberger added 11 for IUPUI (12-12, 7-6).

— The Associated Press

Utah

Continued from Sports 1 that championship game, they will never have the chance."

However, despite calls from fans and President Obama himself, a playoff is unlikely anytime soon. The BCS recently signed a four-year, \$125 million deal with ESPN to televise the BCS national championship game, and the Orange, Fiesta and Sugar bowls, starting January 2011 and running through the 2014 bowls.

The current deal with Fox runs out after next season. The Rose Bowl has its own separate TV deal with ABC that runs through January 2014.

"You know, when this comes down to it, it's all about money. The fact is the BCS alliance controls large dollars, and that not be able to be in that group is not right," Jenkins said. "There's time to hold a playoff. You just got to do it."

Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner and BCS coordinator John Swofford has said the majority of university presidents and athletic directors oppose an expansive NFL-style playoff for major college football and that the BCS is in compliance with federal law.

Utah politicians are under-terred, though. Attorney General Mark Shurtleff is

investigating whether the BCS is violating federal antitrust laws and Gov. Jon Huntsman has suggested having Florida and Utah play an extra game at a neutral site, which is highly unlikely.

Shurtleff and other leaders have taken some flak for using state resources on college football, but they say it's worth it.

"When you talk about the millions of dollars that potentially come to our universities through these programs, I hardly think it's frivolous," said Senate Majority Leader Sheldon Killpack, R-Syracuse.

The Utah House is expected to approve Senate Joint Resolution 11 later this week.

Tiger

Continued from Sports 1 scored 10.

"We were so pumped up at school, so pumped up on the bus, but we just lost it," said Kassi Kerbs, who led Burley with 10 points. "Right at tip off we get scared, girls lose it and we can't focus."

Burley (18-6) will play District V runner-up Preston on Thursday, with the winner advancing to a state play-in against the District VI runner-up.

"We're not done yet. We need to give it our all, especially us seniors because we know we deserve to be in the state tournament."

Jerome will play District V champion Century on Thursday to decide the Great Basin champion and the region's top berth to the state tournament.

Jerome 62, Burley 33

Burley Jerome 6 8 8 11 - 33
Burley 12 10 22 12 - 62

BURLEY (33)

Kassi Kerbs 10, Cheri Preston 3, Brandee Potts 2, Paige Andersen 5, Teresa Wayment 5, Sky Palomarez 8. Totals 12 8-14 33.

JEROME (62)

Aubree Callen 15, Tinley Garey 10, Hailey Long 2, Carrie Thibault 10, Allison Bruckner 2, Jordann Hollifield 10, Baylie Smith 12, Hannah Hillier 1. Totals 26 7-11 62.

3-point goals: Burley 1 (Preston); Jerome 3 (Callen, Thibault 2). Total fouls: Burley 14; Jerome 14.

Fouled out: none.

— The Associated Press

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2008-09 High School Girls Basketball District Tournaments

Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six Tuesday, Feb. 3

Game 1: Skyline 49, Idaho Falls 45

Game 2: Highland 49, Twin Falls 33

Thursday, Feb. 5

Game 3: Idaho Falls 56, Twin Falls 54 (Twin Falls eliminated)

Game 4: Madison 76, Skyline 68

Saturday, Feb. 7

Game 5: Skyline 62, Idaho Falls 45 (Idaho Falls eliminated)

Game 6: Highland 57, Madison 45

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Game 7: Skyline (10-13) at Madison (13-9), 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12

Game 8: Championship, Winner 6 at Highland (22-0), 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13

Game 9: Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m.

• Champion and runner-up will receive berths to state tournament, Feb. 19-21 at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Class 4A Great Basin Conference West Division Tuesday, Feb. 3

Game 1: Burley 58, Wood River 42

Game 2: Jerome 63, Minico 26

Thursday, Feb. 5

Game 3: Minico 52, Wood River 37 (Wood River eliminated)

Game 4: Jerome 46, Burley 27

Saturday, Feb. 7

Game 5: Burley 47, Minico 33 (Minico eliminated)

Monday, Feb. 9

Game 6: Championship, Burley (18-5) at Jerome (18-4), 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12

District IV-V Playoff Location TBA

Jerome (19-4) vs. Century (8-15), winner earns 4-5A seed

Burley (18-6) vs. Preston (13-10)

• The winner of the District IV-V runner-up crossover will advance to state play-in at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, against the District VI runner-up at Highland High School in Pocatello. State tournament is Feb. 19-21 at Mountain View High School in Meridian.

