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\$3 trillion! Senate, Fed, Treasury attack financial crisis



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Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada talks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, after the Senate passed the stimulus bill.

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — On a single day filled with staggering sums, the Obama administration, Federal Reserve and Senate attacked the deepening economic crisis Tuesday with actions that could throw as much as \$3 trillion more in government and private

funds into the fight against frozen credit markets and rising joblessness.

"It's gone deep. It's gotten worse," President Barack Obama said of the recession at a campaign-style appearance in Ft. Myers, Fla., where unemployment has reached double digits. "The situation we face could not be more serious."

If any more emphasis were needed, Wall Street investors sent stocks plunging, objecting that new rescue details from the government were too sparse despite the huge numbers. The Dow Jones industrials dropped 382 points.

The president spoke shortly after Senate passage of an \$838 billion emergency eco-

nomics stimulus bill cleared the way for talks with the House on a final compromise. In a display of urgency, White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel traveled to the Capitol in mid-afternoon for meetings with Democratic leaders as well as moderate senators whose views — and votes — will be key to any compromise.

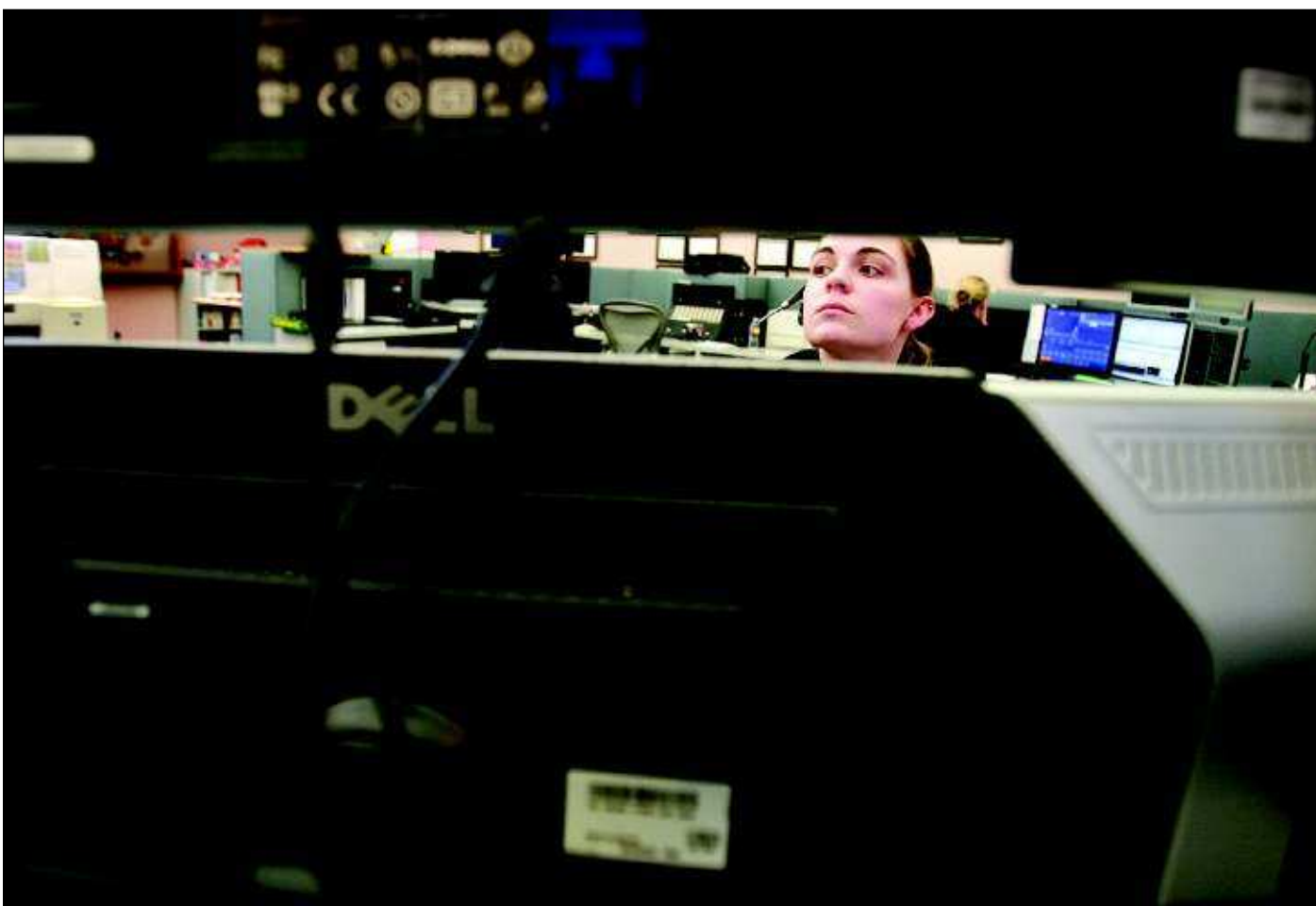
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- Geithner pledges forceful attack on banking crisis.
- TARP II, The Sequel: What's in Obama's plan?
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Transmission trouble



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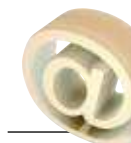
Jennifer Davis, a senior dispatcher with SIRCOMM, fields a question from a colleague Tuesday afternoon at the Jerome facility.

SIRCOMM works to patch aging system

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

JEROME — Perhaps it was only a matter of time.

The Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center's transmitting equipment is about 15 years old. And officials at the dispatch center found out just what age can do to electronics last month, when reports of communications problems in western Twin Falls County



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WATCH: A video interview with SIRCOMM Director John Shearman.

revealed a much larger — and more costly — problem.

Transmitters at the dispatch center's many towers rely on a pre-amplifier to boost the signal across four Magic Valley counties, Director John Shearman said. But those pre-amps are slow-

ly degrading, causing gaps in SIRCOMM's wide coverage area. Worse, he said, replacement parts haven't been made since 2000, forcing the center to reduce the number of dispatch channels it provides to conserve the precious pre-amps.

The extent of the damage wasn't immediately obvious because the pre-amps only have vague low- and high-power warning lights, said Shearman, who became director in September. That's left him scrambling to fix the problem as quickly as possible, and the agencies he provides services for left sharing space on four primary dispatch channels.

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Delaying the diamond Economy leads Twin Falls to table proposed Cowboy Field renovation

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

After talking about it for years, a group of baseball enthusiasts and the city of Twin Falls' Parks and Recreation Commission thought last summer that they'd finally found a way to renovate Cowboy Field in Harmon Park.

Then the economy got in the way. Now, a solution that would combine

grants and donations with \$70,000 in city funds has been postponed again after Twin Falls City Council members and city staff decided not to gamble on this year's budget turning around.

The proposal, as presented to the council on Monday evening, would replace the existing concession stand and score booth, add a press box, swap out the asphalt around the field for concrete and paver bricks and build a

decorative fence around the area, among other improvements. It was originally slated for this budget year's round of capital projects, Community Development Director Mitch Humble told the council. But it was submitted too late, leading to the proposal's current form and Monday night's request.

The project's backers had hoped to

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Governor unveils road funding bills

Proposals would raise nearly \$47 million in first year

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter unveiled Tuesday his plan to raise nearly \$47 million in new road funding for next year, and almost \$175 million after five years, by increasing the state fuel tax and registration fees on cars and trucks, and shifting revenue

The Republican governor

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See a breakdown of Otter's proposed fee increases

hopes his legislation will begin closing the gap on the estimated \$240 million shortfall in fixing the state's deteriorating roads and structures.

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Julie Bench of the Twin Falls County Department of Motor Vehicles helps a customer Tuesday with a registration change. Under Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's proposal, registration fees will increase to help make up the state's \$240 million shortfall in fixing deteriorating roads and bridges.

Gooding School District voters weigh in on levies

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Gooding School District officials were still tallying the results of two levy proposals at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, voters had cast ballots on two levies: a supplemental two-year levy and a 10-year renewal of its plant facilities levy. The final results were unavailable for this story.

The district had proposed the two levies to the public as a way to provide funding for building improvements and existing school programs at a time when state funding cuts and declining enrollment are leading to anticipated budget shortfalls of more than \$1 million in Gooding.

Both measures were voted on separately.

The plant facilities levy renewal proposal was to

increase the levy from \$125,000 to \$250,000 annually to provide money for projects like foundation and drainage system repairs at schools.

The two-year, supplemental levy was for \$325,000 annually to provide money for the district to keep programs in place for students like remediation, art and music, drama and field trips. The school district had asked voters to pass the levies to preserve what already exists for students.

Both levies combined, if passed, would raise property taxes \$138 annually for every \$100,000 of assessed value.

To get the latest results of the votes, visit Magicvalley.com.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Film screening of "Big Night," 6 p.m., The Community Library, 415 Spruce Ave. N., Ketchum, no cost, 726-3493.
Special Concert EMIKO, 9 p.m. doors open, The Boiler Room, Sun Valley Village, \$10 cover charge, 208-622-2148.

BOOK SIGNING

Book signing, for Mike Ramsdell, author of "A Train to Potevka," 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Costco, 731 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls, 208-736-1550.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Burley Kiwanis Club, noon, Morey's Steakhouse, 219 E. Third St. N., 436-0720.
Burley Soroptimist Intl., noon, Sringa Plaza, 626 Elba Ave., 438-8666.
Ladies Lifeline Fellowship non-denominational luncheon, open to the public, noon to 2 p.m., Connor's Café, Heyburn, 438-5376.
Magic Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, focus: assisting members in developing speaking, communication and leadership skills, noon, Idaho Pizza, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 736-1025.
Rupert Lions Club, noon, Wayside Cafe, Heyburn, 678-3230.
Rupert Rotary Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-6852.
Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 737-0240.
Twin Falls Rotary Club meeting and lunch, features variety of speakers from around the communities, noon to 1 p.m., Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, kbradshaw@twinfallsrotary.org or 208-212-0265.
American Legion Post No. 10 meeting, 7 p.m., Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200 W., 436-6788.

EXHIBITS

"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.

Russ Hepworth Retrospective, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 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.



"June," an installation by Wood River Valley artist Pamela DeTuncq, noon to 5 p.m., The Center, 314 S. Second Ave., Hailey, no cost, sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

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.

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.

FESTIVALS

Special Olympics World Winter Games Festival, features music, ice skating exhibitions, movie, pin trading and torchlight parade, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sun Valley Village, free admission, www.visitsunvalley.com.

GOVERNMENT

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

DeMary Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert, 436-3874.
Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964.
Declo City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 8 N. Clark St., 654-2124.
Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158.
Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth St., 432-6682.
Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd St. W., 432-5451.
Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W., 438-4101.
Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755.

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, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High School (old gym), Rupert Civic gym, Blaine County Campus gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl Old Middle School gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center gym, no cost, 732-6475.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 S. Third Ave., Hailey, no cost, 737-5988.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.
SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E., no cost for Humana Gold Choice members, \$1 for non-Humana members, 324-5642.
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.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 4:50 to 5:20 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6 p.m., BridgeView Great Room (north entrance, third floor), BridgeView Estates, 1828 Bridgview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.
Griefshare Support Group, a 13-week program (sd Jan. 28), 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 2262 Hiland Ave., Burley, child care provided, 654-2500 or 878-7613.
Monthly Alzheimers Support Group meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., Rosetta Assisted Living, 1177 Eastridge Ct., Twin Falls, open to the public, 734-9422.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Twin Falls Pinochle Club, more players needed, 7:30 p.m., Disabled American Veterans building, corner of Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls, 733-3635.

LIBRARY

Buhl Public Library Storytime, 10 a.m., at the library, 215 Broadway St., Buhl, no cost, 543-6500.
Make a Valentine, activity and treat for all children, 4 to 6 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, 878-7708.

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 event.

Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to do today

- You can check out new artwork, including sculptures by Yvonne Jacques, at the Magic Valley Arts Council's Gallery at 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls. Admission is free.
- Enjoy the spectacle at the Special Olympics World Winter Games Festival from

6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Sun Valley Village. You'll find music, the official U.S. Forest Service old-time string band, ice skating exhibitions, a movie, pin trading and a torchlight parade. It's all free.

- Or end the evening with a terrific film, "Big Night," at 6 p.m. at The Community

Library, 415 Spruce Ave. N., Ketchum, as part of the food flicks festival. It's free.

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.

Economy

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 much of the \$350 billion in financial bailout money recently cleared by Congress, and the Federal Reserve announced it would commit up to \$1 trillion to make loans more widely available to consumers.

Taken together, the events marked at least a political watershed if not an economic turning point — the day the three-week old administration and its congressional allies assumed full control of the struggle against the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

The vote was 61-37 in the Senate to pass the stimulus, with moderate Republican Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania joining Democrats in support. Idaho's two U.S. senators,

Jim Risch and Mike Crapo, voted against the stimulus bill, saying the legislation would lead to long-term problems for the country and leave taxpayers with more debt and wouldn't create enough jobs or help families. The bill will go to a conference committee to the U.S. House to reconcile differences between the two versions.

"The bottom line is this bill contains too much deficit spending and too little job creation," Crapo said in a statement. "Even the Congressional Budget Office agrees that only a third of this \$838 billion in new deficit spending comes in tax relief — the other two thirds of the bill contain spending that may or may not have the job creation results we seek. We can't risk creating a \$2 trillion deficit that will haunt our chil-

dren and grandchildren and could wreak havoc on our economy in the long run."

Risch called the bill a large spending package that wouldn't help families or create jobs.

"This is a giant fraud on the American people," he said in a statement. "Taxpayers are being hoodwinked into calling this a stimulus package when in fact much of it is nothing more than an enormous spending package that contains a wish list of pet projects and massive spending that will do little to quickly assist our economy and the families who desperately need help." While voting against the bill, Risch did point to amendments he supported, such as a home buyer tax credit that was included in an attempt to do 'damage control' on the bill.

Diamond

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 only ask for \$35,000 in city funds. But other grants and funding sources came in less than anticipated and cost estimates rose, leaving a \$40,000 additional shortfall, said Brent Jussel, a member of the parks commission and of the Twin Falls Youth Baseball Trust Inc., which would contribute \$25,000 to the work.

Jussel and other trust and commission members spoke of the value of the remodel to the city and their group — highlighting safety concerns in the asphalt-and-gravel

parking lot, the ability to hold tournaments and raise funds for baseball groups and the value of replacing worn-down facilities.

But city staff recommended holding off on the project because of a declining city budget, and council members concurred while expressing their support for the renovation.

"I think what is being proposed here is a good idea, and I'd like to see us do this, but not in these economic times," Mayor Lance Clow said. City staff and the trust now

plan to look at phasing the project out over two or more years, perhaps starting work still this year using some of the existing grant money. On Tuesday, Trust Chairman Revis Turner said he was heartened by the council's approval of the project's merits, and said he should know more once the trust sits down in a couple of weeks and reviews its options.

"We'll just have to see what we can do," he said.

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Roads

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 bridges. Proposals include changing the structure of and then increasing registration fees, raising by 2 cents the 25-cent-per-gallon fuel tax each year for five years, setting a 6 percent tax on rental cars and eliminating the ethanol tax exemption.

"What I showed today with my bills — these are my druthers on how to solve the problems," Otter said at a press conference while flanked by nearly 40 people including Republican legislators, lobbyists, businessmen and public officials.

Otter said the legislation was a result of his statewide meetings held last year. He said the package satisfies his goals of creating accountability, generating ongoing revenue and ensuring for future care of the highway system. The Idaho Transportation Department is funded entirely by user fees and federal money and receives no general state money.

"I can't ever remember when I ... took the lead in raising taxes on anything for any purpose," Otter said. "... I just want you to know this isn't an easy task but I think it's a necessary one."

For more than a year, agreeing on new roads revenue has been the political thorn between Otter and legislators. Last year, he told them to "get out of town" when they came up with \$68 million for only one year. Some lawmakers are skeptical of making long-term changes.

"I would remind them that in order to do a good job of managing the funding that we get now and the funding that we're asking for, we have to have a planning zone, a planning term of two to five years," Otter said.

Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell and chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, said without approving Otter's package

Otter's roads plan

Proposed fee increases by Gov C.L. "Butch" Otter to make new revenue

Next year: about \$47 million in new revenue
In five years: about \$175 million in new ongoing revenue
Registration fees: \$20 million next year, \$62.7 million after five years
Vehicle registration: \$15.1 million next year, \$51 million after five years
 Change fee structure in first year, then raise to 10 percent, 12.5 percent, 12.5 percent, 15 percent and 17.5 percent each year for the next four years
 • Light truck registration: \$2.5 million next year, \$9.3 million after five years
 • Heavy truck registration: \$2.4 million for next year (a task force would be set up to set future direction)
 • Other county registration: no increase next year, but \$1.7 million after five years
Fuel tax: \$17.6 million next year, \$88 million after five years
 Raise the 25-cent-per-gallon tax by 2 cents each year for five years
Rental cars: \$2 million a year total; Set a 6 percent tax on rental cars
Ethanol: Eliminate the tax exemption on ethanol fuel to collect \$4.1 million
Idaho State Police funding shift: \$3.2 million next year, \$16 million after five years
 Shifts the 5 percent ISP receives from fuel tax to the state's general fund. Distribution formula will be set at 62 percent for the ITD and 38 percent to local units of government.

— Source: governor's office

Idaho will suffer economically and face "catastrophic results."

"We estimate hundreds, possibly thousands of jobs could be created if the Legislature decides to pass what the governor has brought forth," he said.

Asked for his reaction to the proposals, House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, said "Let the discussion begin — formally."

Legislators are expected to introduce their own proposals for new highway revenue over the next couple of weeks. A recent audit of the ITD found it heavily underfunded, lacking a statewide strategy and without adequate measures for the success of its projects.

Otter said discussing other ideas is healthy, and ultimately the agreement could be better than what he's asking for.

Under Otter's proposal,

new revenue would still be funneled to local governments but the state portion would go to a new fund for lawmakers' monitoring, his aides said when the bills were introduced.

But ITD officials said during the meeting the fund could broadly be used for items such as snow plows to maintenance, which drew skepticism among several lawmakers.

"That's a concern," said Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, a former chairman of the state transportation board, said. "There aren't any sideboards." Meanwhile, minority Democrats were cool to Otter's proposal, citing the economic downturn and also wanting to see a local-option taxing authority bill.

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SIRCOMM

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The dispatch center handles more than 40 police, fire and EMS agencies — everything in Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Twin Falls counties except for the city of Twin Falls' police and fire departments. Law enforcement officials, including Gooding Sheriff Shaun Gough and Jerome Sheriff Doug McFall, say they haven't been too affected by problems. But fire and EMS units relied heavily on the missing channels, which served as "tactical" channels for car-to-car and on-scene communication.

Shearman said he's working with a company to essen-

tially rebuild the outdated pre-amps, creating a temporary patch for the system. The good news is he just has to make it a couple more years on his last 13 backups for the primary channels — the federal government is requiring all dispatchers across the country to upgrade to new digital systems by the end of 2012.

He steered clear of criticizing the practices of his predecessors — though he said he'd like the new pre-amps to have meters in them rather than the low- and high-power indicators.

"We still would have been in this situation no matter

what," he said regarding better measurements in the past.

A prototype of the new pre-amps should be available this week or next for testing, Shearman said, after which he'll talk to the four county commissions about the next steps and costs. The primary systems will be tested monthly to measure their decline. And he said he believes he'll continue to help one of the best dispatch systems in the country at a time when it's needed.

"The fact is, when economic times are bad, that's when our system will be tested most," he said.

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Salmon	83%	56%
Big Wood	75%	52%
Little Wood	80%	54%
Big Lost	80%	51%
Little Lost	85%	54%
Henrys Fork/Teton	81%	55%
Upper Snake Basin	93%	63%
Oakley	81%	58%
Salmon Falls	96%	66%

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



Don't ask me
Steve Crump

Mr. Crump, Thin Mints on Line 2

Just in case you're running out of things to worry about, you should know that there's an ethics crisis brewing surrounding the sale of Girl Scout cookies.

It's perhaps the worst-kept secret in the world that parents of the 3.7 million Girl Scouts worldwide sell more than their share of Thin Mints, Do-Si-Dos, Trefoils, Tagalongs, Samoas, Daisy-Go-Rounds, Thanks-A-Lots, Lemon Chalet Cremes, Sugar-Free Chocolate Chips, Dulce de Leche and Lemonades. And they do so, by and large, in their workplaces.

This has prompted some employers to create rules against charitable solicitations at the office, according to CNN.

I have problems with that policy on two levels.

First, if your social skills are so weak that you can't politely say, "Thanks, but no," to a cookie-pushing colleague, then you belong in a monastery, not a workplace.

And in the second place, I can't do without my annual fix of Girl Scout Cookies.

Thin Mints, specifically. They're more addictive than reruns of "Ren and Stimpy."

But being a sophisticated, health-conscious 57-year-old guy, I can't admit to buying Thin Mints for myself. They've always got to be for my wife and step-daughters.

Yet when my order arrives, I always dash furtively out to my car and gobble down three boxes in one sitting.

Unfortunately, Thin Mints leave behind clear evidence. Chocolate in the corners of your mouth and slathered down the front of your sweater are tell-tale clues, as are fingerprints on your computer keyboard.

Some Girl Scout troops nowadays sell cookies from booths they set up in front of supermarkets on Saturdays.

My wife and I always go grocery shopping together.

While she's standing there, I can't exactly empty my wallet and say, "Gimme all your Thin Mints, and do it now." I have to slip back outside while Victoria is in the store.

"Oh, honey!" I'll proclaim. "We forgot hummus! I'll go get some."

Alas, my wife is hip. "Freeze, Chocolate Lips!" she'll retort. "I knew exactly what you've got in mind, and it's not mashed chick-peas."

I've even resorted to staging collisions with other shopping carts in the produce section so I can steal away in the ensuing confusion and score Thin Mints. Last time that happened, my wife asked the assistant manager of the store to follow me outside.

"Sir, your wife needs you to step away from the cookie table," he said evenly.

So you see why I can't do without Girl Scout cookie sales in the workplace: I can't do without Girl Scout cookies.

And I'm sorry to say the scouts deliver Thin Mints directly to your house these days.

You know — where your wife lives too.

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Buhl to explore new option for removing arsenic

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The city of Buhl continues to explore every possible cost-cutting option for a project needed to meet Environmental Protection Agency arsenic regulations for drinking water.

On Feb. 5 representatives for the city and Forsgren Engineers sat down with officials from the Twin Falls Department of Environmental Quality branch for a telephone conference with Boise DEQ.

The agenda included Buhl's possible use of time-weighted averaging in meet-

ing the 10 parts per billion arsenic level mandated by the feds and enforced by EPA.

DEQ Water Quality Division Administrator Barry Burnell, from the Boise office, said due to arsenic levels present in each of Buhl's wells, the averaging method may not be a viable solution.

"There is not a lot of room in wells one and five to be doing time-weighted averaging," Burnell said.

Buhl's well No. 1 has, on average, the lowest arsenic levels but has been tested at 10 ppb. The next lowest well ranges from 5 to 10 ppb. The

remaining two wells have tested from 5 to 20 ppb.

Theoretically, the averaging method should blend water from municipalities' water sources, mixing water with the highest arsenic levels with water with the least amount of arsenic present. The end result — compliance — would be achieved when water delivered to users remains at or below 10 ppb.

Even with time-weighted averaging, Buhl's water may still have too much arsenic but the city is going to conduct more testing before giving up on the idea.

The method could be

used if Buhl uses water from one year-round well and three that run primarily in the summer, a situation that could swing the numbers game into the city's favor.

Burnell said it would be a "tricky and limited scenario" where averaging would work.

Anything that could help save users, now faced with a minimum monthly utility bill of \$150, is worth looking into it, said resident and activist Bill Chisholm.

"We need to try and figure out how to hold costs back,"

said Chisholm.

In the meantime Buhl will monitor and record ongoing arsenic levels in each of its wells and present that data to DEQ for final consensus.

"We need to do whatever we can to reduce the costs to the end users but I reiterate ... compliance is our goal. It always has and always will be," said Buhl Engineer Scott Bybee.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY Monday arraignments

Joseph W. Boozer, 20, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, provide false information, minor in possession of alcohol; \$300 bond; public defender appointed; not guilty plea; March 3 pretrial
Derik James Johnson, 22, Twin Falls; DUI, open container; \$1,500 bond; public defender appointed; not guilty plea; March 3 pretrial
George L. Castillo, 31, Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia; March 3 pretrial; \$500 bond
George L. Castillo, 31, Twin Falls; trafficking in methamphetamine, concealment of evidence; \$75,000 bond; public defender appointed

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Minidoka Co. teen drivers involved in weekend accidents

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

Two Minidoka County teenage drivers involved in separate accidents this weekend escaped uninjured along with their passengers.

Armando Tapia, 18, of Heyburn was driving Mabel Tapia's 2005 Mitsubishi Lancer at 100 W. 400 S. near Paul at 8:28 p.m. on Saturday when he crashed the car into a telephone pole, according to a Minidoka County Sheriff's report.

According to the report

Tapia told a deputy that he looked down to grab his cell phone and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle then went off the left side of the road and hit a power pole.

Tapia did not sustain any apparent injuries and was not transported to the hospital, the report said.

Tapia was wearing his seat belt when the incident occurred and the airbags in the car were activated.

In a separate incident, Ethan Goffinet, 16, of Rupert, was driving a 1992 Pontiac Grand Am belonging to Larry

Goffinet, of Rupert, when he apparently failed to maintain his lane during a turn at the intersection of North Overland Avenue and Seventh Street in North Burley at 6:30 p.m., Friday.

Goffinet sideswiped a 1995 Honda Civic owned by Laurie Park and driven by Jessica Park, 20, according to a Minidoka County Sheriff's report.

According to the report, both vehicles were waiting for the stop light to change on opposite sides of Overland. When the signal changed

both vehicles turned north onto Overland and Goffinet's vehicle collided with Park's vehicle.

They both traveled about one mile before they pulled off the road. No injuries were

reported for either driver. Park's passengers — Austin Smith, 12, of Burley and Dallas Smith, 11, of Burley — were also uninjured during the crash.

All occupants of both vehi-

cles were wearing seat belts. The report did not indicate that any citations were issued.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Have your say on cell tower proposal for Galena Summit

The Sawtooth National Forest is seeking public comments on a proposal to change the visual quality objective to protect a site on Galena Summit where a cell phone tower has been proposed. For more on this change, see the Feb. 9 edition of the *Times-News*.

The comment period started Monday and runs for 30 days. Written comments regarding the proposed tower can be sent to: Sawtooth National Forest, Attn: Galena Communication Site Project, 2647 Kimberly Road E., Twin Falls, ID 83301. They can also be hand-delivered between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; e-mailed to comments-intern-tn-sawtooth@fs.fed.us; or given orally during normal business hours. For more: Jackie Richter, 208-737-3247.

A presentation by the Idaho Tower Co., the developer of the tower, is planned for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Wood River YMCA Community Room, 101 Saddle Road in Ketchum. For more from the company, including a depiction of the tower site: <http://gale-nastealthtower.com/>

Mayor's downtown memorial discussion on Feb. 19

A new public meeting to discuss the mayor's initiative proposals will be held at 7 p.m., Feb. 19 with Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow. The initiative discussion will be held at city hall chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

The emphasis of the meeting will be to discuss ideas for the possibility of a memorial plaza that incor-

porates veterans' service in the historic downtown area. The public is encouraged to attend.

Members of the public can learn more by going to www.tfid.org to find a town hall schedule and information on various projects. Also available are renderings of a possible plaza by local artist Rick Kuhn.

Idaho Power warns of imposters' phone calls

Idaho Power Co. officials are warning customers to watch out for fraudulent telephone calls regarding their bills.

The fake callers identify themselves as Idaho Power representatives, speak quickly and say the customer's utility payment is

overdue, Spokeswoman Stephanie McCurdy said Monday. The callers threaten to turn the power off if the customer doesn't supply a bank account or credit card number immediately.

The calls are not from the company and do not follow its procedure for collecting overdue payments, McCurdy said. Idaho Power first sends a collection notice by mail and also does not turn off electrical services on the weekend.

Customers who receive such a call, are concerned about their service or are having trouble paying bills should call 208-388-2323. More information on payment options can be found at <http://www.idahopower.com>; click on "Customer Service."

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Robert James Trogia, 37, Twin Falls; three counts of burglary; \$75,000 bond; public defender appointed; Feb. 23 preliminary hearing
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Games bring nations together

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

The New Zealanders were amazed by the pine trees that climbed to the top of Bald Mountain — something they don't see on the bald volcanoes they ski on.

And, in turn, the Americans were amazed by the Irishmen's tales of skiing on grass and brush.

The Wood River Valley and the rest of the world have come together thanks to a host program in which valley residents opened their homes to about 150 Special Olympics athletes and coaches for the World Winter Games.

Athletes involved in the program in the Sun Valley area came from Peru, Finland, Liechtenstein and other locales.

Willa McLaughlin, of Ketchum, said she couldn't wait to get involved after attending one of the first Special Olympics winter games 33 years ago in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

"Having the athletes here in our homes made me realize it's a small, small world," she said. "And I'm very proud of our community — everyone's stepped up and opened their hearts to these athletes."

In the days leading up to the games, hosts like McLaughlin took guests on the cross-country ski trails, skied with them on Dollar Mountain, took in the view from the top of Bald Mountain and accompanied them on horse-drawn sleigh rides.

Wood River High School Sophomore Ashton Lupton organized a dinner for the 17 New Zealanders the Girl Scouts hosted, along with nearly 100 Girl Scouts as part of her quest to earn a Congressional Medal.



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Ashton Lupton, left, who organized a hamburger feed for 17 New Zealanders and nearly 100 Girl Scouts, takes a breather with Special Olympic athlete Benjamin Southern and Dakota Barnes. Barnes, a Wood River High School sophomore, organized a dinner and breakfast for more than 100 Final Leg Torch Run participants.

Joanna Donovan, of New Zealand, described how those in the North Island had to drive nearly four hours to their "ski fields," where they stay in huts that their club owns.

When the volcano they ski on erupted in 1995 and 1996, it kept them off the ski slopes for a year.

"We're excited about the snow here — you have so much more than we ever get," she said, adding that it's summer in New Zealand now. "And everyone is so friendly."

Cindy Kirk agonized over what to feed her New Zealand houseguests, ultimately settling on kiwi fruit and Idaho potatoes, among other things.

Guest Duncan Sheffield thanked her by taking out the trash — his assignment at home.

"He's also followed me around, shutting all the cabinets behind me. I need someone like that in my life," she said. "This has been an awe-

some experience. I love learning about different cultures. And now we have friends to cheer on the ski slopes."

Heyburn to discuss animal control, park usage, subdivisions

Times-News

The Heyburn City Council will discuss animal control, the use of the Riverside Park for a fundraiser and two subdivisions during tonight's meeting.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Heyburn City Hall, 941 18th St. and is open to the public.

Minidoka County Commissioner Bob Moore will visit the

council to discuss animal control.

Darrell McCall will present a proposal to the council seeking permission use the Riverside Park for a Disabled American Veterans fundraiser.

The council will discuss Darr Moon's overview of the new Elk Meadows subdivision and Roy Belnap will meet with the council about the Blue River Estates and the walking path.

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Glenn E. Roach

Glenn E. Roach, 86, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, at Twin Falls Care Center. The Lord called Glenn home to join in family celebration with his wife of 64 years, his parents and two brothers for all eternity.



Glenn was born the second son of Harold and Catherine Glenn Roach on March 28, 1922, in Flint, Mich. He attended elementary school in Flint before moving with his family to Detroit, where his father became employed with GMC Corp. He recalled making a family vacation trip into Canada and how disappointed he was to realize that Canada looked a lot like Michigan. He graduated from high school in 1940 at the age of 17. His love of racecars and motorcycles took him on a summer journey across the United States. As a teenager, Glenn delivered newspapers and earned a savings.

With the help of his father, he was able to purchase a new, large, fully dressed Harley for \$200. He recalled that he couldn't start the bike with the kick starter, so he had a push starter installed. With \$50 in his pocket, a bed roll and a map, he set out to see America. He worked at each opportunity for food, sometimes a hotel, or gasoline that cost 20 cents a gallon. Glenn also recalled a time when traveling in the Southwest, that he was hit in the head with a June bug and knocked off his bike onto a sand dune resulting in two black eyes. His journey took him across the northern part of the United States to Washington, south to California, east again to

Mississippi, and then north to Michigan. It was the beginning of his love to travel.

Glenn enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1942. He did his basic training in Texas as a tail gunner on a B-17 fighter plane. His tour of duty took him to Europe, India, parts of the Orient and Africa. He recalled the heat of Africa, the hunger in India, the beauty of Calcutta, the romance of France. He was honored with many medals that were a testimony of his courage as a soldier in battle. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Aerial Medal and Victory in Europe Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-Middle East Campaign Medal and the Purple Heart. He told of being hit many times by enemy mortar and crash landing once in France and once in the English Channel. His injuries were minor, but he vividly recalls the fear of death. He was sent to Mountain Home Air Force Base to finish his tour of duty, and there he met the love of his life, Myrna Hammer, in a roller skating rink next to the U.S.O. Club.

Glenn and Myrna were married in 1942 and lived in the Mountain Home area until his discharge from the military in 1946. He then took his lovely bride to the Oregon Coast, where he fell in love with the ocean on his motorbike tour. He worked at several jobs, driving taxi and shuttles when he became employed with Greyhound/Trailways Bus Company. In 1950 he was offered the position of district manager of Greyhound in the Twin Falls area. Glenn and Myrna came to Idaho to be closer to her family. Upon leaving Greyhound, Glenn accepted the position of parts clerk with Reed

Tractor and Implement, later to become Burke's. At this job, Glenn found his calling and worked there for 23 years. He retired in 1999. Following his retirement, he did odd jobs and again found a place that was just what he needed. He became the bus driver/janitor for the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center in 2001. These were happy times for Glenn and he was able to care for his ailing wife until her death in 2003.

Glenn found a new companion in a special dog named "Danny." When it became apparent that he needed to find other housing, he found love and a home on the south side of town near a surrogate daughter, Jacque Whiting and her husband. Here he and Danny lived and worked with the watchful eye of his new found daughter. Glenn fell and broke a hip in November of 2007, from which he never fully recovered. He moved into Twin Falls Care Center where he lived until the time of his death.

He is survived by an adopted son, Robert Evan Roach of Texas; surrogate daughter, Jacque (Glade) Whiting of Twin Falls; two sisters-in-law, Esther Montgomery of Meridian and Betty Hammer of Nampa; five nieces; and nine nephews.

Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made in Glenn's name to Twin Falls Senior Center, P.O. Box 23, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

A graveside inurnment service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at Twin Falls Cemetery, with military honors. Pastor Jerry Kester will officiate. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Robert (Bob) Houston Downing

Robert (Bob) Houston Downing, cherished husband, father, and "Gramps," passed away due to congestive heart failure Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, surrounded by family at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Boise at the age of 86.



Bob was born in Jerome in December of 1922. He graduated from Jerome High School and worked on the family farm until he joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1943. He was part of a 1st Marine Division Artillery Unit in New Caledonia (among other combat areas) before returning home in 1946. Upon returning, Bob married his childhood sweetheart, Glendoris (Doris) Cocannouer, and together they raised their daughter, Donna, in Twin Falls. Bob went to work for the U.S. Postal Service in 1947 until

his retirement in 1980 at the age of 53. After "retirement," he never slowed down. He had many part-time jobs, the last one being at Middlekauff Ford, until Bob and Doris moved to Boise in November 2007.

Bob spent the last 17 years volunteering in many positions for American Legion Post 7. He was membership chairman for five years, getting 100 percent membership while procuring donations for the annual food convoy to the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise. He volunteered at St. Luke's Hospital in Twin Falls and enjoyed his "Mall-Walkers" group each morning. His much-loved charity was Camp Rainbow Gold, a camp for children with cancer. He drove children from the Magic Valley area to camp each year. Bob received many awards, both military and civic, including the Spirit of Freedom Award presented by Sen. Crapo in 2006. Bob was the most caring, devoted and patriotic

man anyone could ever have had the honor of knowing. We will miss him dearly!

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Doris of 63 years; daughter, Donna Christensen (Jim Jenkins); his pride and joy grandsons, Jeff and Evan Christensen, all of Boise; sisters, Gladys Towne of Ely, Nev., Deloris Towne (Ralph) of Dietrich and Velma Wageman (Harold) of Boise; sisters-in-law, Barbara Brewster of Filer and Ineta Downing of Boise; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends dear to him. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Eulalie Downing; brothers, Clair and Earl Downing; brothers-in-law, Sherm Brewster and William Towne; and his sister-in-law, Edith Downing.

A memorial service is pending in the spring at the Idaho Veterans Cemetery in Boise. Donations can be made to ACS Camp Rainbow Gold, 2676 Vista Ave., Boise ID 83705.

George Duncan Steele

HOLLISTER — George Duncan Steele, 83, of Hollister, passed away Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.



He was born March 21, 1925, in Co w l e y , Wyo., to Don and Maggi (Ulrich) Steele. He grew up in Rangely, Colo. He married Rosetta Moore and to this union, three daughters and one son were born.

During his career in construction, George ran a bulldozer and through hard work and dedication he was able to help complete many large-scale projects. This chosen line of work gave the family many opportunities to move around and get to know several different cities.

George has always loved the outdoors and in his

younger years enjoyed the excitement of not only watching but participating in the rodeo. He loved fishing, camping, animals and of course, his family and children. Dad showed us how to live and was a great example of service. He devoted his life to helping others.

George is survived by his daughters, Georgia (Roger) Cook of Idaho Falls, Roseanna (Robert A.) McBride of Hollister, Debra (Jesse R.) Kindred of Kimberly; 12 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Rosetta; son, Dean George Steele; and his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Condolences may be made at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

Soap actor Phil Carey dies, 83

NEW YORK (AP) — Phil Carey, best known for his role as business tycoon Asa Buchanan in the ABC soap opera "One Life to Live," has died. He was 83.

Carey died at his New York City home Friday following a battle with lung cancer, according to ABC network officials.

"His presence will always be a part of 'One Life to Live,'" said Frank Valentini, the show's executive producer. "The best way to describe Phil was bigger than life. Like Asa, he possessed an undeniable quality that drew you to him."

Born Eugene Joseph Carey on July 15, 1925, in Hackensack, N.J., Carey began his film career with a part in "Operation Pacific," starring John Wayne.

Former IRS chief who clashed with Nixon dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former IRS Commissioner Donald C. Alexander, who clashed with President Richard Nixon over attempts to use tax information against political enemies, has died. He was 87.

Alexander died of cancer last Tuesday, according to the law firm where he was a partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP.

He served as Internal Revenue Service commissioner from 1973 to 1977. In an 1999 article in the publication Tax Notes, Alexander mentioned his decision to disband the IRS's Special Service Staff because, "political or social views, 'extremist' or otherwise, are irrelevant to taxation."

"The evening of the same day, President Nixon made his first attempt to fire me," Alexander wrote.

Mag Merkley Morrow

GOODING — Mag Merkley Morrow, 70, formerly of Gooding, passed away peacefully Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at her home in Twin Falls with her family at her side.