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Monday, Feb. 2

Game 1: Kimberly 51, Buhl 42

Game 2: Filer 54, Gooding 31

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Game 3: Buhl 56, Gooding 38 (Gooding eliminated)

Game 4: Wendell 43, Filer 34

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Game 5: Buhl 51, Filer 46 (Filer eliminated)

Game 6: Kimberly 52, Wendell 44

Monday, Feb. 9

Game 7: Wendell 44, Buhl 32 (Buhl eliminated)

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Game 8: Championship, Wendell (17-6) vs. Kimberly (17-3), 7 p.m., at CSI

Friday, Feb. 13

Game 9: Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m., high seed hosts

• Champion receives state tournament berth. Second-place team will face District III runner-up in state play-in game at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, at Glens Ferry. State tournament will be held Feb. 19-21 at Skyview High School in Nampa.

Class 2A Canyon Conference Tuesday, Feb. 3

Game 1: Declo 76, Glens Ferry 22

Thursday, Feb. 5

Game 2: Valley 60, Declo 45

Monday, Feb. 9

Game 3: Declo 53, Glens Ferry 17 (Glens Ferry eliminated)

Thursday, Feb. 12

Game 4: Championship, Declo (13-10) at Valley (18-3), 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13

Game 5: Second championship, Loser 4 at Winner 4, if necessary, 7 p.m.

• Champion receives berth to state tournament, Feb. 19-21 at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise.

Class 2A Canyon Conference Tuesday, Feb. 3

Game 1: Declo 76, Glens Ferry 22

Thursday, Feb. 5

Game 2: Valley 60, Declo 45

Monday, Feb. 9

Game 3: Declo 53, Glens Ferry 17 (Glens Ferry eliminated)

Thursday, Feb. 12

Game 4: Championship, Declo (13-10) at Valley (18-3), 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13

Game 5: Second championship, Loser 4 at Winner 4, if necessary, 7 p.m.

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Class 2A Canyon Conference Tuesday, Feb. 3

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST	EASTERN		W	L	Pct	GB
	W	L				
Boston	42	11	792	—		
Philadelphia	24	28	462	17%		
New Jersey	24	28	462	17%		
New York	21	29	420	19%		
Toronto	19	34	358	23		
SOUTHEAST						
W	L	Pct	GB			
Orlando	38	12	760	—		
Atlanta	29	21	580	9		
Miami	27	23	540	11		
Charlotte	20	31	392	18%		
Washington	11	40	216	27%		
CENTRAL						
W	L	Pct	GB			
Cleveland	39	10	796	—		
Detroit	27	22	551	12		
Milwaukee	22	29	463	16%		
Chicago	22	29	431	18		
Indiana	20	32	385	20%		
WESTERN						
W	L	Pct	GB			
SOUTHWEST						
W	L	Pct	GB			
San Antonio	34	15	694	—		
New Orleans	30	19	612	4		
Dallas	30	20	600	4%		
Houston	31	21	596	4%		
Memphis	15	36	294	20		
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB		
Denver	34	17	667	—		
Portland	31	19	620	2%		
Utah	29	23	558	5%		
Minnesota	25	27	463	16%		
Oklahoma City	13	38	255	21		

Milwaukee defensive three second. A—13,904 (18,717).