Mag was born June 5, 1938, in Montpelier, to Max and Gwen Reeder Merkley. Mag was raised in Twin Falls with her brother, Ron, and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1956. On Feb. 18, 1959, she married Don C. Morrow, and they made their life together in Twin Falls; Sparks, Nev.; and moved to Gooding in 1973. Mag and Don owned and operated several businesses in Gooding, and she accompanied Don on many trips during his tenure as mayor of Gooding and Gooding County commissioner. Our Mom was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and the best friend you could have. Her greatest joy was being surrounded by her children and grandchildren and being involved in their many activities. Her

smiling face, cheerful attitude and constant encouragement will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Mag is survived by her sons, Bart (Marcy) Morrow of Gooding and Nathan Morrow of Twin Falls; grandchild-

dren, Chelsea Morrow and Gretchen Morrow, both of Twin Falls, and Andrew Jensen of Gooding and Jared Jensen, both of North Pole, Alaska. Mag was preceded in death by her husband, Don; her parents and a brother.

Special thanks to Dr. John Gies, Aspen Grove Hospice and, most especially, Jeannie Benson, Don and Mae's hospice nurse and dear friend.

Mae's wishes were that no viewing or service be held. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mae's name to Gooding Hospital Foundation or a charity of choice.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.



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LeAnn Neibaur Black

ALMO — Verna LeAnn Firth Neibaur Black died in her home in Almo on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, after a long fight with the ovarian cancer that took her from us. She was surrounded by her loving family and friends and was able to look out her window on the mountains that she loved so much in life. She will be sadly missed.



LeAnn was born in Brigham City, Utah, in the year 1951, to Verna Lucille and John Ray Firth. She was the second of seven children. For the first eight years of her life, she lived at her family's ranch in Lynn, Utah, moving with her family to a farm in Tremonton, Utah, when the Lynn school closed. After high school, she earned a degree in elementary education from Utah State University. She then taught first grade for a year in Malta, before marrying, at the age of 23, William "Bill" Grant Neibaur.

Bill and LeAnn farmed on the north side of Paul and raised a family of five children, more than a few dogs, litters of kittens, horses and cattle on the farm and at their ranch in Lynn, Utah. Between the farm and the ranch, LeAnn and Bill enjoyed lives full of work, laughter and love. Following the loss of Bill to cancer, LeAnn paused for a time in Heyburn before moving to Almo, where she married Jay Black.

LeAnn was a collector. A collector of horses, both robust and frail, she would never sell a horse simply because it had become old or lame. She gathered an ensemble of cows (many with ancestral lines that LeAnn could relay decades back). She was a collector of arrowheads, wild flowers and green Lynn, Utah, rocks. She amassed an extensive anthology of antiques, trinkets and items that "just may have an important use at a later date."

She was an accumulator of friends — nursery children, nieces and nephews, neighbors from the farm and neighbors from the mountains, her church community and family members, both old and new, and perhaps her favorite collection was her grandchildren from both the Neibaur and Black families. LeAnn was a rider. She could get on any horse in the valley and have them perform their best for her. She was our very own horse whisperer. If they were stubborn, stinkers, lazy or just plain bullheaded, all she had to do was talk to them, be gentle with them and they would come around and do anything she asked.

LeAnn was a fencer. On hot summer days, she'd climb onto a horse, fencing pliers in hand, staples in saddlebag and head to the hills above her ranch to mend the fences. The enterprise of fencing is an act of singular futility — winter snows bend the posts and weather away the soil, animals brush up against the wires, stressing the lines beyond their limits. The lines

break. Wires snap and fall and lie and rust. And in their absence, the cattle tromp about with neither aim nor order, mawing whatsoever thing they encounter, be it feed or poison. Her penchant for fencing showed two of her more endearing characteristics — a stubborn determination despite the odds stacked against her, and a cheerful, unshakable hope that her actions could make a difference. Often, they did.

LeAnn was a fighter. When told that a woman couldn't run a ranch, she fought to build a large beautiful estate. She put her heart, soul and sweat into the Lynn ranch and it was very precious to her. When told that she had ovarian cancer and the survival rate, she fought it with all her might and was able to live in remission for several years before it returned. Even in the last few weeks, she fought the cancer long enough so that her children, grandchildren, siblings and husband knew how much they were loved and how special they were to her. Her feisty spirit will be something carried with us and passed down with love to our next generation.

LeAnn was an example. She had patience with unruly Cub Scouts, pre-adolescent Beehives and nursery children. She was an example of stubbornness or, perhaps to be better worded as diligence through her work ethic, by sticking with her family and friends through difficult times and to her religious convictions. To be blunt, if she believed in something, she never gave up — she just did not know how to quit. She was a good person — as uncomplicated and straightforward as that.

LeAnn was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Neibaur; her father, Ray Firth; her dear animal friends, Sadie, Puzzle, Dallie, Shadow and Echo; her good dog, Trudy; and her best horse, Lucky.

She is survived by her mother, Lucille; her brothers and sisters; her children, Kimberly LeAnn Shaw, Jessica Claire Rowe, Adrienne Lynn Byington, Heather Rae Smurthwaite, and Jared William Neibaur; and her husband, Jay Black.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St. in Paul, with Bishop Michael Spencer officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

The family suggests that memorial contributions in her memory be directed to the Almo Elementary School, for use in continuing the education of the children she loved so dearly. Donations may be directed to any D.L. Evans Bank, Almo Elementary School PTO account.

For all of the help from family and friends, we are indescribably grateful. Thank you.

Robert A. Ramsey

BURLEY — Robert "Bob" Andrew Ramsey, 82, of Burley, passed away peacefully with his family gathered around him Monday, Feb. 9, 2009.



He was born Jan. 15, 1927, in Marion, the son of William "Bill" Ramsey and Lucina S. Freestone. Bob began elementary school in Marion and moved to Burley in the second grade. He graduated from Burley High School in 1945 and was immediately drafted into military service. He served in the Army at the Walter Reed Medical Center, making artificial limbs for amputees. After his military service, he worked for Stevenson's, a local heating and pump service for nine years. At that time, a local attorney, Norman Nielson, encouraged Bob to start his own business. So in the basement of his home in August of 1957, Ramsey Heating and Electric began and has continued for more than 52 years.

Bob and Lillie Shill were married at a double ceremony with his brother, Bill, and Glenna Loveless on March 27, 1948. Bob and Lillie's marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple on April 11, 1956. Six children blessed their marriage. Bob was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving twice as bishop and in many other local, stake and regional capacities. Bob and Lillie served together for two years in the Logan Temple. He loved

the Boy Scouts of America. He was a Scout, Scoutmaster, attended Wood Badge national training, was president of the Snake River Area Council and, in 1984, was honored with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award presented by a Boy Scout council.

In his youth, Bob played many sports and, in later years, he attended most of the local sports and followed many of the college and professional teams. When he was not at a ball game, you would likely find him hunting or fishing with his family. His generosity and kindness were his greatest assets. His passing will leave a great void in the family and in the community.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie; and their six children, Robert L. (Eileen), Keith (Beverly), Wayne (Sherma), Glenn (Rita), Ron and Janet, all of Burley; his brother, Lloyd (Betty) Ramsey of Heyburn; 42 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Rulon, Donald and Bill Ramsey.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop Lonnie W. Downs officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery, with military rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, and from 12:30 until 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS Stake Center. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Bette Rae Beard Crist

Our sister and aunt, Bette Rae Beard Crist, passed away at her home on Feb. 6, 2009.

Bette was born Jan. 22, 1951, to Joseph and Beth M. Beard and was brought home to the family homestead near Hazelton. She attended schools in Hazelton and Hailey and graduated from Filer High School in 1969. She then attended Rick's College. She enjoyed time in the mountains camping with family. Bette was known for her cooking and sewing skills. In addition to being a licensed Realtor in the state of California, Bette worked at various local businesses as a secretary and bookkeeper. We will fondly

remember her in her 1965 Ford Fastback Mustang as an outgoing, beautiful, young girl so full of life, smiling at everyone she met.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Sligar (Rockey); brothers, Dan Beard (Joy), Rick Beard (Freda) and Matt Beard (Leesa); and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and great-nephew, Owen Joseph Beard; and two husbands, Ron Emery and Keith Crist.

A graveside service will be held at noon Thursday, Feb. 12, at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Michael C. Brierley

Michael C. Brierley, age 60, went home to be in his Father's loving arms Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009.



Mike was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle and an a m a z i n g friend to all that knew him. He will be greatly missed by all. Mike was born Dec. 20, 1948, in Yakima, Wash., to Janine and Leo Joseph Brierley. Mike spent his childhood in Denver, Colo., and the remaining part of his life in southern Idaho. He married Patty on Jan. 30, 1987. He became a loving stepfather to Beth and was a wonderful father to Jessie.

Mike loved spending time in the outdoors. He truly respected its beauty and serenity. He was always accompanied by his family and friends. He spent countless hours with his brother, Danny, exploring the desert west of the Salmon Dam. He loved to camp, fish and hike. But he also loved to be still with God's creations in nature. One of his favorite pastimes was watching the hawks soar on the wind or the birds eat from outside of his dining room window. He was always awed by God's creations, and he shared that love with his family. He also loved to take pictures of the places he would go and he always loved to take the "long way" in getting there.

Mike worked for the postal service for 39 years. He brought so much joy to those he delivered mail to and worked with. He played a very active role in his community and church. He was the first to go visit people in the hospital and the first to lend a helping hand. He had a very special way with the elderly and those who were disabled. He had a sincere love for the human spirit. He was the conductor of many family barbecues and was a strong supporter of his daughters, nieces and nephews with their school events. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face. Mike served his country in the Vietnam War. He was awarded three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and numerous commendation medals.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Danny Brierley; his sister-in-law, Sandy Brierley; his father, Joseph

Brierley; his grandmothers and grandfathers; his fellow combatant, Michael Murphy; along with many extended family members in the United States and Belgium. He is survived by his wife, Pat; his daughters, Beth and Jessie; his mother and stepfather, Nane and Dan Jacob; his brother, Steve; his three sisters, Sheila, Maureen and Kate; his stepbrother, Tom; his three step-sisters, Susie, Laura and Kathy; his Aunt Francine, along with many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and his innumerable friends.

We will miss Mike on this earth, but we are greatly comforted that he has found peace and is at home with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 400 Irene St. in Kimberly, with Pastor Bryon Sunderman officiating. Burial will follow at the Mathers Family Cemetery south of Kimberly, with military rites by the Idaho National Guard. Friends may call from noon until the time of the service Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to the Mike Brierley Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made to any branch of Farmers National Bank or at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142 Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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Wayne L. Hayden of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS 2nd and 4th Ward Church; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

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

Barbara Marie Durfee Ward (Chandler) of Terrebonne, Ore., and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS 1st Ward Chapel (Burley LDS West Stake Center); visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Nelda Jean Boyer of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Hagerman Cemetery (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Harlan Ray Wolters of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road.

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

Dorothy Hepworth Toombs of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls LDS 14th Ward Chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W.; visitation from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Anna Vera Bigler Wickel Preston of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley

LDS 2nd Ward Chapel; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary and one hour before the funeral Thursday at the church.

Dianne Kay Bolt of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; memorial service at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Nancy Leona (Boehme) Marron of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, with rosary following, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Janis Mary Woodbridge of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before the funeral Friday at the mortuary; graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Carey Cemetery in Carey.

Mary Louise Wurst of Mount Angel, Ore., Catholic Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey (Wood River Funeral Chapel in Hailey).

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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Clancy Carter
 Clancy Carter, Manager of the Twin Falls cemetery and Head Cemeterian has been with the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory and Twin Falls Cemetery for the past 11 years. He opens or supervises the opening of every grave, keeps records of the cemetery and oversees personally a wide variety of operations that involve the day-to-day maintenance of running the Cemetery. Clancy is one of our most valuable employees at Parke's Funeral Home. Clancy and his wife, Tara and sons Kyle and Cameron live in Twin Falls. They are very happy to call Twin Falls and the Magic Valley home. Clancy grew up in Buhl and has lived in this area for close to 20 years. He is one of the people you will see, if you ever have a need and he generally works every service at the funeral home in one capacity or another. We at Parke's feel blessed to have Clancy as part of our funeral home family.

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DEATH NOTICES

Lisa Round

Lisa Round, 41, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2009, in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; no public viewing.

Stanford L. Neal

NAMPA — Stanford Louis Neal of Nampa and formerly of Gooding, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, in the Boise Veteran's Hospital.

A service was held Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the Nampa LDS 23rd Ward Chapel (Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa).

George W. Stapleton

George Wesley Stapleton, 88, of Twin Falls, died

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at the Stoney Creek Assisted living Center.

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

Marilyn Cox

Marilyn Cox, 62, of Fairfield, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Wayne Evans

Wayne Evans, 71, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

OPINION

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"We can't expect immediate results. We have to be patient."
 — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, on the effectiveness of the government's efforts to foster liquidity in financial markets

EDITORIAL

A state government that can't shoot straight

Primum non nocere. Most newly minted physicians in the United States take that oath. It's Latin, and it means "First, do no harm."

It ought to be required of Idaho public officials as well.

On Monday, the Idaho Tax Commission said workers laid off in December because of 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 their jobs at the agency. Layoffs, mandatory furloughs, reduced wages and operating cost reductions saved the tax commission just over \$1.1 million.

Do the math: That's crazy. Some lawmakers have complained that the tax commission sacrificed precious Idaho state government revenue in a still-spiraling recession.

Royce Chigbrow, chairman of the commission, admitted 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, Chigbrow said.

Oh, they were avoidable all right. The governor or Wayne Hammon, Otter's budget director, could have said, "This doesn't make sense. Let's do something else."

The layoffs at the tax commission were part of across-the-board cuts ordered by the governor last year, and to his credit Otter has changed his strategy to targeted cuts.

But now he's got \$6.4 million less to work with, doesn't he?

Last month, this newspaper criticized the governor for recommending a 51 percent reduction in the Idaho Department of Commerce's general fund support, cutting \$2.5 million from a \$4 million program that helps smaller Idaho communities attract businesses that create jobs.

That means fewer grant dollars for places like Burley, Jerome, Rupert and Shoshone. South-central Idaho received almost \$6 million in rural grant money from January 2000 through December 2008.

For example, the city of Burley received \$2.5 million in six grants between 2002 and 2008 to connect city waterlines to businesses such as Dutchman, Kodiak Northwest, Gossner Cheese, Pickett Equipment, Dot Foods and Hy-Line — businesses that have created hundreds of new jobs for the Cassia County area.

Gutting this program is the very definition of being penny wise and pound foolish because this is seed money that actually produces jobs in places that need them.

For the duration of this recession in Idaho, let's declare a moratorium on killing golden geese.

Our view: The Idaho Tax Commission says workers who were laid off in December helped generate \$7.5 million annually, seven times what was saved by the furloughs. Is this any way to run a state government during an economic downturn?

Obama desperately seeking a bully pulpit

WASHINGTON — Once upon a time, America thought Prince Charming would glide in and kiss her, reviving her from a coma induced by a poison apple of greed, deceit, carelessness, recklessness and overreaching. But then the prince got distracted, seeing Lincoln in the mirror, and instead gave the kiss of life to a bunch of flat-lining Republican tax-cut fetishists.



MAUREEN DOWD

Somehow the most well-known person on the planet lost control of the economic message to someone named Eric Cantor.

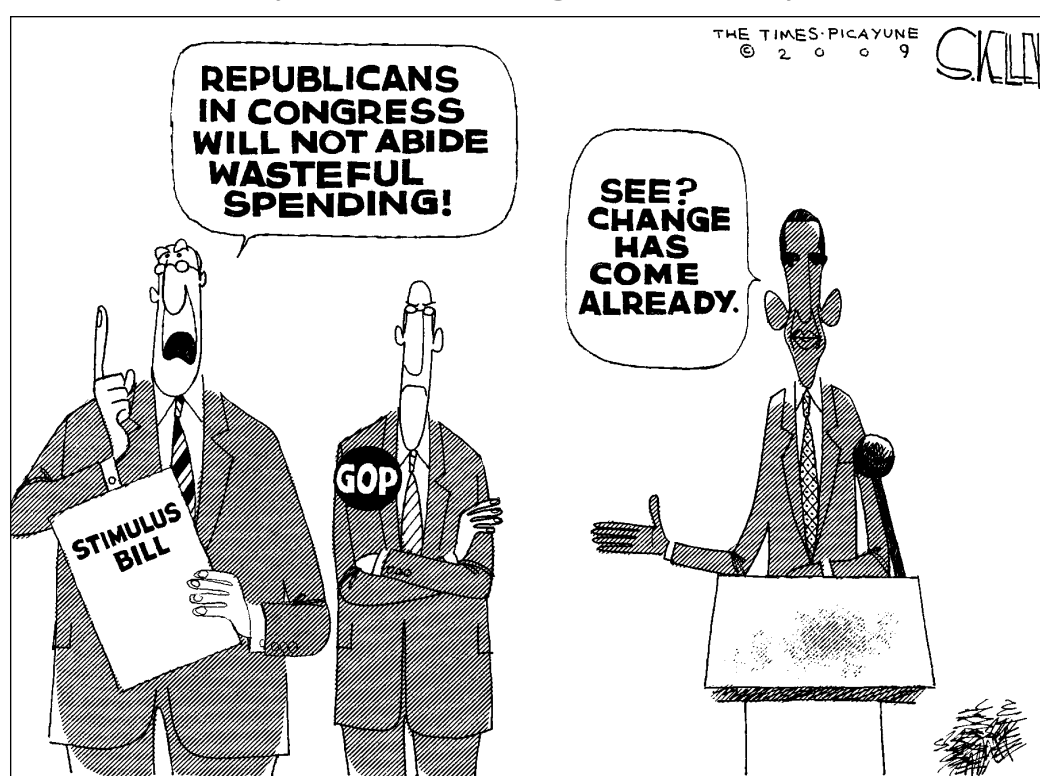
(And Larry Summers ended up making Henry Paulson seem riveting.)

In his first weeks padding around a White House that still has nails on the walls waiting for new pictures, and phone and e-mail kinks, Barack Obama could not locate the bully pulpit and ended up being bullied.

Republicans, pulled out of their existential lethargy and re-energized by the president's charm offensive, immediately mounted an offensive against him. Just as Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York learned the perils of cuddling a groundhog when it bit him, Obama learned the perils of coddling conservatives.

Pete Sessions, a conservative from Waco, Texas, and the chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, warned that they could become an insurgency, having learned more about insurgencies "because of the Taliban."

Obama advisers are right to crow that the president's civility to Republicans will be popular with the public. But the carrot-stick ratio was way out of whack. Obama should have written up a kosher (as in pork-free) bill



that Americans could trust — and Republicans couldn't as easily mock — and jammed it through.

It's a huge, scary moment, with trillions of dollars and millions of jobs flying out the window. Vice President Joe Biden, in another Cassandra moment, told House Democrats that even if the White House does everything right, "there's still a 30 percent chance we'll get it wrong."

The president and his aides seemed a bit snow-blinded by the White House, overwhelmed and slow to understand that they were losing the high ground and the whip hand. They couldn't even get their pick for commerce secretary, the Republican Senator Judd Gregg, to vote for their stimulus bill; he said he would abstain.

Those in the president's circle were too caught up in more narrow concerns, like how their relationships with the president and the capital were shaking out; whether they could breathe on this new planet with the rarefied air of cool planes and helicopters; and whether W.'s mind-boggling mountain of garbage would trash Democratic candidates in 2010 and doom Obama to

one term.

"I would rather do the right thing and have one term than be mediocre and have two," Obama told House Democrats at their Williamsburg retreat on Thursday night. The lawmakers had been feeling disillusioned that they were carrying Obama's water on the bill, while Obama aides triangulated and promised that the bill would "improve" in the Senate.