76ers 108, Suns 91	
PHOENIX (91)	
Hill 3-4 0-1 6, Stoudemire 7-13 5-5 19, O'Neal 3-7 1-4 7, Richardson 7-14 2-2 16, Nash 1-8 0-0 2, Amundson 3-7 0-0 6, Barnes 3-6 2-2 9, Barbosa 4-12 0-0 9, Tucker 4-10 0-0 0, Dragic 1-4 4-4 8, Dudley 0-0 2-2 2, Lopez 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-85 16-20 91.	
PHILADELPHIA (108)	
Iguodala 6-14 10-11 22, Young 10-14 3-4 25, Dalembert 2-5 2-2 6, Green 2-8 0-0 4, Miller 3-8 1-2 7, Williams 3-13 4-4 11, Evans 1-3 2-3 4, Ivey 0-6 0-0 0, Speights 11-16 2-2 24, Ruffin 0-1 0-0 0, Rush 0-2 0-0 0, Marshall 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 40-93 24-28 108.	
Phoenix 25 19 22 25 — 91	
Philadelphia 30 25 25 28 — 108	
3-Point Goals—Phoenix 3-14 (Tucker 1-1, Barnes 1-4, Barbosa 1-4, Nash 0-1, Dragic 0-1, Richardson 0-3), Philadelphia 4-18 (Young 2-2, Marshall 1-2, Williams 1-3, Rush 0-1, Green 0-2, Ivey 0-2, Iguodala 0-4), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Phoenix 50 (O'Neal 10), Philadelphia 60 (Dalembert 11), Assists—Phoenix 19 (Nash 8), Philadelphia 22 (Iguodala 7), Total Fouls—Phoenix 18, Philadelphia 18. Technicals—Phoenix Coach Porter, Barnes 14, —16,797 (20,318).	

Men's College Basketball Monday's Major Scores	
Binghamton 88, Albany, N.Y. 75	East
Manhattan 52, Iona 39	West
Pittsburgh 70, West Virginia 59	Midwest
Rider 74, Marist 61	South
Siena 73, Loyola, Md. 60	Southwest
Vermont 71, Hartford 63	Northwest
Alcorn St. 82, Grambling St. 61	Mountain West
Austin Peay 86, Tennessee Tech 80	Big Sky
Chattanooga 66, Samford 56	Big West
Coppin St. 68, Winston-Salem 58	Big East
Elin 74, Furman 66	Big Ten
Hampden 56, Mid-Eastern Shore 42	Big 12
Howard 59, Delaware St. 43	Big 10
Jacksonson 59, Kennesaw St. 56	Big 5
Liberty 69, Presbyterian 48	Big 8
Lipscomb 83, Campbell 67	Big 1
Mercer 74, North Florida 55	Big 2
Noragan St. 66, S. Carolina 56	Big 3
N. Carolina A&T 61, Bethune-Cookman 56	Big 4
Norfolk St. 96, Florida A&M 69	Big 7
Radford 71, Coastal Carolina 67, OT	Big 9
S.C. Upstate 71, Florida Gulf Coast 62	Big 11
Stetson 64, ETSU 63	Big 12
Tennessee St. 80, Jacksonville St. 70	Big 13
WMI 82, Charleston Southern 66	Big 14
Wofford 69, UNC Greensboro 57	Big 15
Murray St. 59, E. Illinois 53	Big 16
Chicago St. 112, Houston Baptist 108, OT	Big 17
Fresno St. 88, Boise St. 82	Big 18

AP Top 25			
WL	Pts	Pts	
1. Connecticut (67)	22-1	1,795	1
2. Oklahoma (3)	23-1	1,710	2
3. North Carolina (2)	21-2	1,672	3
4. Pittsburgh	21-2	1,583	6
5. Louisville	18-4	1,423	5
6. Duke	20-3	1,350	4
7. Wake Forest	18-3	1,242	7
8. Memphis	19-3	1,237	14
9. Michigan St.	19-4	1,214	13
10. Marquette	20-3	1,137	8
11. UCLA	19-4	1,131	15
12. Clemson	19-3	1,097	10
13. Villanova	19-	989	17
14. Xavier	20-3	893	9
15. Butler	21-2	762	11
16. Kansas	19-4	751	21
17. Missouri	20-4	395	—
18. Arizona St.	18-5	389	24
19. Gonzaga	17-5	361	18
20. Michigan St.	17-6	353	12
21. Utah St.	23-1	317	25
22. Illinois	19-5	303	23
23. Syracuse	18-6	280	20
24. Ohio St.	17-5	216	—
25. Florida St.	18-5	182	—

USA Today/ESPN Top 25			
WL	Pts	Pts	
1. Connecticut (30)	22-1	774	1
2. Oklahoma (1)	23-1	735	2
3. North Carolina	19-4	711	4
4. Pittsburgh	21-1	689	5
5. Duke	20-3	604	3
6. UCLA	19-4	554	12
7. Louisville	18-4	553	7
8. Wake Forest	18-3	541	6
9. Michigan St.	19-4	511	4
10. Memphis	20-3	486	15
11. Clemson	19-3	456	10
12. Marquette	20-3	446	8
13. Villanova	19-4	416	16
14. Xavier	20-3	375	9
15. Butler	21-2	346	11
16. Kansas	19-4	300	24
17. Utah St.	23-1	258	22
18. Arizona St.	18-5	214	23
19. Missouri	20-4	162	NR
20. Illinois	19-5	143	21
21. Gonzaga	17-5	124	18
22. Syracuse	18-6	115	10
23. Purdue	17-6	114	13
24. Washington	17-6	86	25
25. Florida St.	18-5	62	NR

Standings Western Athletic Conf						
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Utah St.	11	0	1,000	23	1	958
Boise St.	6	3	867	16	6	727
Nevada	6	4	800	13	0	660
New Mexico St.	6	5	845	12	2	500
Idaho	4	5	444	10	2	455
San Jose St.	4	6	400	10	1	476
Hawaii	4	7	364	11	2	478
Louisiana Tech	3	8	273	9	3	375
Fresno St.	3	7	125	9	4	391

Big Sky Conf						
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Weber St.	9	1	900	15	8	652
Portland St.	8	3	727	17	7	708
Montana	8	3	727	14	9	609
Montana St.	5	5	500	11	5	524
N. Colorado	6	6	500	10	4	490
E. Washington	5	7	417	13	4	480
Idaho St.	4	6	400	17	7	292
N. Arizona	3	8	273	6	13	273

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

6 p.m.
Magic Valley Christian at Dietrich

6:30 p.m.
St. Ambrose at Twin Falls Christian

7:30 p.m.
Buhl at Wendell
Filer at Kimberly
Wood River at Pocatello
Sho-Ban at Raft River
Murtaugh at Community School
Lighthouse Christian at Oakley
Shoshone at Castletford
Hansen at Valley

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Class 4A Great Basin Conference West Tournament

Sacramento St. 110 .091 222 .083

Mountain West Conf			
W	L	Pct	All
San Diego St.	7	2	.778 17 5
Utah	7	2	.778 16 7
New Mexico	6	3	.667 15 9
BYU	5	3	.625 17 5
UNLV	4	5	.556 17 6
TCU	4	5	.444 13 10
Wyoming	3	6	.333 9 13
Colorado St.	3	6	.333 8 13
Air Force	0	9	.000 9 13

Pacific 10 Conf			
W	L	Pct	All
UCLA	8	2	.800 19 4
Washington	8	3	.727 17 6
Arizona	7	4	.636 18 5
California	7	4	.636 18 7
Southern Cal	6	4	.600 15 7
Arizona	6	5	.545 16 8
Stanford	4	7	.364 14 7
Washington St.	4	7	.364 12 11
Oregon St.	4	7	.364 10 12
Oregon	0	11	.000 6 17

Scenic West Athletic Conference standings	
As of Feb. 7	
Team	W L Pct W L Pct
Salt Lake CC	7 2 .778 20 3
Northern Idaho	6 3 .667 21 3
CSI	5 4 .556 18 6
Eastern Utah	5 4 .556 19 4
Snow College	4 5 .444 17 7
Colorado NW CC	0 9 .000 2 21