Nancy Pelosi told her leadership team that she had told the president, "I don't mind you driving the bus over me, but I don't appreciate your backing it up and running over me again and again."

The Obama wizards' tactical skills seemed to desert them. The White House often ends up making its inhabitants tone-deaf (or even nuts), but this was an unusually quick trip into the cognitive third dimension.

Asked what he had learned from the Daschle fiasco, one Obama official replied, "Not to rationalize."

They knew that the choice of Tom Daschle conflicted with the Obama change message, but they preferred to focus on how much the president owed his friend and how good they thought

he would be in the job.

They wanted him because he was the ultimate insider and they lost him because he was the ultimate insider. Now Daschle's punishment for getting too rich with special interests will be to get richer with special interests.

Obama aides call the morass a good wake-up call, and the president seems more aware of how the White House weather can cloud your thinking. Maybe that's why he keeps trying to pop out to get a breath of fresh air — at an elementary school, at the Kennedy Center, at Camp David.

On Friday, a reporter asked Robert Gibbs if the president was already feeling cooped up.

"He's a bit of a restless soul," Gibbs said, laughing. "His idea of a crazy day is to take a long walk."

A long walk where? somebody asked.

"In solitude and isolation," Gibbs replied.

President Obama doesn't need to leave his new home to be isolated. That's the specialty of the White House.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writing to defend Bush and Cheney

I'm always reluctant to write letters to the editor because I don't want to be in that distasteful class of people that do write to the editor.

I'm very disappointed that you would print such raving garbage as you did in the Feb. 5 paper.

President Bush and Vice President Cheney are honorable men who served our nation as best they could and deserve our admiration and respect.

BILL COFFEY
Richfield

'Ol' Al' and the global warming scam

Imagine: Seeing Ol' Al pacing the floor and yanking at his hair in his huge mansion of a house with the heat cranked way up as he tries to figure, with this freezing cold, snowy, icy winter from coast to coast, how to blame it on

Tell us what you think

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global warming. Poor Ol' Al, no one ever told him God is in charge of the weather, not man.

Update: Did you see Al on TV the other night? It was snowing hard in Washington, D.C., while elsewhere terrible ice storms were raging. Millions without electricity, 45 dead and Kentucky had to call out its entire National Guard. Many states affected. What was Al doing? Trying to raise more money for his global warming. More and more scientists are agreeing, Al, no global warming. Sorry, Al, but your glory days and making tons of money on the carbon footprint scam are over. Poor Ol' Al can't seem to win for

long but at least this time he can't blame it on the Republicans.

Now: Everyone, let's continue cleaning the land, air and water of our wonderful world but without the fear of burning up. Hey, Al, a real job for you. Get the worst polluters, China and India, to clean up their pollution. Now that would be a great achievement worthy of glory. God bless America.

RUTH BROWN
Gooding

Opinions offered diverse views without personal attacks

I appreciated the colum-

nists' contributions to the Times-News on Wednesday, Feb. 4. All three expressed diverse points of view intelligently without bashing others in the process. The varied views of Cal Thomas, Paul Krugman and Bob Herbert are important for readers to consider and the reason why I continue to subscribe to a print edition of a gradually shrinking newspaper.

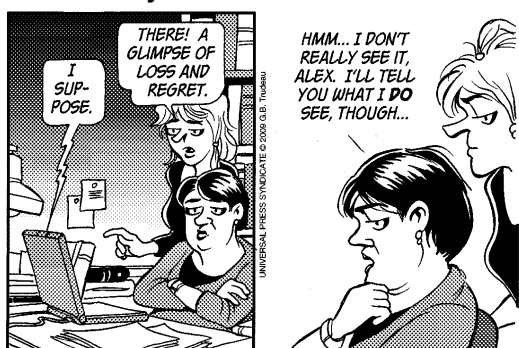
I also appreciated the contributions of the readers who wrote in to the newspaper in a sane manner, and I happen to agree with the points of view shared by Bob Sojka on the Jazz in the Canyon event, Joyce Rucks' thoughts on the temporary stoplight at Washington and North College Road. The opinion shared by Matt Smith is right on, and he always has something of value to share.

Sometimes readers write in and spew vitriol. Those I think shouldn't even be printed.

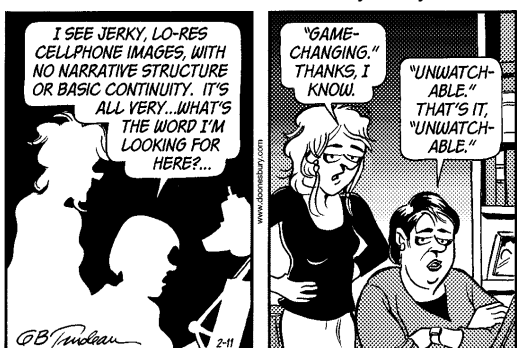
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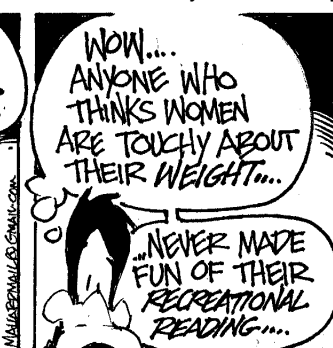
By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Why McDonald's is recession-proof

Perhaps you have noticed: Almost none of America's top corporations are weathering the economic collapse. Not Citigroup, not the car companies, not Starbucks. The oil profiteers are making out — for now — but even Wal-Mart, the economy's lowest common denominator, experienced a recent hiccup.

One company, to invoke Faulknerian hyperbole, has not merely survived, it has prevailed: McDonald's. This must be galling for all you Whole Foodies out there. Yes, McDonald's, lampooned in movies ("Super Size Me" and best-selling books ("Fast Food Nation"). Yes, McDonald's, with the astro-



ALEX BEAM

nomical salt content and the moronic corporate clown, is sweeping all before it.

Why? I invited Len Schlesinger, former Harvard Business School prof and the newly installed president of Babson College, to have lunch with me at McDonald's and explain how the magic works. Schlesinger brings some serious cred to this chow-down.

"Do you come here often?"

is my first question as we rendezvous at the Mickey D's on Route 9 in Natick, Mass. "About once a month," he says. "And always when I'm in transit, on a highway or in an airport. I wouldn't call it a destination." The 56-year-old Schlesinger had a heart attack 15 years ago and generally avoids McDonald's fare for health reasons.

A destination McDonald's is not. This isn't the legendary "third place" that Howard Schultz intended Starbucks to become, a lounging hangout for latte-sipping, MacBook-tapping longhair layabouts. One of my favorite McDonald's, on Soldiers Field Road next to the IHOP, has wireless service, hi-def TV

screens, and even the daily newspapers attached to wooden sticks for your reading pleasure. Even so, I don't hear anyone comparing it to the torporic reading room at the Boston Athenaeum.

So what is Schlesinger going to teach me? "Look at the promotional intensity of the menu," he says, pointing to the brightly lit panels advertising burger and McChicken combos above the cash register. In the economic crisis, outside the store, McDonald's promotes its "Dollar menu," featuring low-cost food. But inside the store, Schlesinger explains, they promote the \$4 to \$6 meal combos with Big Macs and Quarter Pounders.

Why? Because the french fries and fountain drinks make much more money for the company than the rococo burger specials. "Fries and sodas are the high-margin items," Schlesinger explains.

What about the food? Schlesinger invokes his Taco Bell consulting work, back in the day. "The four factors for success were, speed — accuracy of the order, cleanliness, and temperature. People

wanted their food hot, not lukewarm, but not too hot, either. What's the one thing that's not a factor? The taste of the food. When customers walk into a fast food restaurant, they have a pretty broad horizon of acceptability."

"Consistency and value — that's what McDonald's is selling," Schlesinger says. "Not high cuisine."

Alex Beam is a columnist for the Boston Globe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions about the shooting at Woody's Bar

This letter is in regard to the "shooting at Woody's Bar."

The shooting was outside of Woody's. Why did the "shooter" have the gun? Why do people carry guns to a bar? How many people remember the old bars in Twin, such as the Military Inn, The Alley, DJ'S? There were many more; they had all kinds of problems. There were rarely guns used, but there were fights and sometimes knives. But whenever you mix temper and stupidity with drinking, you're going to have problems.

The next thing that I would like to bring up is the letter from Red's Trading Post. First of all, this hasn't been a problem for you for years because you just moved to the building a few months ago. And you knew that it was in the same block of buildings as Woody's. And you got the building from the owner of Woody's. How do you know that the gun used wasn't bought from your place of business?

With the fact that you knew your new building was in an area with bars, why did you

agree to it? You may have taken on the feds, but why was there a problem to start with? Non-compliance with how they wanted things done? We didn't go on a rampage about how you should be closed down.

So how do we know for sure that your guns aren't part of the problem? That is as much of a dumb statement as you acting like this is personally Dave's fault. Remember the old saying, never assume anything. Dave Woodhead has done a lot in that area. He took these old buildings long before any one else was interested in being down there. I think you need to get off your high horse and realize that there will be problems. No matter where you are or who you are.

Here's to you, Dave Woodhead! For the fact that you had the insight to want to do something with those buildings! For the fact that you sold a building to someone who now wants to cause you problems — just because you want to see the bigger picture! You want to bring people to the old part of Twin.

Good luck, Dave.
TAMI BILLMAN
Twin Falls

Honorary commander thanks Mountain Home Air Force Base soldiers

Last year, I was selected to serve in the 2008 Honorary Commander's Program at Mountain Home Air Force Base. As one with zero prior military experience, I have enjoyed very few personal life experiences richer or more fulfilling than this appointment.

The Honorary Commander's Program was designed to increase the public's understanding of the 366th Fighter Wing and Air Force missions by pairing community leaders with the wing's leaders in order to forge new relationships.

Throughout the past year, there were seven formal program events which focused on the wing's different missions and organizations. In addition to those, I also attended a number of optional events sponsored by the squadron I was assigned to. These included various change-of-command ceremonies, live field exercises and holiday dinners.

However, the most powerful and emotional experience of the year for me was a

return-to-base event. I was allowed onto the flight line to welcome and shake the hands of more than 200 airmen who had just landed back in Mountain Home after a long deployment to Iraq.

My participation in the program effectively wound up Jan. 28, the day the base had scheduled my orientation flight aboard an F-15E Strike Eagle. Last August, four of us had been selected to receive flights.

I am still trying to locate the words to describe that flight; unusual for someone who is never generally at a loss for words. Certainly, the best part of that flight was being able to buzz the Wood River Valley, my home for the past 32 years.

It is with a huge debt of gratitude that I convey this small "thank you" to all the fine men and women of the 366th Fighter Wing stationed at Mountain Home. Everyone I met there during the past year bore the highest caliber of professionalism, capability and courage.

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Pot initiative struck down in Hailey

HAILEY (AP) — A judge has thrown out a voter-approved ordinance allowing Hailey residents to use marijuana for medical purposes.

Fifth District Judge Robert Elgee ruled Monday that a provision in the Medical Marijuana Act, an initiative passed by Hailey voters last summer, represents an attempt to pre-empt state law and is therefore illegal, the Idaho Mountain Express reported. The provision, one of three pro-marijuana initiatives passed by voters last year, allowed possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana for use by seriously ill people with a doctor's consent.

Elgee has yet to rule on the other two initiatives, which allow residents to grow marijuana for industrial uses and require Hailey police to make marijuana enforcement a low priority.

Hailey Mayor Rick Davis, Councilman Don Kiern and police Chief Jeff Gunter filed a lawsuit against the city in May, contending the new laws were unconstitutional. Attorney Keith Roark, who was representing the men, argued that Gunter and his officers were sworn to uphold state law — which prohibits the use of marijuana for any reason — and that the police department

would be in danger of losing federal funding if the pro-marijuana ordinances weren't changed. Roark also said the initiatives put the department's other drug enforcement activities in jeopardy.

"The cities and counties are political subdivisions of the state," Roark said. "No law of cities can conflict with state law. The policy has already been set by the state of Idaho that marijuana use is illegal and should be prohibited."

Hailey City Attorney Ned Williamson, who was charged with defending the pro-marijuana initiatives, said they represented the will of the voters and should remain city policy.

Elgee said he will spend more time deliberating before issuing a written statement.

"The arguments were well presented, but the issues are subtle," Elgee said.

The rule allowing the growth of industrial hemp may have the best shot at surviving the lawsuit. Strains of the marijuana plant used for industrial hemp are typically low in mind-altering chemicals. The plant can be used as a source of durable fibers for rope, clothing and other applications.

"We would not at all be offended if the Industrial Hemp Act be allowed to stay on the books," Roark said.

"The arguments were well presented, but the issues are subtle."

— Fifth District Judge Robert Elgee, ruling that Hailey's Medical Marijuana Act is illegal

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N. Idaho postal hero loses job after crash

COEUR D'ALENE — A Coeur d'Alene postal worker cheered last month as a hero for helping to rescue an elderly woman on his delivery route has been let go because the delivery truck he was driving crashed, according to his father.

Isaac Fish, 21, was credited with helping save Eugene Simons, a senior who had fallen in her home, was immobilized and had gone without food or water for at least four days.

Fish, a temporary employee with the U.S. Postal Service for nearly three years, called authorities on Jan. 27 and requested a welfare check of Simons' home after noticing several days worth of mail piling up in her mailbox.

Last week, Fish was honored with the National Post Carrier Award for his action.

But his days with the service are numbered.

Fish told the Coeur d'Alene Press that his one-year contract would not be renewed and that his last day with the service is this Saturday. Fish declined to comment on the reasons his contract would not be extended another year.

But his father, David Fish, said his son was being let go because of a crash involving his postal delivery truck. David Fish told the newspaper that the accident occurred along an icy roadway shortly after his son called police to check on Simons. Nobody was hurt in the crash, but the impact of the truck sliding along an icy road into a private mailbox shattered the front windshield, he said.

"This involved no people, no other cars," David Fish said. "This is the craziest thing."

Coeur d'Alene Postmaster Dave Hoover declined to comment on the contract decision, citing Postal Service policy not to discuss personnel matters.

David Fish and other postal employees said the service has a policy that allows supervisors to let go of temporary employees involved in a vehicle crash.

"I'm very disappointed," said Hoover, who added that the decision was made by officials at the postal center in Spokane, Wash. "He was an awesome carrier, an awesome individual."



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BANK BAILOUT 2.0

“Right now critical parts of our financial system are damaged. Instead of catalyzing recovery, the financial system is working against recovery and that’s the dangerous dynamic we need to change.”

— Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner



AP photo

Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday before the Senate Banking Committee.

TARP II, the sequel: What’s in Obama’s new plan?

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Welcome to TARP II, the sequel — but good luck figuring out the plot.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner unveiled the Obama administration’s long-awaited financial bailout plan Tuesday, only to be met with a barrage of criticism that it includes few details about how it will work and how much it will cost.

See **PLAN**, Business 2

Bernanke vows more transparency in battling credit crisis

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress Tuesday that a flurry of radical programs aimed at busting through debilitating credit clogs are showing promise and pledged to keep Americans better informed about efforts to battle the worst financial crisis since the 1930s.

While acknowledging that measuring the impact of the

See **BERNANKE**, Business 2

Geithner pledges forceful attack on banking crisis

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Tuesday the new administration will wage an aggressive battle against the worst financial crisis in seven decades through programs designed to increase consumer lending and remove toxic assets from banks’ balance sheets.

But analysts said they were disappointed by the lack of details in the plans, and investors appeared wary. The Dow Jones industrial average plunged about 410 points in afternoon trading

as financial stocks led the market lower, reflecting Wall Street’s concerns that the government’s latest plans aren’t enough to revive the banking industry.

The new efforts are part of the government’s major overhaul of the widely criticized \$700 billion financial rescue program.

The Federal Reserve said it would expand the size of a key lending program to as much as \$1 trillion from \$200 billion. The program, which has yet to begin operations, is designed to boost resources for consumer credit and small business loans.

The Fed said the program would be expanded to cover the troubled commercial real estate market and certain residential mortgages.

“Right now critical parts of our financial system are damaged,” Geithner said. “Instead of catalyzing recovery, the financial system is working against recovery and that’s the dangerous dynamic we need to change.”

Geithner said the loss of 3 million jobs last year, and another 600,000 just last month underscored the urgency for government action.

“It is essential for every

American to understand that the battle for economic recovery must be fought on two fronts,” Geithner said in a speech in Treasury’s ornate Cash Room where he unveiled the administration’s new plan.

“We have to both jump-start job creation and private investment and we must get credit flowing again to businesses and families,” he said.

Geithner pledged to “fundamentally reshape” the bailout program with the effort guided by the lessons of financial crises throughout history.

The administration’s new plan will greatly expand an

effort to unclog credit markets that provide loans to consumers and businesses. This effort will see a fivefold increase in bailout funding to \$100 billion.

If a total of \$100 billion from the bailout fund were used, it would be enough to support an additional \$1 trillion in lending support through the Fed’s program, known as the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility, the administration said.

The administration also unveiled a program to create a partnership between the

See **GEITHNER**, Business 2

GM cuts 10,000 salaried jobs, trims employees’ pay

NEWYORK (AP) — General Motors Corp. is planning to slash another 10,000 salaried jobs this year, saying the cuts are unavoidable with a government restructuring deadline looming and industrywide sales in one of the worst downturns in history.

The Detroit-based automaker said Tuesday it will reduce its total number of white-collar workers by 14 percent to 63,000. About 3,400, or 12 percent, of GM’s 29,500 salaried U.S. jobs will be eliminated.

Most of the company’s remaining salaried employees will have their wages cut.

In its plan to Congress submitted late last year, GM said it would have to reduce both salaried and hourly positions so that the company could become viable long-term. The company plans to reduce its total U.S. work force from 96,537 people in 2008 to between 65,000 and 75,000 in 2012, but did not specify how many of the surviving jobs will be salaried or hourly.



AP photo

Valentine’s fails to jump-start loveless economy

NEWYORK (AP) Even in this loveless economy, chocolate and a candlelit dinner have a date for Valentine’s Day. Diamonds and special-delivery flowers, though, are on the outs.

Lovers have their pick of promotions from restaurants and travel companies sensing an opportunity with Valentine’s Day falling on a Saturday this year. But that same calendar quirk may be making losers out of florists, since sweethearts won’t be ordering bouquets to the office.

Given the disappearance of more than 2 million jobs and many trillions in investments in recent months, many of the commercial trappings of romance may be in for a downsizing.

The growing trend toward frugality brings a clear break from that view of Valentine’s Day, and it’s likely to continue, says Standard & Poor’s retail analyst Marie Driscoll.

“We think it will get worse before getting better,” Driscoll said. “People might just get chocolates this year.”

Research firm IBISWorld Inc. predicts spending for Valentine’s Day this year will fall to \$28.6 billion, 4.8 percent below last year. The firm expects couples will choose chocolates or greeting cards instead of pricier gifts, such as jewelry and expensive dinners.



AP photo

Pro-pot lobby rips Kellogg Co. for dropping Phelps

NEWYORK (AP) — Snap, crackle ... pot? Bursting with indignation, legions of marijuana advocates are urging a boycott of Kellogg Co., including all of its popular munchies, for deciding to cut ties with Olympic hero Michael Phelps after he was photographed with a pot pipe.

The leader of one of the biggest legalize-pot organizations, the Marijuana Policy Project, called Kellogg’s action “hypocritical and disgusting,” and said he’d never seen his membership so angry, with more than 2,300 of them signing an online petition.