Women's College Basketball Monday's Major Scores	
Cent. Connecticut St. 70, St. Francis, Pa. 67, OT	East
Fairleigh Dickinson 72, Wagner 66	West
Iona 72, Manhattan 65	Midwest
Maryland 85, Boston College 81	South
Monmouth, N.J. 67, Bryant 49	Southwest
Mont St. Mary's, Md. 65, Long Island U. 63	Mountain West
St. Francis, N.Y. 61, Robert Morris 60	Big 10
BC-BKW—Major Scores, 1st Add	Big 12

South	
Alabama A&M 49, Ark. Pine Bluff 44	Alabama 81, MSU 81, 30T
Charleston Southern 82, High Point 79	Chattanooga 72, Coll. of Charleston 61
Coastal Carolina 75, UNC Asheville 70	Coppin St. 73, Winston-Salem 34
Delaware St. 45, Howard 22	UNC-Greensboro 74, Davidson 61
Florida 73, Appalachian St. 55	Florida A&M 78, Norfolk St. 52
Grambling St. 51, Alcorn St. 44	Hampson 57, Mid-Eastern Shore 47
Kennesaw St. 64, Mercer 50	Liberty 58, Gardner-Webb 51
Liberty 58, Gardner-Webb 51	Morgan St. 62, S. Davidson 59
N. Carolina A&T 90, Bethune-Cookman 68	N. Carolina 75, Duke 60
Presbyterian 17, Allen 42	Samford 55, Georgia Southern 47
Southern U. 43, Jackson St. 40	UNC-Greensboro 74, Davidson 61
W. Carolina 57, Furman 42	

Midwest	
IPFW 65, Centenary 57	N. Dakota St. 55, W. Illinois 45
Oakland, Mich. 79, Oral Roberts 75, OT	Penn. St. 64, Michigan 56
S. Dakota St. 64, IUPUI 48	

AP Top 25			
WL	Pts	Pts	
1. Connecticut (45)	23-0	1,125	1
2. Oklahoma	20-2	1,080	2
3. California	20-2	1,013	3
4. Duke	19-2	964	4
5. Auburn	23-1	924	6
6. Stanford	19-4	880	7
7. Baylor	19-3	855	8
8. North Carolina	20-3	851	8
9. Florida	22-2	759	11
10. Louisville	18-3	711	5
11. Maryland	21-4	700	13
12. Texas A&M	18-4	613	10
13. Texas	17-5	566	16
14. Florida St.	20-5	490	15
15. Tennessee	17-6	445	12
16. Iowa St.	18-4	413	21
17. Virginia	19-5	385	17
18. Ohio St.	19-4	371	14
19. Pittsburgh	17-4	356	22
20. Kansas St.	19-3	289	18
21. Xavier	20-4	219	23
22. Notre Dame	17-5	205	19
23. S. Dakota St.	22-2	150	24
24. Vanderbilt	18-6	132	20
25. DePaul	18-6	51	25

Big Ten	
Others receiving votes: Middle Tennessee 34, Arizona St. 18, Bowling Green 10, Rutgers 8, Michigan St. 5, Georgia Tech 4, Mississippi St. 4, LSU 3, Oklahoma St. 3, Utah 3, Boston College 2, Wis.-Green Bay 2, Gonzaga 1, Minnesota 1.	

Scenic West Athletic

2. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. \$12,122
3. Landon McClougherty, Tilden, Texas \$10,857
4. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D. \$10,017
5. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas \$9,870
6. Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga. \$9,598

Bareback Riding

1. Kaycee Field, Elk Ridge, Utah \$19,199
2. Cody Demers, Kimberley, Idaho \$15,910
3. Clint Cannon, Waller, Texas \$13,559
4. Tim Shirley, Conifer, Colo. \$12,182
5. Tilden Hooper, Carthage, Texas \$11,274
6. Jared Keyton, Fort Scott, Mo. \$11,264
7. Ben Lodon, Pendleton, Ore. \$10,052
8. Dustin Reeves, Owanka, S.D. \$9,959
9. Bobby Mote, Greeley, Ore. \$8,517
10. Heath Ford, Creveling, Colo. \$8,391
11. Zach Curran, Arvada, Colo. \$7,596
12. Tom McFarland, Wickenburg, Ariz. \$7,512
13. Kelly Timberman, Mills, Wyo. \$

Truth can be liberating, but is A-Rod telling all?

Telling the truth can be liberating, or so Alex Rodriguez would like us to believe.

With his confessional on national television now behind him, he can sleep easily at night without worrying about his darkest secrets being exposed. There will be no more twinges of conscience when he cashes his million-dollar paychecks, no lingering doubts when he visits his trophy room.

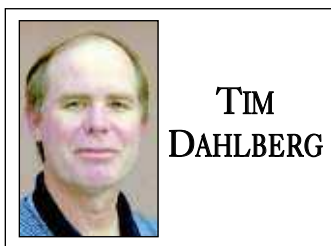
Best of all, he won't have to lie to Katie Couric anymore.

"The more honest we can all be, the quicker we can get baseball (back) to where it needs to be," Rodriguez said.

Never mind that Rodriguez was only being honest because he had no other choice. Sports Illustrated took care of that when it reported A-Rod was one of 104 players who tested positive for steroids in 2003.

Backed into a corner, he confessed. Sort of.

He admitted doing steroids,



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but said he didn't know what kind they were. He knew he was juiced, but claims he didn't know he tested positive.

He said he had no excuses, then offered them up by the fistful.

He was young. He was stupid. He was naive. Two hundred and fifty-million dollars creates a lot of pressure. It was a loosey-goosey era. They sell a lot of funny stuff at the nutritional store. It was really hot in Texas.

And what about that lady from Sports Illustrated? A stalker at best, and maybe a burglar, too.

"The truth will set you free," Rodriguez told ESPN's Peter Gammons. "I'm just

proud I'm here sharing my story."

And to think, Rodriguez almost didn't get the chance. If not for SI's Selena Roberts and her colleagues, he would still be on vacation, unable to unload his tortured thoughts to baseball fans everywhere.

He must have been ecstatic when they nailed him because the truth really can set you free.

Sure, A-Rod's admission that he did steroids for three seasons beginning in 2001 was more than we've ever gotten from Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, Roger Clemens or even Jason Giambi. He deserves credit for coming clean about using steroids during a time he hit 156 home runs and had 395 RBI.

But remember that he lied about it in the past and never would have admitted using anything stronger than coffee if SI hadn't come looking. His only options then were to deny everything — a strategy

that hasn't worked well for Bonds and Clemens — or throw himself on the mercy of fans who want desperately to forget.

Rodriguez chose to play the sympathy card, and he's likely to get some. He used the words "sorry," "stupid" and "naive" so many times some fans might actually be moved enough to overlook his arrogance and his big, fat paycheck.

Indeed, Gammons played along with a gentle line of questioning that included this blockbuster: "Can baseball ever be as much fun for you as when you were 22 or 23?"

But how about answering some questions that might come in high and inside?

Tell us who introduced you to steroids and how you got them. Explain exactly what they were and how much you took. Give us the date you started and the date you stopped. Tell us how many of your teammates did them,

and whether you all shot up together in the clubhouse.

Explain why we should believe that you weren't juiced in Seattle if you were in Texas. Better yet, make us really believe the story of you laying on your bed and suddenly deciding to quit just as you were going to the Yankees.

While you're at it, give Rangers owner Tom Hicks the apology he deserves for giving \$250 million to one big A-Fraud.

"I feel personally betrayed," Hicks said. "I feel deceived by Alex."

Millions of other baseball fans do, too. They're the ones who counted on A-Rod restoring some legitimacy to the home run marks set by a juiced generation of sluggers. They're the ones who always assumed he was clean, and believed him when he assured Couric and baseball writers everywhere that he was.

The confession was a start,

but there's a lot more to talk about. There are even some things to do.

Show us you're serious about the whole redemption thing by taking the lead in the steroid debate. Go out on road trips to schools and speak to kids about the dangers of all drugs.

Then take the \$6 million bonus you get for reaching the home run marks of Willie Mays, Babe Ruth and others (\$30 million in all) and donate half of it to steroid programs and the other half to building new ball fields for kids. You did, after all, sign for the money under false pretenses.