“Kellogg’s had no problem signing up Phelps when he had a conviction for drunk driving, an illegal act that could actually have killed someone,” said Rob Kampia, the group’s executive director. “To drop him for choosing to relax with a substance that’s safer than beer is an outrage, and it sends a dangerous message to young people.”

Also urging a boycott were the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, Students for Sensible Drug Policy and the Drug Policy Alliance. They encouraged their members to contact Kellogg to vent their views.



Kellogg’s/AP photo

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RegionsFn	3.24	-1.40	-30.2	B&HO	3.15	-5.4	-14.5	IndepFedl	3.02	-1.58	-34.3
PrinFncL	11.99	-5.04	-29.6	ParkNatl	52.11	-7.34	-12.3	FifthThrd	2.19	-7.0	-24.2
TetraTech	4.31	-1.68	-28.0	RivieraH	2.75	-3.6	-11.6	MackFn	2.88	-9.1	-24.0
SunTrst	9.06	-3.38	-27.2	GranTra gn	2.71	-3.5	-11.4	FstPacTrst	6.79	-2.01	-22.8
DirxFinBull	8.14	-2.99	-26.9	AllidNevG	4.25	-5.2	-10.9	IntegElec	8.03	-2.37	-22.8

DIARY			DIARY			DIARY		
Advanced	456		Advanced	188		Advanced	504	
Declined	2,659		Declined	408		Declined	2,244	
Unchanged	67		Unchanged	66		Unchanged	154	
Total issues	3,182		Total issues	662		Total issues	2,902	
New Highs	3		New Highs	5		New Highs	5	
New Lows	60		New Lows	16		New Lows	82	
Volume	6,675,290,526		Volume	610,319,425		Volume	2,436,783,159	

INDEXES										
13,136.69	7,449.38	Dow Jones Industrials	7,888.88	-381.99	-4.62	-10.11	-36.24			
5,536.57	2,865.58	Dow Jones Transportation	3,042.24	-161.08	-5.03	-13.99	-35.73			
530.57	294.30	Dow Jones Utilities	370.04	-11.05	-2.90	-1.9	-26.39			
9,687.24	4,607.47	PwShs QQQ253266	5,214.71	-265.17	-4.84	-9.42	-41.83			
2,433.31	1,130.47	NYSE Composite	1,402.71	-54.55	-3.74	+3.7	-37.52			
2,551.47	1,295.48	MicroSoft	1,524.73	-66.83	-4.20	-3.32	-34.28			
1,440.24	741.02	S&P 500	827.16	-42.73	-4.91	-8.42	-38.68			
764.38	371.30	Russell 2000	445.77	-22.17	-4.74	-10.75	-36.81			
14,564.81	7,340.74	Wilshire 5000	8,379.29	-410.21	-4.67	-7.79	-38.60			

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST											
AlliantEgy	1.50f	11	27.46	-1.39	-5.9	Kaman	.56	9	19.05	-1.15	+5.1
AlliantTch	...	11	80.95	-2.05	-6.6	Keycorp	25	...	6.63	-2.40	-22.2
AmCasino	...	...	10.08	+0.4	+16.7	LeeEnt h	...	1	.28	-0.3	-31.7
Aon Corp	.60	8	39.83	-1.63	-2.8	MicronT	...	...	4.02	-3.0	+52.3
BallardPw	...	...	1.20	-0.6	+6.2	OfficeMax	...	...	5.00	-4.3	-34.6
BkofAm	.04m	10	5.56	-1.33	-60.5	RockTen	...	12	29.93	-1.48	-12.4
ConAgra	.76	7	16.48	-4.7	-1	Sensient	.76	12	23.25	-1.8	-2.6
Costco	.64	15	43.97	-1.20	-16.2	SkyWest	.16f	7	15.51	-9.9	-16.6
Diebold	1.00	17	24.57	-8.9	-12.5	Terady	...	18	4.85	-4.3	+14.9
DukeEngy	.92	14	15.21	-4.5	+1.3	Tuppwr	.88	7	17.84	-7.8	-21.4
DukeRty	1.00m	24	9.30	-1.22	-15.1	US Bancrp	1.70	9	14.40	-2.31	-42.4
Fastenal	.70f	19	36.00	-1.53	+3.3	Valhi	.40	...	14.65	-4.5	+36.9
Heinz	1.66	12	34.88	-2.13	-7.2	WallMart	.95	14	47.72	-1.56	-14.9
HewlettP	.32	11	35.21	-1.12	-3.0	WashFed	20m	22	12.49	-1.04	-16.5
HomeDp	.90	13	22.21	-8.8	-3.5	WellsFargo	1.36	22	16.35	-2.71	-44.5
Idacorp	1.20	12	27.14	-8.7	-7.8	ZionBcp	.16m	...	11.95	-2.89	-51.2

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

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's 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 disbursements based on last declaration. pf - Preferred. pp - Holder owes installments of purchased 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: a - 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.

Geithner

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the alternative of doing nothing would be far riskier. "As costly as this effort may be, we know that the complete collapse of our financial system would be incalculable for families, for businesses, and for our nation," Geithner said.

Congressional aides said the administration was looking at possibly providing guarantees to investors who purchase the toxic assets or using the Fed's resources to lower their borrowing costs.

But Christopher Whalen, managing director of Institutional Risk Analytics, said the new plan doesn't aggressively tackle the issue of how to get the toxic assets off banks' books so they'll

start lending again. "We're still not dealing with the core issue," he said. "It's more incremental thinking."

The government is betting that access to Fed loans will entice private investors to buy toxic assets, but Whalen said many hedge funds, private equity firms and other investors are still wary of trading them.

"Most fund managers see these assets and don't want to touch them," he said. "They can't sell them."

With just the consumer lending and bank asset programs, Geithner outlined efforts that could total \$2 trillion. However, the public-private partnership to sop up bad assets will depend

heavily on how much interest the private sector has in participating in the program. Details of that effort were still being worked out.

And the projected \$1 trillion partnership with the Fed to unclog the markets supporting credit card debt, as well as auto, student and small business loans also will depend on the interest that private investors show in participating in a program the Fed has been working since November to launch.

Other major elements of the bailout effort include continued government purchases of stock in banks, and at least \$50 billion to help homeowners deal with rising foreclosures.

fund to purchase distressed assets.

Geithner said that fund could be between \$500 billion and \$1 trillion, but didn't say how much would come from the government.

Q: What's different about this plan from the Bush administration's approach?

A: One of the biggest changes is the effort to prevent home foreclosures, a shift from the Bush administration's refusal to use bailout funds to address the housing bust.

The public-private investment fund, however, is in many ways a return to the original purpose of the TARP, which was sold to Congress last fall as an effort to purchase distressed mortgage-related assets from ailing banks.

Instead, the Bush administration's Treasury Secretary, Henry Paulson, quickly shifted gears and used most of the first half of the TARP to invest directly in hundreds of U.S. banks, in part due to con-

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES				
Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Change
Feb	Live cattle	84.45	84.50	+0.06
Apr	Live cattle	88.90	87.80	88.05 +.30
Jan	Feeder cattle	96.90	95.60	95.70 +.15
Mar	Feeder cattle	98.20	96.95	97.10 -.25
Apr	Feeder cattle	99.30	98.33	98.48 -.05
Feb	Lean hogs	57.15	56.45	56.75 +.70
Apr	Lean hogs	62.75	61.70	62.20 +2.23
Feb	Pork belly	80.03	77.90	78.00 -.98
Mar	Pork belly	80.10	77.50	78.40 -.48
Mar	Wheat	564.00	547.00	556.00 -9.00
May	Wheat	576.50	560.00	569.00 -9.00
Mar	KC Wheat	595.00	577.00	589.00 -6.00
May	KC Wheat	603.50	585.00	599.75 -6.25
Mar	MPS Wheat	659.00	642.75	653.25 5.00
May	MPS Wheat	646.25	631.00	640.50 -5.75
Mar	Corn	379.50	368.50	376.75 -.75
May	Corn	389.50	378.50	387.00 -1.00
Mar	Soybeans	1007.00	982.00	994.00 -8.00
May	Soybeans	1014.00	989.00	1000.25 -7.25
Jan	BPF Milk	9.30	9.30	9.30 -
Feb	BPF Milk	xx.xx	xx.xx	10.35 -.04
Mar	BPF Milk	11.10	10.90	10.85 -.29
Apr	BPF Milk	11.68	11.60	11.35 -.33
May	BPF Milk	xx.xx	12.38	12.10 -.37
Mar	Sugar	13.37	13.09	13.23 -.05
May	Sugar	13.14	13.35	13.50 -.06
Mar	B-Point	1.4904	1.4450	1.4456 -.0449
Jun	B-Point	1.4890	1.4450	1.4450 -.0446
Mar	J-Yen	1.1100	1.0914	1.1095 +0.152
Jun	J-Yen	1.1112	1.0949	1.1103 +0.134
Mar	Euro-currency	1.3069	1.2802	1.2860 -0.157
Jun	Euro-currency	1.3060	1.2809	1.2858 -0.152
Mar	Canada dollar	.8214	.8000	.8012 -0.159
Mar	U.S. dollar	.8631	.8497	.8609 +1.04
Feb	Comex gold	917.5	892.0	917.4 +25.0
Apr	Comex gold	919.7	892.0	917.3 +24.5
Mar	Comex silver	13.22	12.73	13.16 +.33
May	Comex silver	13.23	12.77	13.18 +.32
Mar	Treasury bond	128.10	125.30	127.28 +2.07
Jun	Treasury bond	126.32	124.19	126.18 +2.06
Mar	Coffee	121.40	116.40	116.85 -4.55
May	Coffee	123.50	118.55	119.00 -4.55
Mar	Cocoa	1973	1901	1920 -43
May	Cocoa	1990	1871	1894 -45
Mar	Cotton	50.21	48.98	48.98 -3.00
May	Cotton	50.79	47.76	47.95 -2.66
Mar	Crude oil	41.80	37.35	37.96 -1.60
Feb	Unleaded gas	1.3078	1.2370	1.2589 +0.1118
Feb	Heating oil	1.4084	1.2967	1.3165 -0.0358
Mar	Natural gas	1.867	1.538	1.4500 -2.57

Quotations from Sinclair & Co. 733-6013 or (800) 635-0821

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 northern, no quotes; pink, 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 northern, not established; small reds, not established; pink, 1.43-\$38-\$39; small reds, Ltd. \$38-\$43. Quotes current Feb. 4.				

METALS/MONEY				
Key currency exchange rates	NEW YORK (AP) — Key currency exchange rates Tuesday, compared with late Monday in New York:			
Dollar vs:	Each	Rate	Pvs Day	
Yen	90.29		91.43	
Euro	\$1.2872		\$1.3024	
Pound	\$1.4486		\$1.4916	
Swiss franc	1.1586		1.1617	
Canadian dollar	1.2484		1.2188	
Mexican peso	14.5075		14.1999	
Metal Price (tray oz.)			Pvs Day	
NY Merc Gold	\$913.70		\$892.40	
NY HSBC Bank US	\$916.00		\$897.00	
NY Merc Silver	\$13.125		\$12.825	

Plan

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Geithner provided only broad outlines of how the Obama administration will spend the second half of the \$700 billion financial bailout authorized by Congress last fall.

The administration is seeking to rehabilitate the rescue effort, known as the Troubled Asset Relief Program, which is widely unpopular among the public and on Capitol Hill for handing out billions of dollars to banks with few requirements for how the money is used.

Here are some questions and answers about the new bailout plan.

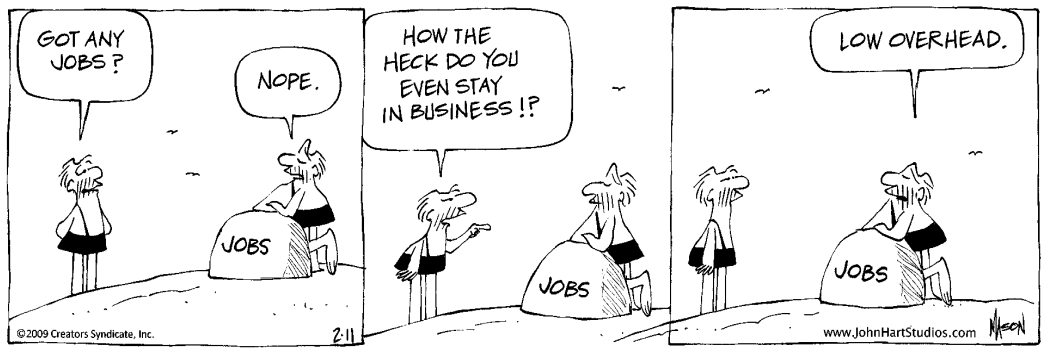
Q: How much new spending was announced today?

A: The administration hasn't asked Congress for additional taxpayer funds. Instead, for now the plan relies on the remaining \$350 billion of TARP money — the second half of the money set aside last year to bail out the

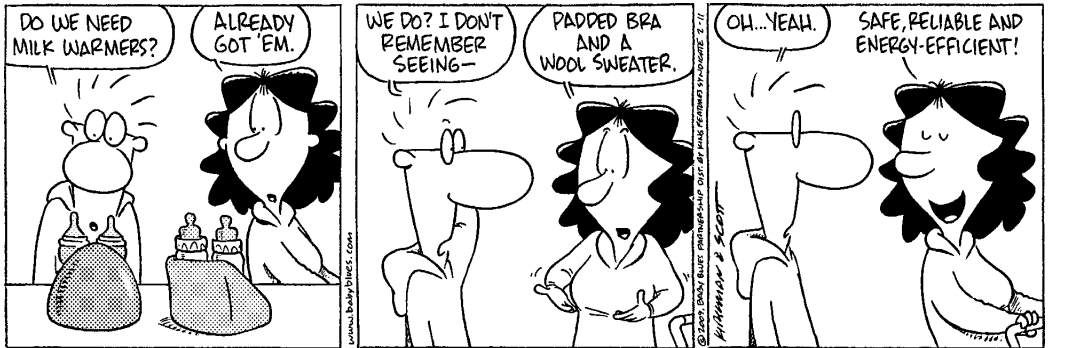
financial industry.

Geithner plans to use \$100 billion of those funds to finance an expanded Federal Reserve program to unclog consumer lending, up from \$20 billion earmarked by the Bush

B.C. By Johnny Hart



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker



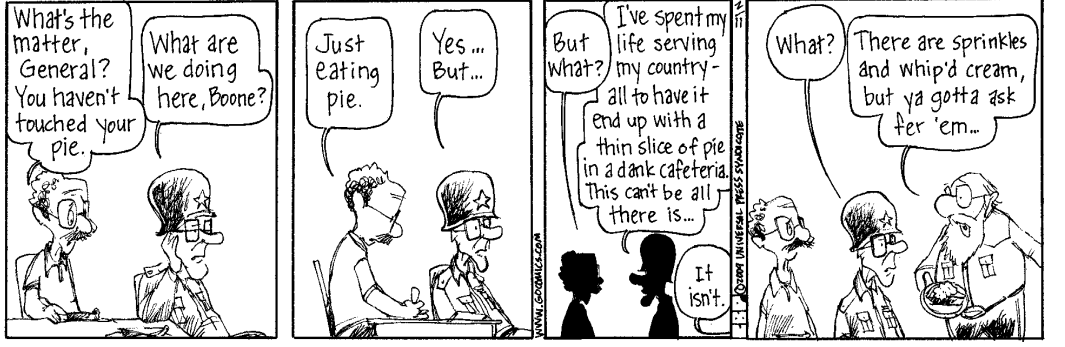
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



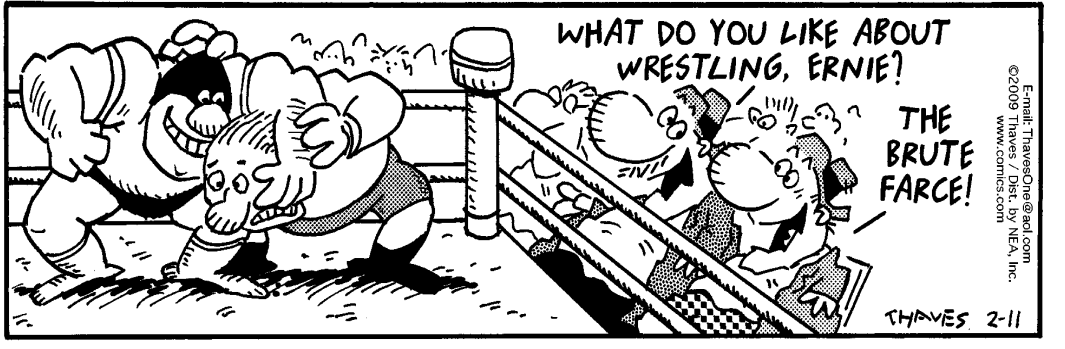
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For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston



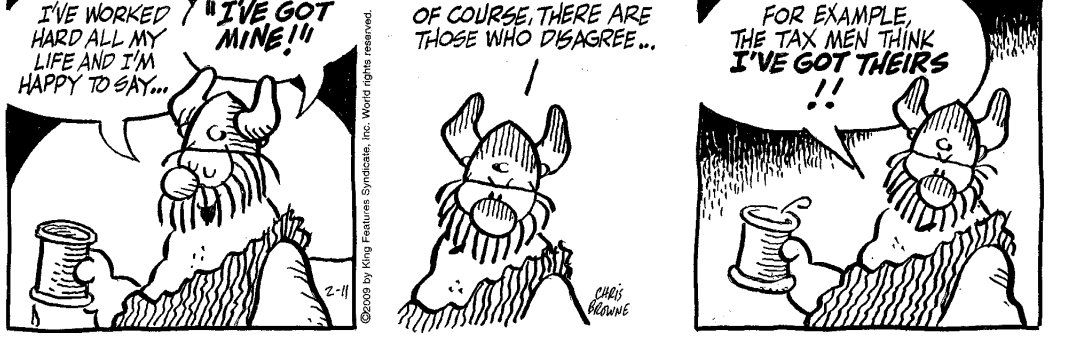
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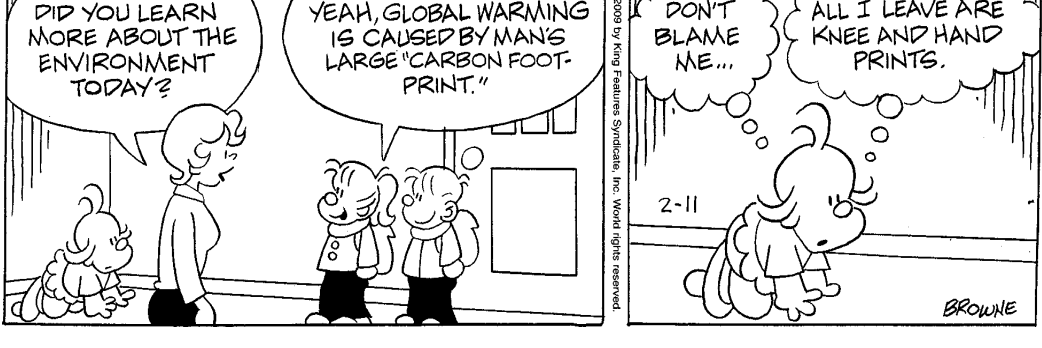
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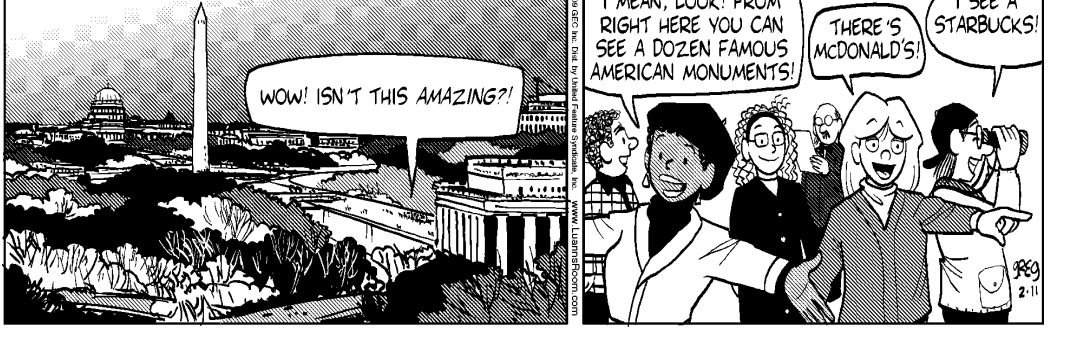
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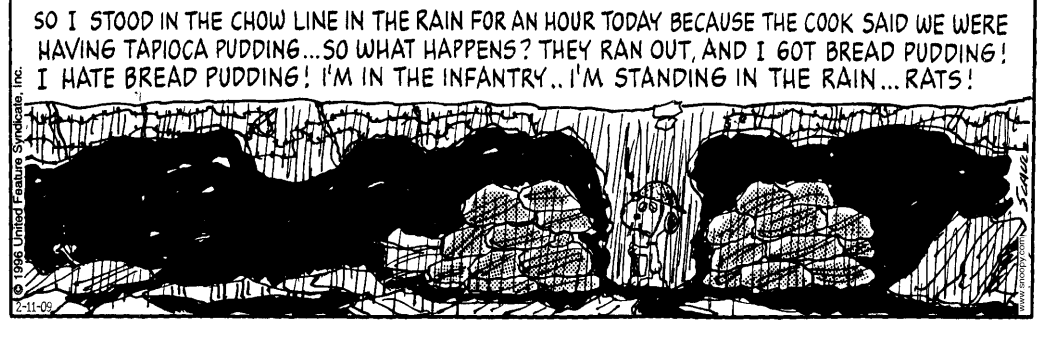
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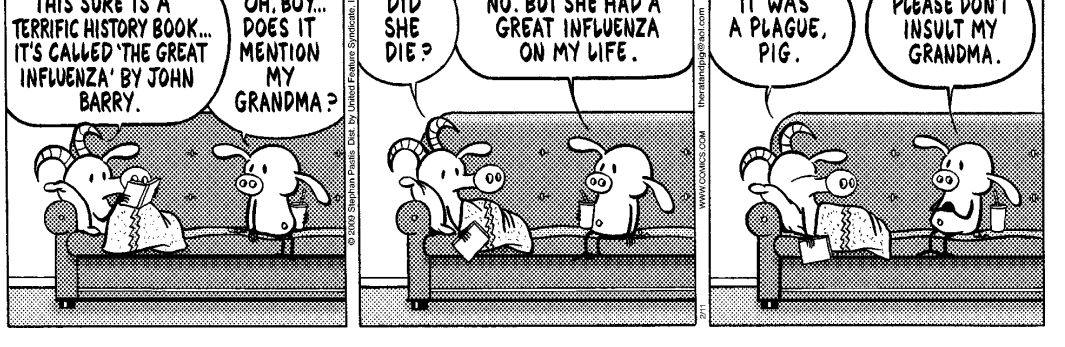
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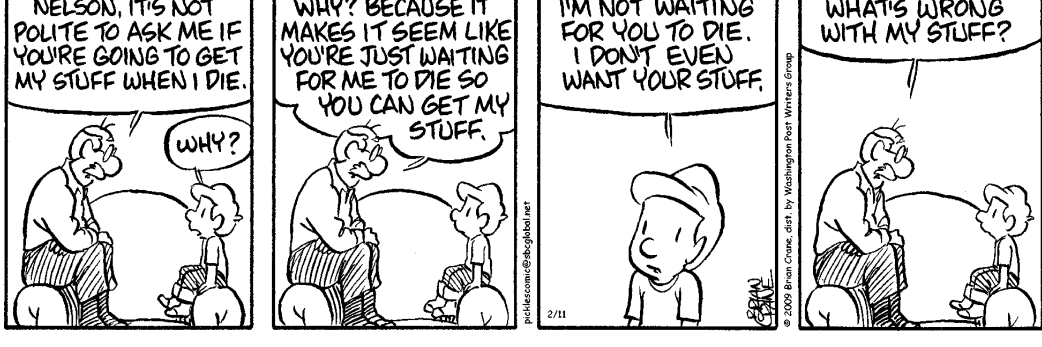
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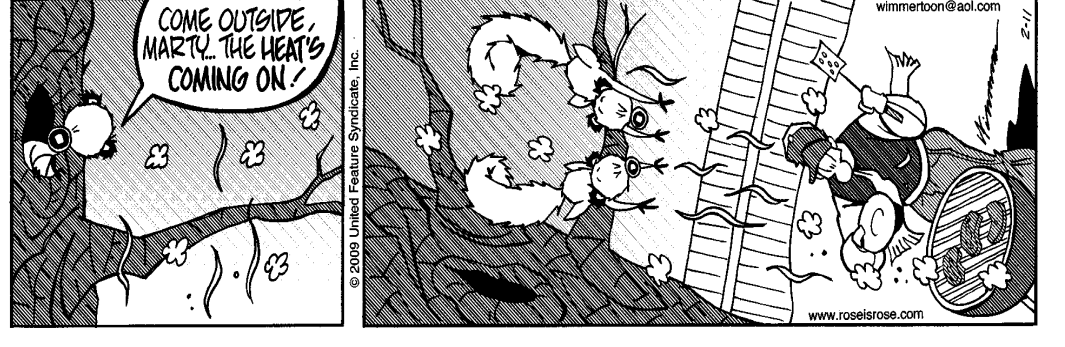
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Pickles By Brian Crane



Rose is Rose By Pat Brady



Non Sequitur By Wiley



The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham



Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Periods of rain and, or snow. Highs low 40s.
Tonight: Showers ending. Lows low to middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. Highs upper 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Chance of snow possibly mixing with rain at times. Highs middle 30s.
Tonight: Becoming less likely to snow. Lows teens.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and chilly. Highs low to middle 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Periods of snow likely today. A rain and snow mix may surface at times. A completely "dry" day is not in the cards for the rest of the week at this time.

Today Highs 21 to 25 **Tonight's Lows** -8 to 6
BOISE Cloudy skies will be common for many days to come. Showers consisting of rain and snow are possible today, becoming slightly less likely on Thursday.

Today Highs/Lows 43 to 48 / 22 to 27
NORTHERN UTAH A chance of snow will remain in the forecast for several days to come. Temperatures will be chilly and cloud cover plentiful.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 42 at Lewiston Low: -1 at McCall
 weather key: bz-blizzard, c-cloudy, fg-fog, hs-heavy snow, hz-haze, ls-light snow, mc-mostly cloudy, mx-wintery mix, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, sh-showers, sn-snow, su-sunny, th-thunderstorm, w-wind

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Periods of rain and, or snow	Showers ending	Mostly cloudy	Patchy sunshine	Cloudy, showers possible	Decreasing clouds
High 41	Low 24	38 / 24	37 / 25	38 / 23	38 / 25

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	35	22	Trace
Burley	34	23	Trace
Challis	33	24	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	30	16	0.00"
Idaho Falls	25	21	Trace
Jerome	32	21	0.00"
Lewiston	42	27	0.00"
Lowell	38	30	0.01"
Malad	not available		
Malta	36	25	0.02"
Pocatello	28	21	0.03"
Rexburg	23	5	Trace
Salmon	30	21	0.00"
Stanley	23	3	0.02"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature
 Yesterday's High 34 Yesterday 0.00"
 Yesterday's Low 23 Month to Date 0.09"
 Normal High/Low 42 / 23 Normal Month to Date 0.33"
 Record High -56 in 1970 Year to Date 3.98"
 Record Low -12 in 1982 Normal Year to Date 4.69"
 Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

Precipitation
 Yesterday 0.00"
 Month to Date 0.09"
 Normal Month to Date 0.33"
 Year to Date 3.98"
 Normal Year to Date 4.69"

Humidity
 Yesterday's Maximum 63%
 Yesterday's Minimum 45%
 Today's Maximum 79%
 Today's Minimum 56%
 A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

Barometric Pressure
 0 pm barometer
 Yesterday 29.96 in.

Sunrise and Sunset
 Today Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM
 Thursday Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 6:06 PM
 Friday Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 6:08 PM
 Saturday Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 6:09 PM
 Sunday Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 6:10 PM

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

Moonrise and Moonset
 Today Moonrise: 9:03 PM Moonset: 8:31 AM
 Thursday Moonrise: 10:14 PM Moonset: 8:53 AM
 Friday Moonrise: 11:23 PM Moonset: 9:16 AM

U. V. INDEX
 Low Moderate High
 The higher the index the more sun protection needed

Forecasts and maps prepared by: DayWeather, Inc. Cheyenne, Wyoming www.dayweather.com

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	45 24	mx 40 24	mc 38 24
Bonniers Ferry	30 20	ls 30 21	mc 31 18
Burley	35 17	ls 34 18	mc 35 22
Challis	38 9	ls 34 8	mc 32 8
Coeur d'Alene	31 22	ls 31 23	mc 32 20
Elko, NV	37 17	ls 35 17	mx 37 19
Eugene, OR	45 33	sh 45 34	r 44 34
Gooding	43 25	mx 40 25	mc 39 26
Grace	31 12	ls 29 10	mc 29 13
Hagerman	44 23	mx 41 23	mc 40 24
Halley	27 10	ls 29 14	mc 32 11
Idaho Falls	28 16	ls 28 11	mc 27 15
Kalispell, MT	34 20	c 32 18	mc 32 12
Jackpot	35 19	mc 32 15	mc 29 20
Jerome	30 11	ls 32 15	mc 35 12
Portland, OR	42 28	mx 41 30	mc 41 28
Malad City	35 19	ls 34 20	mc 35 24
Malta	32 14	ls 31 15	mc 32 19
McCall	29 7	ls 26 7	mc 26 8
Missoula, MT	37 15	c 35 15	mc 33 13
Pocatello	34 17	ls 32 15	mc 32 18
Rupert	41 34	sh 43 34	r 43 34
Rexburg	26 14	ls 26 8	mc 24 13
Richland, WA	37 25	sh 38 26	ls 40 28
Rogerson	41 25	mc 38 25	mc 37 26
Salmon	40 10	ls 36 9	mc 34 9
Salt Lake City, UT	40 25	ls 39 23	ls 36 27
Spokane, WA	35 22	mc 37 22	mc 37 23
Stanley	26 -5	ls 26 -1	mc 33 0
Sun Valley	30 -3	ls 30 1	mc 37 2
Yellowstone, MT	20 5	ls 26 -2	mc 25 -6

NATIONAL FORECAST

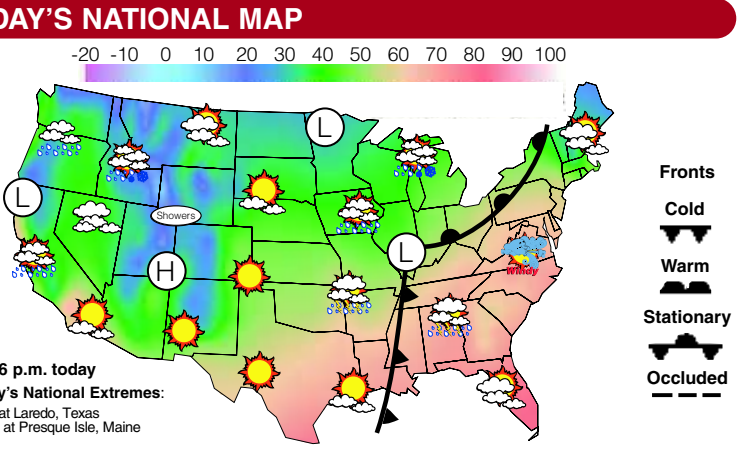
City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	67 44	th 66 38
Atlanta City	52 48	sh 52 48
Baltimore	66 45	sh 55 33
Billing	41 19	pc 15 15
Birmingham	70 43	th 66 42
Boston	54 41	sh 50 28
Charleston, SC	67 57	pc 66 50
Charleston, WV	71 41	sh 49 32
Chicago	50 30	th 43 28
Cleveland	59 37	th 38 29
Denver	46 25	mc 43 17
Des Moines	40 25	mc 40 23
Detroit	55 36	th 39 26
El Paso	57 32	pc 67 35
Fairbanks	-4 -21	mc 5 -13
Fargo	28 12	ls 22 4
Honolulu	78 68	sh 79 70
Houston	73 45	pc 73 52
Indianapolis	61 33	th 43 28
Jacksonville	78 56	pc 73 48
Kansas City	45 26	r 50 27
Las Vegas	58 41	pc 54 39
Little Rock	63 39	th 63 41
Los Angeles	59 48	r 62 47
Memphis	63 41	th 62 43
Miami	79 70	pc 82 67
Milwaukee	45 29	th 39 25
Nashville	65 41	th 60 37
New Orleans	73 52	th 69 55
New York	53 41	r 52 31
Oklahoma City	57 37	pc 62 42
Omaha	40 26	pc 42 23

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	86 73	pc 86 75
Athens	65 52	sh 58 45
Auckland	79 68	sh 81 58
Bangkok	96 76	pc 96 73
Beijing	54 33	pc 53 37
Berlin	38 29	ls 32 29
Buenos Aires	90 55	pc 84 59
Cairo	70 48	pc 75 44
Dhahran	79 60	pc 72 58
Geneva	29 13	ls 24 20
Hong Kong	71 68	pc 72 71
Jerusalem	57 47	sh 70 49
Johannesburg	66 52	sh 67 50
Kuwait City	75 54	sh 71 52
London	41 27	pc 35 27
Mexico City	73 41	pc 71 41
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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "We were not created to be eaten by anxiety, but to walk erect, free, unafraid in a world where there is work to do, truth to seek, love to give and win."
 Joseph Ford Newton

AROUND THE WORLD

AUSTRALIA Owners return to homes destroyed by wildfires

KINGLAKE — Residents of towns scorched off the map by Australia's worst-ever wildfires on Wednesday returned to their homes for the first time and found scenes of utter devastation. Officials said the death toll will exceed 200.

"Where do you start? Where do you start?" said Peter Denson, standing blank-faced amid the ruins of his home in Kinglake, where at least 39 people were killed and the town all but destroyed in Saturday's inferno.

Denson, a carpenter, has lived in Kinglake since 1977. He said he wants to rebuild, but his house, now a blackened pile of timber, bricks and twisted metal, was not insured because he could not afford it.

"It's like a big atom bomb has gone off," said Denson.

Elsewhere, authorities sealed off towns because the grim task of collecting bodies from collapsed buildings was proceeding slowly and because authorities wanted to prevent residents from disturbing crime scenes. Embers were still posing a threat of flare-ups.

OKLAHOMA Trio of tornadoes leaves injuries, trail of damage

OKLAHOMA CITY — At least three tornadoes struck Oklahoma on Tuesday, leaving trails of damage and knocking out power to thousands of homes and businesses.

In the evening, a tornado meteorologists described as large and violent caused "extensive" property damage and several injuries in the south-central town of Lone Grove.

Officials throughout Carter County were trying to get ambulances and other first responders into Lone Grove, said Amber Wilson, the emergency management director for nearby Ardmore.

Some mobile homes were destroyed at a trailer park in Lone Grove, but no injuries occurred there, Agan said.

In the afternoon, a tornado damaged businesses in Oklahoma City and homes and businesses in the northern suburb of Edmond.

WASHINGTON House hearing to focus on peanut executives

A congressional committee issued a subpoena Tuesday for the top executive of a small company that allegedly shipped the tainted peanut products responsible for a national salmonella outbreak.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee voted to compel Peanut Corp. of America President Stewart Parnell to appear at a hearing today, as a wide-ranging investigation focuses on who was responsible for an outbreak that has sickened at least 600 people and may have contributed to eight deaths.

"Hopefully, people are going to be held accountable," said Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., chairman of the committee's investigations panel. The full committee approved the subpoena by voice vote, without opposition.

Interior chief rejects Bush drilling plan

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has rejected a Bush administration plan to open vast waters off the Pacific and Atlantic coasts to oil and gas drilling, promising "a new way forward" in offshore energy development including new wind projects.

Salazar at a news conference Tuesday criticized "the midnight timetable" for new oil and gas development on the country's Outer Continental Shelf proposed by the Bush administration four days before President Barack Obama took office Jan. 20.

The secretary said the previous administration's plan did not take into consideration the views of states and coastal communities, nor a need to better understand what energy resources are at stake, especially off the Atlantic coast where oil and gas estimates are more than three decades old.

CALIFORNIA Medical society probes octuplet fertility doctor

LOS ANGELES — A national medical society is investigating whether a fertility doctor followed its guidelines when he implanted six embryos into a Southern California woman who gave birth to octuplets last month.

The American Society for Reproductive Medicine confirmed Tuesday that it's

investigating because Nadya Suleman says she received in-vitro fertilization for all 14 of her children at the same Beverly Hills fertility clinic.

Suleman, 33, told NBC's "Today" show that she was implanted with six embryos in each of her six pregnancies, resulting in four single births, a set of twins and the octuplets. No more than three embryos are considered the norm for a woman her age, and fertility experts and medical ethicists have been critical of the Jan. 26 birth of the octuplets.

The society has contacted Suleman and her doctor, and is prepared to assist the Medical Board of California, which is also looking into the

pregnancy, the society's president, Dr. R. Dale McClure, said in a statement.

ISRAEL Election too close to call, both claim win

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni and hard-line rival Benjamin

Netanyahu both claimed victory Tuesday in Israel's parliamentary election but official results suggested the race was too close to call.

Right-wing parties, including Netanyahu's Likud Party, appear to have won a clear majority of 64 seats in the 120-seat parliament, which would give Netanyahu the upper hand in forming the next government.

However, with 99 percent of the votes counted, Livni's centrist Kadima Party had 28 seats, while Likud had 27. Those results could change by a seat or two when soldiers' votes are tallied Thursday evening.

The winner of the election wasn't clear in part because she could try to form a coalition with hawkish parties.

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Punching up classic refreshment

By Betty Hallock
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — At the Edison lounge downtown, bartender Marcos Tello is peeling a dozen lemons in careful spirals. He places the peels in sugar and begins to muddle and muddle and muddle.

A classic punch starts with this mixture of lemon peels muddled with sugar, which he refers to as "oleo saccharum" (sweet oil).

"You want the oils from the lemon peel to impregnate the sugar," Tello says.

After several minutes, the moist sugar is tinged yellow from the oils. This is going to be good punch.

Punch — big bowls of it — is the latest trend among "cocktailians" who prefer their ice hand-chipped or cringe when their Negronis are shaken.

They're already popular in New York. At Clover Club, which opened in Brooklyn last summer, owner Julie Reiner offers seasonal punches to entice patrons who have settled in front of the fireplace or have stopped in on their way for pizza.

Death + Co. in Manhattan offers up to a half-dozen punches on its menu, including "Mother's Ruin" — Plymouth gin, tea-infused sweet vermouth, lemon and grapefruit juices, topped with Champagne and garnished with slices of grapefruit, served in a vintage milk-glass punch bowl.

"If we send one punch bowl out" to a table, says Death + Co. co-owner David Kaplan, "we know we'll have two or three or four or five more go out."

Bartender Eric Alperin has punch visions for his venture with New York-based Milk & Honey proprietor Sasha Petraske — Varnish, a speakeasy at Cole's restaurant in downtown Los Angeles set to open later this year.

"I want to offer it so that when people come in, right away before they even get a cocktail, they can have a little punch, like an amuse," Alperin says. "I would like to keep it in view, right on top of the bar, as if you were saying — well, people see a bowl of punch and they go, 'Wait a second, there's a party happening.'"

At the Edison, Tello is already mixing punches for all sorts of



In New York, Julie Reiner's punch packs a fizz.

CAROLYN COLE/Los Angeles Times

special occasions.

It seems natural that the revival of classic cocktails that has returned pre-Prohibition drinks and a drinking culture to stardom would shore up punch, which predates the cocktail but fell out of favor in the 19th century.

"For nearly 200 years, from the 1670s to the 1850s, the Kingdom of Mixed Drinks was ruled by the Bowl of Punch," writes cocktail historian David Wondrich in his book "Imbibe!"

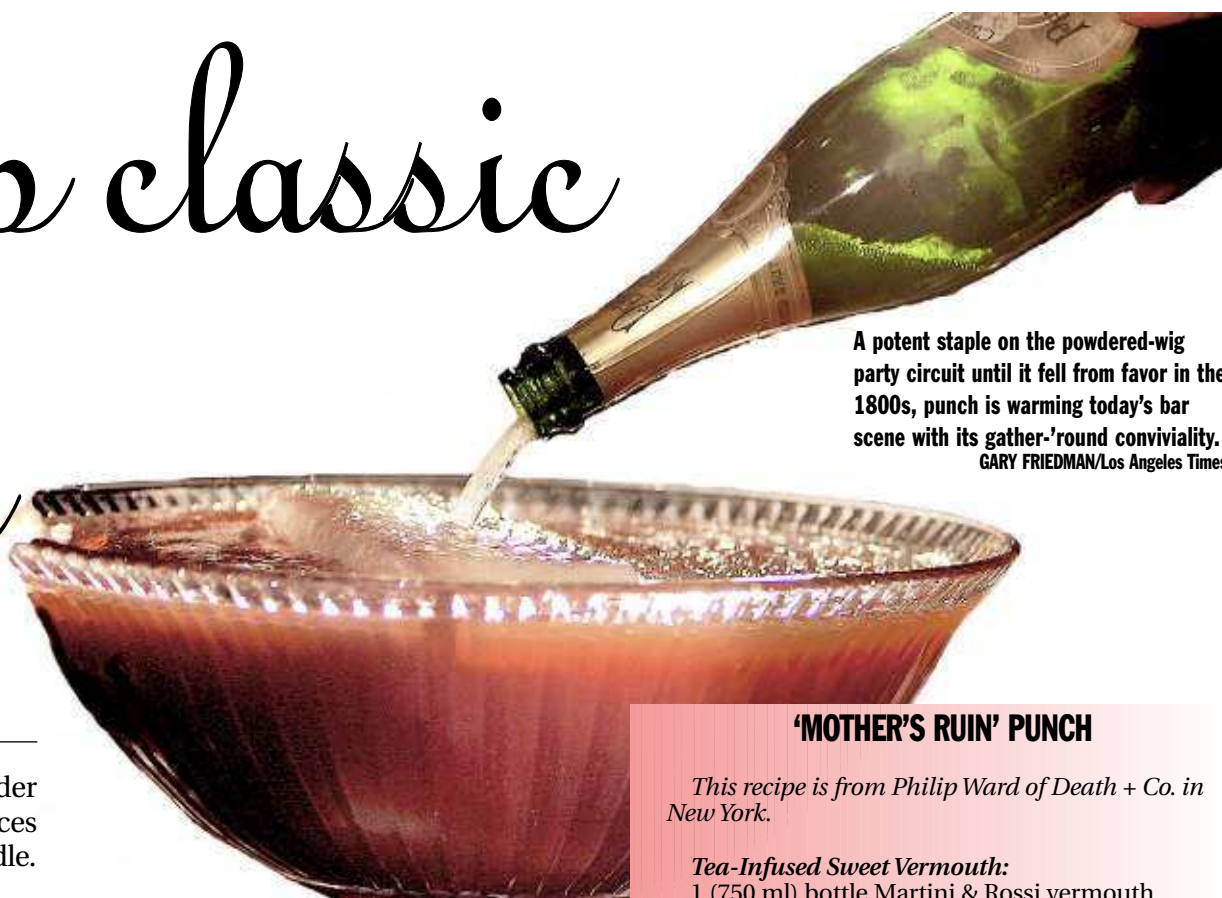
The title of his next book is "Punches, or the Delights and

Dangers of the Flowing Bowl," to be published in 2010.

The delights of punch are apparent and maybe its dangers are too — punch can be potent stuff.

"The famous punch parties

See **REFRESHMENT**, Food 3



A potent staple on the powdered-wig party circuit until it fell from favor in the 1800s, punch is warming today's bar scene with its gather-'round conviviality.
GARY FRIEDMAN/Los Angeles Times

'MOTHER'S RUIN' PUNCH

This recipe is from Philip Ward of Death + Co. in New York.

Tea-Infused Sweet Vermouth:

1 (750 ml) bottle Martini & Rossi vermouth
Heaping 1/4 cup loose-leaf cinnamon-spiced tea

Pour the vermouth into a pitcher. Add the tea and set aside for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally.

Strain the infused vermouth using a fine-mesh strainer lined with cheesecloth and pour the vermouth back into the bottle. Refrigerate until ready to use. The vermouth will keep, refrigerated, for one month.



IRFAN KHAN/Los Angeles Times

Punch assembly:

16 sugar cubes
1/2 cup lemon juice (about 1 large)
1 cup grapefruit juice (about 1 medium)
1/2 cup tea-infused sweet vermouth
1 cup Plymouth gin
1/2 cup club soda
3/4 cup Champagne
Grapefruit slices for garnish

In a sturdy medium bowl, muddle together the sugar cubes, lemon and grapefruit juices until the sugar is dissolved. Add ice to chill, as well as the vermouth and gin, stirring well to combine. Stir in the soda and Champagne until well combined, then strain into a chilled punch bowl. Garnish with grapefruit slices and serve immediately.

Total time: 15 minutes, plus steeping time for the vermouth. Servings: 10.

CHAMPAGNE PUNCH

This recipe is from Julie Reiner of Clover Club. To prepare ice that has been frozen with raspberries and blackberries, fill a container that fits in your punch bowl with hot water. Add raspberries and blackberries for decoration and freeze.

1 lemon
1 sugar cube
2 tablespoons cassis
2 tablespoons St-Germain elderflower liqueur
1 large block of ice
1 (750 milliliter) bottle of rose Champagne
Raspberries and blackberries for garnish

Using a vegetable peeler, peel the lemon in lengthwise strips, avoiding the white pith. Reserve the fruit for another use. Place the lemon peel in a sturdy bowl and muddle with the sugar cube until the peels release their oil and the sugar becomes moist and fragrant.

In a shaker without ice, shake the lemon peel, sugar, cassis and elderflower liqueur. Strain into a chilled punch bowl over a large block of ice that has been frozen with raspberries and blackberries in it. Add the Champagne and garnish with raspberries and blackberries.

Total time: 10 minutes, plus freezing time for the decorative block of ice. Servings: 10.

'WHISKEY BARREL' PUNCH

This recipe is from bartender Marcos Tello of the Edison lounge in Los Angeles. For a large block of ice, pour simmering water into a heat-proof container that fits into your punch bowl and freeze. With a vegetable peeler, peel the lemons in lengthwise strips, avoiding the white pith, and use the fruit for juice.

Peels of 3 lemons
5 tablespoons superfine sugar
1 cup fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup pomegranate syrup (such as Monin)
4 dashes Angostura bitters
2 cups bourbon (Tello uses Woodford Reserve bourbon "Edison edition")
1 (187 milliliter) split of Champagne
1 large block ice

In a large, sturdy bowl, vigorously muddle together the lemon peels and superfine sugar with a pestle until the peels release their oil and the sugar becomes moist and fragrant.

Pour in the lemon juice and stir until the sugar is completely dissolved. Stir in the pomegranate syrup, bitters and bourbon. Add cubed ice to chill the mixture, and stir until the mixture is cold. Strain the mixture into a punch bowl over the ice and top with Champagne. Serve immediately.

Total time: 15 minutes, plus freezing time for the decorative block of ice. Servings: 10.

FOOD EVENTS IN THE MAGIC VALLEY

Become a frosting artist

Need a novelty or special occasion cake? Try making and decorating one yourself with the help of "Basic Cake Decorating," a hands-on class from the College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center.

You'll learn about the proper use of tools; tips on baking and assembling cakes; coloring and consistency for frosting; common mistakes; and how to create beautiful accents, decorations and details that personalize.

Instructor Vickie Brannen has taught cake decorating and baking for 14 years.

A supply list will be provided at the first class.

Class will be 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 25 to March 11, in Desert Kitchen 116, the college's culinary arts kitchen. Cost is \$35.

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Choose wine with confidence

In "Wine Appreciation with a View," you can gaze out over the Snake River Canyon while sommelier Jon Melone introduces you to the types and varieties of wine and helps take the mystery out of purchasing and enjoying good wine.

One session will highlight the pairing of food and wine, featuring cuisine from executive chef Dave Haley, and each class will conclude with a wine tasting. Students must be 21 or older.

This class is offered through the College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 23 to March 23, at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center. Cost is \$75.

Register: communityed.csi.edu or 732-6442.

Make garlic your versatile best friend in the kitchen

What's that smell? It's the aroma of garlic, of course, and you can learn all about it in a new College of Southern Idaho North Side Center cooking demonstration.

At Ein Tisch Inn in Hagerman, "Cooking with Garlic" will cover this pungent herb's history and reveal the flavors achieved with garlic. Journey from savory to sweet as you sample recipes including pesto, roasting garlic, appetizers, even desserts.

Instructors Jake and Jane Rice will teach "Cooking with Garlic" from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 23 at Ein Tisch Inn, at Valley Road and U.S. Highway 30 in Hagerman. Cost is \$35.

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Bringing the slow cooker into the 21st century

By Annmarie Timmins
For The Associated Press

If you've been slow to warm up to slow cookers, it probably wasn't the incredible convenience that turned you off.

The abundance of recipes relying on processed cheese and canned cream-of-whatever soup, on the other hand ...

But what if your slow cooker greeted you at day's end with dinner fit for company, perhaps corn and sweet potato chowder or chicken curry? Or cod over potatoes and summer squash steeped in rosemary?

"I frequently say, 'Don't knock it until you try it,'" says Ellen Brown, who wasn't a fan until she wrote "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Slow Cooker Cooking," and filled the book with recipes loaded with fresh vegetables, beans and herbs.

"Now my slow cooker lives on my counter," she says.

Slow cookers have been around since 1971, when Rival introduced its Crock-Pot. Today, about 6 million are sold each year, many sporting numerous high-tech improvements, including automated settings and easy-clean bowls.

Grocers now even sell special slow cooker liners to make cleanup almost instant. But it seems that if slow cookers themselves have embraced the 21st century, surely the recipes that use them can, too.

After all, our tastes may have grown beyond canned soup casseroles, but our lives certainly could still benefit from the convenience of slow cooking.

"One of the losses in our lives is that it's so hard to sit down at the dinner table night after night and have parents and kids eating together," says Phyllis Pellman Good, author of "Fix-It and Forget-It Big Cookbook."

"With this, you can prepare food early and bring everyone together at the table," she says. "It helps immensely."

The secret to successful — and tasteful — slow cooking is to know what slow cookers do well, and what they don't. So here are some tips from the experts:

- **The slow, moist heat** of a slow cooker is ideal for stews, sauce-based dishes and for tenderizing inexpensive cuts of meat. It will bake beans evenly and produce fall-off-the-bone pulled pork. It also turns out a mean chicken stock.

- **Slow cookers will not** produce crispy chicken, and nicer cuts of meat, such as pork tenderloin or filet mignon, will be ruined. Pastas can be tricky (they can turn mushy), and delicate cream sauces and white fish require careful timing.

- **Slow cookers come** in various sizes; pick the one that best for you. When deciding, know that slow cookers work best when two-thirds full, says Good. Also, for roasts and whole chickens an oval cooker may be better than a round one.

- **When preparing vegetables** for a slow cooker, cut them in consistent sizes. Depending on the recipe, vegetables that take longer to cook, such as potatoes, should be cut smaller than faster cooking produce, such as celery.

- **Follow the recipe's** advice on how to arrange the vegetables in the slow cooker. If they'll take longer to cook than the meat, they usually go on the bottom.

- **Don't add more liquid** than the recipe calls for, even if it looks like you'll need it, says Brown. Slow cookers retain their liquid, so you'll need less than you would in



Slow-cooker beef and barley soup. With only 15 minutes of prep this soup is easy to get started on a cold morning and will be appreciated on a winter night.

traditional cooking.

- **If the recipe suggests** it, take the time to brown your meat before it goes into the slow cooker. This can be done either in a skillet on the stove or, as Brown does, under the broiler. The slow cooker alone won't get hot enough to brown.

- **Save yourself time** in the morning by prepping your ingredients ahead of time. But for food safety reasons, Brown cautions against combining everything, especially partially cooked meat and other items, until you start the slow cooker.

- **Don't program the cooker** to turn on several hours after you leave the house; you risk contaminated food. If you'll be gone longer than the cooking time, start the slow cooker when you leave and let it switch to warm for the last hour or so.

- **Slow cookers can do** more than cook beef stew in the cold months. It cooks at around 200 degrees, which means using it also can help keep your kitchen cooler in summer. It also can turn out appetizers and desserts as easily as main courses.

- **Don't peek.** When you lift the lid, the temperature drops significantly and your cooking time will be off, says Amy Golino, a culinary analyst for Jarden Consumer Solutions, the Rye, N.Y.-based maker of Crock-Pot.

- **Let your slow cooker** save you money. Golino suggests buying chicken breast in bulk and cooking enough at once for two or three meals. It might be chicken salad one night and chicken enchiladas the next.

- **Use your slow cooker** to get your kids in the kitchen. Good says the slow cookers' low heat and forgiving cooking times make it a safe way for children to start cooking.

COD WITH TOMATOES AND FENNEL

Servings: 4 to 6. Start to finish: 5 to 8 hours (15 minutes active).

Seafood generally isn't slow cooker-friendly. When cooked for long periods, most white fish will dissolve into mush, while shellfish such as shrimp will get tough and rubbery.

This recipe solves that problem by adding cod only at the end.

- 1 to 2 medium fennel bulbs
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 28-ounce can diced tomatoes, drained
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- Juice and zest of 1 orange
- 2 tablespoons Pernod, ouzo or other anise-flavored liqueur
- 2 pounds thick cod fillets, cut into 1-inch chunks
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- Zest of 1 lime, to garnish (optional)

Discard the stalks from fennel, then rinse the bulbs. Cut each in half lengthwise, then discard the core and top layer of flesh. Slice the fennel into thin strips. Set aside.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the onion and garlic and saute for 3 minutes, or until the onion is translucent. Add the fennel and cook for another 2 minutes. Transfer the mixture to a slow cooker.

Add the tomatoes, wine, orange juice and zest and liqueur. Cook on low for 5 to 7 hours, or on high for 2 1/2 to 3 hours. By the end, the fennel should be tender crisp.

If cooking on low, increase heat to high. Season the cod with salt and pepper, then add to the slow cooker, placing the fish on top of the vegetables. Cook for 30 to 45 minutes, or until the fish is cooked through and flakes easily.

To serve, garnish with lime zest, if desired.

(Recipe adapted from Ellen Brown's "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Slow Cooker Cooking," Alpha, 2007)

SLOW-COOKER BEEF AND BARLEY SOUP

Start to finish: 5 to 7 hours on high, 9 to 11 hours on low. Servings: 6 to 8.

This easy beef and barley soup takes just 15 minutes' prep, then can be ignored for as long as 11 hours — a perfect meal for starting on a frosty morning and welcoming you home in the evening.



Cod with tomatoes and fennel. While seafood is a less than common meal for a slow cooker, this dish solves the problem of mushy results by adding the fish at the end of the cooking cycle.

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The proper way to eat your soup

By Rob Kasper
The Baltimore Sun

At my house, we make soup in the winter. We do this because, as the French chef Auguste Escoffier once said, "Soup puts the heart at ease, calms down the violence of hunger, eliminates the tension of the day and awakens and refines the appetite." And we do it because soup is relatively easy to assemble and results in terrific leftovers. Moreover, we make soup because it is warm, and February is not.

I have downed a lot of soup in my time. But until recently, when I became schooled on soup etiquette by reading a variety of soup Web sites, the best being SoupSong, I was unaware of the fine points of genteel soup sipping.

Take, for instance, the question of which way to tilt the bowl when pursuing the last drop. There is universal agreement among the doyennes of decorum that a well-mannered eater tips the bowl away from himself.

Outward is also the direction the spoon is supposed to travel when it moves through the broth, I learned.

Authors Marjabelle Young Stewart and Elizabeth Lawrence said it best in their 1999 book "Commonsense Etiquette: A Guide to Gracious, Simple Manner for the Twenty-First Century," comparing the spoon movement to that of a ship leaving a

harbor. "We skim our spoon delicately across its surface, as if we were sending a ship out to sea."

Once the spoon has traveled through the soup, the book instructs, we "bring it to our lips and silently sip."

Noise, or the lack thereof, is a big deal in the realm of soup sipping.

Comedian Bennett Cerf, the only guy I found who had anything to say about soup manners, got off a pretty good line on the subject. "Good manners," Cerf said, is "the noise you don't make when you're eating soup."

One of the appeals of soup for me, and I assume for many others, is its simplicity. It sits in front of you with little hidden.

But, as I learned by reading SoupSong, there are other complex matters of manners surrounding the decorum of downing soup.

For example, take the question of crackers. Is it permissible to smash them and drop them in the broth?

The answer, I read on the Web site, is mostly no. But there are exceptions. It depends on the character of the crackers, and whether the soup is a chowder.

I have a habit of putting saltines in my soup. It is a behavior scoffed at by Amy Vanderbilt. It is permissible to nibble on the crackers as you sip soup, she wrote. But crumbling and dunking crackers is a crudity.

"Larger soda crackers should not be crumbled into

the soup" she said in the 1972 edition of her "Complete Book of Etiquette," according to the SoupSong site.

Such crackers, she said, "are best kept on the plate and eaten with the soup. The exception to this would be when eating chowder. In this case, the water biscuits served with it are meant to be crumbled into the soup."

Other exceptions to the no-dunk rule are oyster crackers and croutons. When served with a soup, oyster crackers and croutons are "put in the soup whole," Charlotte Ford wrote in her "Etiquette: Charlotte Ford's Guide to Modern Manners," according to the site.

But, she noted, there are two different ways to properly deposit the additions in the soup.

Because oyster crackers are dry, they are put in the soup using the fingers, according to Ford. With croutons, she advises using a spoon, "as they might be buttery."

Finally, I delved into the question of the appropriate parking spot for your soup spoon, the place you let it rest between sips. It depends on how formal the soup-sipping session is.

If it is a formal dinner party where the soup is served in the shallow, rimmed dish known as a soup plate, then the socially approved spoon resting spot is in the soup.

Miss Manners, Judith Martin, who issued this opinion to the readers of the St.

John's, Newfoundland, newspaper, The Telegram, said some might think you place the spoon on the plate underneath the soup plate. But those who park their soup spoon on a plate at formal gatherings are ill-informed, she said.

However, she added, in less-formal settings, when soup is served in either bowls or cups with plates underneath them, the correct resting spot for the spoon is on the plate.

Summing up, if you are sipping at a formal dinner party from soup plates, your spoon parks in the soup. If not, your spoon goes on the plate. Whew!

The other night, I sat down in front of a bowl of eggplant soup and practiced my newly acquired soup-sipping manners. Much as I wanted to, I did not crunch my saltines and drop them in the broth. Instead they stayed high and dry on a plate.

As I filled my spoon with soup, I moved it "out to sea," away from my lap.