Spend the remaining nine years of your contract doing the type of things a role model should do.

Perhaps then we can start talking about the Hall of Fame.

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press.

When might baseball have a legitimate HR king?

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press writer

It might be decades before baseball has a legitimate home run king to wash away the steroids era.

Remember, this used to be the most cherished record in sports. Babe Ruth, The Sultan of Swat. Hank Aaron, class and dignity.

Who knows if the career home run mark will ever have such meaning again.

Now that heir apparent Alex Rodriguez admitted Monday to using banned substances while playing for the Texas Rangers from 2001-03, generations of fans may never get a chance to cheer for a home run champ who earns the title fair and square.

"To hear all that information is just sad. Sad for me, sad for him, sad for the game," said Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda, who called A-Rod a friend. "I just don't understand it. I cannot understand it. Certainly it has helped him, taking this stuff. It's just bad for baseball, bad for the game."

The 33-year-old Rodriguez was supposed to wipe away the stain of suspicion left by Barry Bonds, whose mark of 762 was set two years ago. Baseball was going to have a home run king it could celebrate, rather than scorn.

No BALCO or FBI or federal judges. Just power and pure talent.

Bonds has been dogged by doping accusations for years and is set to go on trial next month on charges he lied in 2003 when he told a grand jury he never knowingly took performance-enhancing drugs.

Rodriguez ranks 12th on the career list with 553 homers, 209 behind Bonds. After A-Rod, it's hard to find someone next in line.

Albert Pujols and Miguel Cabrera might have a chance down the road, but they're a long way away.

Maybe Manny Ramirez or Jim Thome can hang around long enough to try, but they're both in their late 30s and need more than 220 homers to catch Bonds.

So, now what? "The greatest record of all is in jeopardy," Hall of Fame pitcher Goose Gossage said. "There will always be a big cloud hanging over this generation of hitters. And it's sad. ... I don't know where it's going to stop or if it ever will."

Allegations against Bonds soured many fans who nonetheless followed the San Francisco Giants slugger's pursuit of Aaron's home run mark of 755 — a record that stood more than three decades.

"In my eyes, Henry is the king. He owns the record," Gossage said. "What these other guys did is a shame. And it shouldn't stand, and it shouldn't count."

It's hard to imagine A-Rod getting much support. After all, the New York Yankees star has already done something Bonds hasn't — admit guilt.

Rodriguez has also apologized — something else Bonds hasn't done.

Perhaps fans will be more forgiving of A-Rod because of his confession. Maybe not. But surely, most would like the game to have a home run king that wasn't suspected of using illegal chemicals to put up bigger numbers.

Time will tell if baseball's toughened drug-testing rules make that possible.

"I think it's tainted. I think it doesn't hold any water," Gossage said. "There will always be a cloud over it. There will always be questions — he didn't do it on his own."

No Super payoff expected for Steelers, Rooneys

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The latest Lombardi Trophy added to the Pittsburgh Steelers' overflowing display case makes them the most successful franchise in the modern era, but even a record sixth Super Bowl title probably won't make the team more money.

It also is unlikely to increase owner Dan Rooney's net worth. Or make the Hall of Fame owner look all the wiser for completing a buy-out of some of his brothers' shares of the 76-year-old franchise only weeks before the playoffs began.

Several sports economists said winning a Super Bowl does little or nothing for a franchise's bottom line during the best of economic times, much less during what may be the nation's worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

"There is no evidence that winning a Super Bowl has an impact on franchise value," said Dennis Coates, an economics professor at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County and the president of the North American Association of Sports Economists.

The Steelers have sold out all home games since 1972. The team is not planning a dramatic increase in ticket prices and is unlikely to greatly increase corporate sponsorships during brutal economic times.

Their Super Bowl payoff may be limited to being known as the NFL franchise envied by all others.

"The theory of valuing an asset would suggest that a franchise's value is determined by fundamentals like current and future demand for tickets to games, team-



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Santonio Holmes (10), quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7), head coach Mike Tomlin and team owner Daniel M. Rooney celebrate the Pittsburgh Steelers defeating the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII on Feb. 1 in Tampa, Fla.

branded merchandise and broadcast rights fees," Coates said in an e-mail. "Since Heinz Field sells out, the attendance demand aspect is likely to be small.

Merchandise and broadcast rights are shared by the NFL, so the Steelers would see only a small share of those (1/32nd)."

Teams that play in the Super Bowl typically find the myriad costs to appear in the game exceed what they receive in compensation from the NFL. Despite the Steelers' coast-to-coast following, their location in a relatively small market means they generate tens of millions

of dollars less in corporate sponsorships than the bigger-market teams like the Cowboys and Redskins.

Winning an NBA title can boost franchise value, according to sports economist David Berri, but he says there is no such payoff in the NFL, where every team except the Lions, Browns, Texans, Jaguars and Saints has played in at least one Super Bowl.

"About half of all (NBA) teams don't win a title and I know winning a title can impact a team's gate revenue for years," said Berri, an associate professor of applied economics at Southern Utah

University who co-authored a 2006 book about the relationship between payrolls and winning. "Plus, in the NBA, teams keep their gate revenue.

"In the NFL, though, it is a very different story. NFL teams share gate revenue, and other revenue as well, plus the Steelers had already won five titles before last week," Berri said in an e-mail.

Another Super Bowl victory adds to their prestige, but the Steelers were recognized as one of the best-run franchises in pro sports before winning their second NFL title in four seasons.

A-Rod

Continued from Sports 1

proved to myself and to everyone that I don't need any of that." He was traded to the New York Yankees before the 2004 season.

The admission came two days after Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site that Rodriguez was among 104 names on a list of players who tested positive for steroids in 2003, when testing was intended to determine the extent of steroid use in baseball. The results weren't subject to discipline and were supposed to remain anonymous.

"When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day," Rodriguez said.

"And I did take a banned substance and, you know, for that I'm very sorry and deeply

regretful. And although it was the culture back then and Major League Baseball overall was very — I just feel that — You know, I'm just sorry. I'm sorry for that time. I'm sorry to fans. I'm sorry for my fans in Texas. It wasn't until then that I ever thought about substance of any kind."

Rangers owner Tom Hicks said the admission caught him by surprise.

"I feel personally betrayed. I feel deceived by Alex," Hicks said in a conference call. "He assured me that he had far too much respect for his own body to ever do that to himself. ... I certainly don't believe that if he's now admitting that he started using when he came to the Texas Rangers, why should I believe that it didn't start before he came to the Texas Rangers?"

The 33-year-old Rodriguez ranks 12th on the career list with 553 homers, including

52, 57 and 47 in his three seasons with the Rangers. He is 209 behind Barry Bonds' record 762.

Now, though, he's on top of a much different list — the highest-profile player to confess to doping, joining teammates Jason Giambi and Andy Pettitte.

Rodriguez's admission is in stark contrast to the denials of former teammate Roger Clemens and Bonds.

SI.com reported Rodriguez tested positive for Primobolan and testosterone.

"It was such a loosey-goosey era. I'm guilty for a lot of things. I'm guilty for being that negligent, naive, not asking all the right questions," Rodriguez said. "And to be quite honest, I don't know exactly what substance I was guilty of using."

The interview left open many questions:

- Whom did Rodriguez

obtain steroids from?

- How did he pay for them?
- Did anyone help him to obtain them?

Monday's ESPN interview directly contradicted a December 2007 interview with CBS's "60 Minutes," when Rodriguez said "No" when asked if he had ever used steroids, human growth hormone or any other performance-enhancing substance.

On Friday, Rodriguez is still expected to attend an event at the University of Miami, which is renaming its baseball field in his honor.

He gave \$3.9 million to the school in 2003, the largest gift ever to the Hurricanes' baseball program and money that provided much of the resources needed for renovating the existing on-campus stadium. In return, the baseball complex will be called Mark Light Field at Alex Rodriguez Park.

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