I sipped my soup silently. I was using a soup plate and pretending I was at a formal dinner party. So in between sips, I parked my spoon in the drink.

Finally, to capture the last drop of the soup, I tipped the bowl, ever so demurely, away from me.

I can't report that these exercises in propriety made the soup taste better. But they did make me feel smug.

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Refreshment

Continued from Food 1

of the 18th century were knock-down, drag-out affairs," Wondrich says, when men with "extraordinarily bad habits" made fantastic punches.

At Edison, Tello is making a ginormous bowl of what he calls "Whiskey Barrel" punch, which contains not one but two bottles (1 liter each) of bourbon as well as a bottle of Champagne. It serves 20 to 30.

"This may seem like a lot of punch, but believe you me, it goes really fast," he says.

The timing couldn't be better for a classic-punch comeback. It's a cold, cold world out there, so gather 'round the punch bowl, no better place to commiserate or celebrate.

"Because people serve themselves and glasses are small, people have to keep clustering around the bowl," says Wondrich, who makes punch for his own parties. "The focus is on interaction and socialization."

"It's communal, it's a good group thing," Reiner says, "and everyone's enjoying the same thing at the same time. That was the idea behind it. It was my answer to bottle service, which I hate."

At the Edison, Tello stirs the lemon juice into the sugar and discards the peels.

"Sugar dissolves best in warm water, in citrus juice less so, but in alcohol it's even tougher to get the sugar dissolved. So I don't add the alcohol yet. Don't add everything at once."

He pours in pomegranate syrup ("the original grenadine") and shakes 15 dashes of Angostura bitters into the mixture.

"That's your spice," Tello says.

According to accepted wisdom, the original punch — quaffed by British sailors in India — contained five ingredients (one theory is that the word derives from "panch," or "five" in Hindustani): spice, citrus, sugar, water, spirits. A broader way of looking at it is: bitter, sour, sweet, weak and alcoholic.

"There's a proper way to approach things, but I don't think there's any one way to do everything," Tello says as he pours in two bottles of Woodford Reserve "Edison edition" bourbon (blended specially for the Edison).

"At this point, you should taste and see if it needs adjustment," he says. "I like it on the tart side, but I might go with a little more pomegranate syrup."

Now it's time to prep the punch bowl, particularly the big block of ice, so that the



CAROLYN COLE/Los Angeles Times

The crowd at Brooklyn's Clover Club has embraced the punch bowl — 'a good group thing,' says owner Julie Reiner.

concoction stays cold but doesn't get overly diluted as the party progresses. Tello saves 64-ounce juice cartons, washes them, fills them with water and puts them in the

freezer to have an ice block on hand for punches.

Tello puts the finishing touch on his punch, topping off the bourbon-based mixture with Champagne.

"You make this, you can enjoy the party too — you're not stuck all night making cocktails," Tello says. "And people see a big bowl of cocktail and they can't help but want some."

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**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO
NOTICE OF REVISED BUDGET HEARING
FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

The College of Southern Idaho will hold a revised budget hearing for the fiscal year 2009 budget on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 248 (SUB 248) of the Taylor Administration Building on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. The campus is located at 315 Falls Avenue in Twin Falls.

Questions concerning the budget, the hearing or the regular meeting should be directed to Mike Mason at 208-732-6203.

John M. Mason
Secretary/Treasurer
College of Southern Idaho
Board of Trustees

PUBLISH: Times News February 11th and February 18th, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. 200801585-31760 Loan No. 0998097058 On 5/22/2009 at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: In the lobby of Alliance Title and Escrow located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services, LLC, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOTS 46,47 AND 48, BLOCK 3, BLUE LAKES ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN BOOK 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 29, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. EXCEPT A PARCEL OF LAND BEING ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF TANS HE CENTERLINE OF ADDISON AVENUE SURVEY AS SHOWN ON THE PLOF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 93, PROJECT NO. ST2391 (552) HIGHWAY SURVEY NOW ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 48 IN BLOCK 3, OF BLUE LAKES ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 29, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 48, BLOCK 3, OF SAID BLUE LAKES ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 48 A DISTANCE OF 9.70 FEET TO A POINT THAT BEARS NORTH 0 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 44.70 FEET FROM STATION 224+63.87 OF THE ADDISON AVENUE SURVEY AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS OF SAID U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 93, PROJECT NO. ST-2391 (552) HIGHWAY SURVEY; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST 125.10 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WE ST LINE OF SAID LOT 48 THAT BEARS NORTH 0 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 41.62 FEET FROM STATION 223+38.81 OF SAID ADDISON AVENUE SURVEY; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 6.62 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 48; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 48 A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. ADDISON AVENUE STATION REFERENCE: 223+38.81 TO 224+63.87. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 106 Buchanan St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Carolyn Beth Bohrn, as her sole and separate property and Edwin Bohrn a non vested spouse, wife and husband, as grantors, to Wells Fargo Financial National Bank, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Beneficiary, dated 7/30/2007, and re-recorded on 8/21/2007, as Instrument No. #2007-020818, of Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 7/30/2007. The monthly installments of principal interest and impounds (if applicable) of 1773.88, due per month for the months of 6/15/2008 through 1/12/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$199,000.00, plus accruing interest at the rate of 10.875% per annum from 5/15/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Melmet Default Services, Inc., 1820 E. First Street, Suite 410, Santa Ana, CA 92705-4063 Sale Information Line: 714-259-7850 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: (714) 480-5472 This is an attempt to collect a debt and information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: 1/13/2009 Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services, LLC By: Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer ASAP# 2974883

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NOTICE OF SALE

Tuck it Away Storage under provisions of Idaho Code 45-805 will sell or dispose of contents of stored items ASAP on February 18, 2009 at: **Kim Cummins**, last known address: 259 Rock Creek Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

PUBLISH: Feb 11 and 18, 2009

NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703, ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN until two o'clock p.m., on **March 10, 2009**, for the work of seal coating I-86 from the Salt Lake Interchange to Raft River and US-93 from Perrine Bridge to Jct US-93/I-84; FY09 D4 Distwide Seal coats, known as Idaho Project No. A011(533), in Jerome & Cassia County, **Key No. 11533.**

(FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PROPOSAL, PLEASE CONTACT RESIDENT ENGINEER **THOMAS E. BROWN** AT (208) 886-7851.**)

Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposal forms, and other information may be obtained at the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, Boise, Idaho, and are on file for examination at the office of the District Engineer at Shoshone, Idaho.

A non-refundable charge of THIRTY DOLLARS (\$30.00) plus applicable sales tax will be made for each set of plans, payment to be made by check, payable to the Idaho Transportation Department. Plans may be ordered by phone (800) 732-2098 (in Idaho) or (208) 334-8430; or by written request to the Idaho Transportation Department, Attn: Revenue Operations, P. O. Box 34, Boise, ID 83731-0034.

COMPUTERIZED BIDDING DISKETTES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the State of Idaho.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable proposal guaranty. This guaranty must be in the form of a Certified Check or a Cashier's Check drawn on an Idaho bank in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a Bidder's Bond in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid.

Bidders shall be licensed in the State of Idaho by the Idaho Public Works Contractors State License Board (800) 358-6895 prior to submitting a bid.

The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (U.S.C.A. Title 29, Paragraphs 201-219, Chapter 8) shall apply in the employment of labor for this project. It is the purpose of the Idaho Transportation Board to build the improvement in the shortest time consistent with good construction. Necessary equipment and an effective organization will be insisted upon.

Dated February 2, 2009
TOM COLE, P.E.
Chief Engineer

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 0060163946 T.S. No. 057-006559 On 6/2/2009, at 11:00 am (recognized Local time), at the following location in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho: Lobby of Land Title & Escrow 211 W 13th St Burley, ID 83318 TRANSNATION TITLE AND ESCROW, INC., as Trustee on behalf of LandAmerica OneStop, Inc. will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Cassia State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 4 IN BLOCK 141 OF THE BURLY TOWNSITE, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, LOT 3 IN BLOCK 141 OF THE BURLY TOWNSITE, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 1335 ALMO AVE, BURLEY, ID 83318 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **RANDY L WAGEMAN AND GLENDA M WAGEMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE** as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., is named as Beneficiary and LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC. as Trustee and recorded 5/31/2007 as Instrument No. 318219 in book, page and re-recorded on 2/11/2008 as Instrument Number 2008-000986, Book , Page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Cassia County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 5/30/2007. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$646.51, due per month for the months of 8/1/2008 through 1/22/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$74,644.30 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 6.87500 per cent (%) per annum from 7/1/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 1/26/09 TRANSNATION TITLE AND ESCROW, INC. By: - THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 2977584

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**HAGERMAN JT SCHOOL DISTRICT #233
Call for Heating and Air Conditioning Retro-Fit**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Hagerman Joint School District No. 233, Idaho, for the installation of a Heating and Air Conditioning Retro-Fit in the existing elementary school's classrooms. Three systems are being considered:

- 1.) Mitsubishi Mini-Split Heat Pump or
- 2.) Conventional Ceiling Mounted Heat Pump or
- 3.) Remove and replace existing console units with console units

Bid documents and detailed specifications are available from the District Clerk at 324 North 2nd Street, Hagerman, ID 83332 or at www.hagerman.k12.id.us/bid.htm

Provide acceptable plans for review by the State of Idaho

Perspective bidders should review the job site prior to bidding. Location may be toured by contacting the administrative offices at 324 North 2nd Street, Hagerman, ID 83332 between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday until day of bid opening. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m. on March 5, 2009 to the District Clerk addressed:

Attn: Heating Retro Fit, 324 North 2nd Avenue Hagerman, ID 83332. Any bid received after this time and date will be returned unopened to the sender. Bids will be publicly opened immediately after the due date and time at the District Office at 324 North 2nd Street, Hagerman, ID.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond, with a Bonding Company licensed to do business at the locality of the project as surety, in an amount not less than 5% of the total bid, including any additional alternatives, made payable to the Hagerman Jt. School District No. 233.

No bid may be withdrawn after the time of opening unless the award of the contract is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days. Any bidder may withdraw his bid by written request at any time prior to the time set for bid opening. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any and/or all bids, portions thereof, and waive any formality which is deemed to be in the best interest of Hagerman Jt. School District No. 233.

A Public Works Contractor's License for the State of Idaho is required to bid on this project.

Bette M. Reed, District Clerk
Hagerman Joint School District No. 233
324 North 2nd Street
Hagerman, ID 83332
Ph 208-837-4777
Fax 208-837-4737

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February 18, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 08-0114005 Title Order No. 080133904IDGNO Parcel No. RPR020305A02TGA The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, inside the North entrance to Lincoln County Courthouse located at 111 West B St., Shoshone, ID 83352, on 05/04/2009 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/15/2007 as Instrument Number 183148, and executed by **SHARA G COMER, A SINGLE WOMAN**, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Lincoln County, state of Idaho: Township 4 South, Range 19 East of the Boise Meridian, Lincoln County, Idaho, Section: 25 Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter also being a portion of Runciman-Bower Outlots, Lincoln County, Idaho, described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection with the North line of Lincoln Avenue and the West Line of Blake Street; Thence North along the West Line of Blake Street 150.00 feet; Thence West 150.00 feet; Thence South 150.00 feet to the North Line of Lincoln Avenue; Thence East along the North line of Lincoln Avenue 150.00 feet to the Point Of Beginning The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 340 E LINCOLN AVE, RICHFIELD, ID 83349 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 07/01/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.500% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$86,023.94, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS NOTICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 12/23/2008 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 Successor Trustee PHONE: (800) 281-8219 SIMI VALLEY, CA 90028-1821 RECONTRUST COMPANY Kari Marx, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 2956159

PUBLISH: February 11, 2009

**RAFT RIVER HIGHWAY DISTRICT
2009 AGGREGATE CRUSHING PROJECT**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed BIDS for the Raft River Highway District 2009 Aggregate **Crushing Project** will be received by Paragon Consulting, Inc. at their offices located at 157 West 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 19, 2009, and then, publicly opened and read aloud.

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The Project Documents and Drawings may be examined at the following locations:

- 1) Raft River Highway District P.O. Box 636, Malta, ID 83342
- 2) PARAGON CONSULTING, INC. 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, ID 83634
- 3) Associated General Contractors 110 North 27th St., Boise, ID 83702

4) The Project Documents and Drawings may be obtained from PARAGON Consulting, Inc. at 157 West 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634, ph. (208) 922-9138. Copies of these documents may be purchased for a refundable fee of \$50.00 for each set. A \$10.00 shipping charge, non-refundable, will be assessed on all mailed plans.

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder's qualifications.

All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier's check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to the Raft River Highway District as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Raft River Highway District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any non-material irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the Highway District.

Jim Paskett, Chairman

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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209 General

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Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

			9					
		8	4					
	1				5			
	5	4	1	8	7			
		2		9				
	6					9		
	4						2	
6								9
9	7	1	5	6	8	3		

Difficulty Level ★★★ 2/11

Answer to previous puzzle

3	7	4	5	2	6	1	9	8
5	8	9	4	1	3	7	6	2
2	1	6	7	8	9	4	5	3
1	5	3	6	9	2	8	7	4
8	6	7	3	4	5	9	2	1
4	9	2	1	7	8	6	3	5
6	4	1	2	5	7	3	8	9
9	3	5	8	6	4	2	1	7
7	2	8	9	3	1	5	4	6

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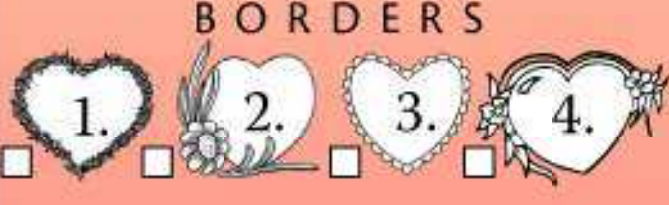
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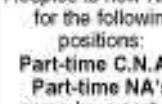
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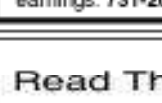
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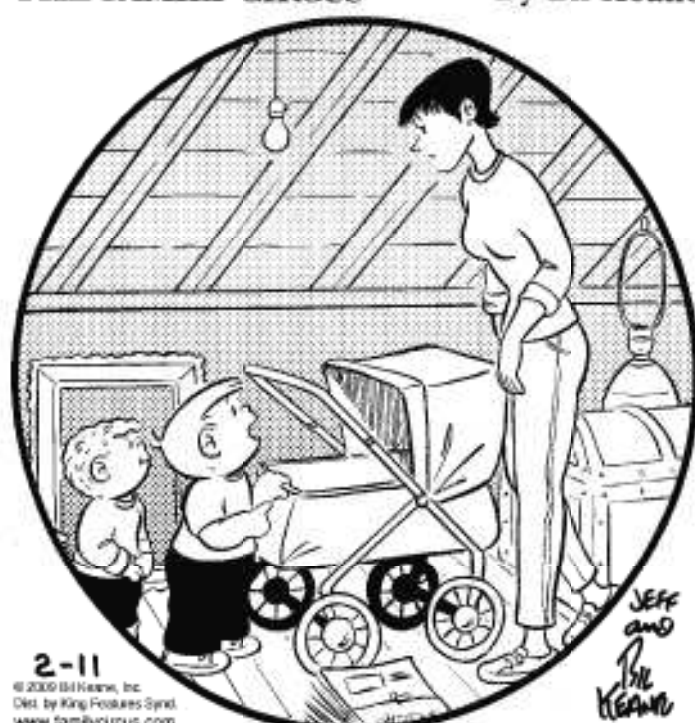
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Man hesitates to combat rumor with the truth

DEAR ABBY: I have tried to have cordial relations with my neighbors, but do not have particularly close friendships with any of them.

A little over a year ago, a young man started coming to my home on a regular basis whenever my wife was out of town. After a while, he began spending the night with me when she was away.

Evidently, some of my neighbors noticed these visits and started gossiping about it, spreading the rumor that I am gay and that this young guy is my lover. More recently, however, he has spent the night when my wife is present, so now my neighbors think something kinky is going on.

At times I am puzzled by this. At other times I am angry at their arrogance and gall. The explanation is simple: The young man is my son from a previous relationship. Because we were prevented from having contact when he was a child, we are now trying to establish a relationship — and we are making progress. My wife and other children have been wonderfully supportive in all this.

I really don't want to tell my neighbors what's going on because it will inevitably lead to a disclosure of some things that are really none of their business. But I am troubled by the rumor that I



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

have a young male lover. What do you think I should do?

— I'M HIS DAD IN VIRGINIA

DEAR DAD: If you don't want to let your neighbors know the truth, then you will have to tolerate the fact that they have active imaginations and have drawn their own (mistaken) conclusions. If I were in your shoes, however, I think I'd come "out of the closet" on the paternity issue and put the gossip to rest by having your wife introduce your son around as exactly who he is.

DEAR ABBY: I started working in a medical office a year ago. I handle the financial end of the practice and, because of that, I have a private office. I have six co-workers who assume that I am antisocial because I stay in my office most of the time.

When I come out to socialize, they ignore me and have given me unpleasant vibes. I tried recently to transfer to another medical office, but my boss counter-offered so that I would stay. Out of

loyalty to him, I stayed.

Now I have to continue going to lunch alone and sitting in my office all day without anyone saying a word to me. What can I do to feel more accepted?

— EXCLUDED IN ALABAMA

DEAR EXCLUDED: Try a little harder to integrate into the group by bringing some treats to the office for "the gang" and offering to share, or inviting them all out to lunch.

However, if that doesn't melt some ice, have a talk with the office manager because you have described a hostile work environment. If you are the office manager, then let the doctor know what's going on. There are steps your boss can take to rectify the situation. And if it doesn't happen, take the other job and let the doctor know why.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a "debate," and I hope you can help. When dining out in a restaurant, is it proper etiquette to ask for a taste from another person's plate?

— WHAT'S MINE IS MINE IN MAINE

DEAR W.M.I.M.: I have never heard of any rule of etiquette that forbids asking for a bite. If you're afraid your husband will take too much, place a small portion on your bread plate and pass it to him.

IF FEBRUARY 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It may be a job, a hobby or a love interest that fills every waking moment throughout the next several months. You have the potential to accomplish great things because you possess big dreams and ample opportunity to put them into motion especially in April. Apply your good fortune to building a solid future. Cosmic signals that you are on the right track should come your way again in August when unexpected help appears. In March and August others will be impressed by your trustworthiness so you could be in line for a promotion or a change of career and a new romance may bloom if you are single.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Push all the right buttons. Minor irritations could temporarily block communications but you might learn something at the same time. Be a powerhouse of industry to overcome a lack of financial backing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are what you earn. You might briefly feel that you don't earn enough to stand out in your area of expertise. Put a favorable spin on your public image by being seen with the "right" people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Logic could let you down. Rather

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

than gambling with resources due to a fascinating formula, look for the safest and surest thing. Hobbies could distract as well as educate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be a team player. Get the go-ahead from your favorite companion or most significant other before you make a move. You do not require advice from others, but you will need cooperation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Bend and stretch. All athletes know that it is wise to warm up before the main event. Put some muscle into making certain things a bit better in some way and you will be glad you did.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make an effort to launch important matters while celestial conditions are favorable. Conditions are favorable for making progress with matters of the heart and business affairs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spin straw into gold by writing down interesting ideas and inspirations. Love and romance run smoothly under these stars. Don't sweep personal problems under the rug

Today is Sunday, Feb. 1, the 42nd day of 2009. There are 333 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members: Commander Rick Husband; pilot William McCool; Michael Anderson; Kalpana Chawla; David Brown; Laurel Clark; and Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli in space.

On this date: In 1859, operetta composer Victor Herbert was born in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.

In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence, merging the Royal North West Mounted Police and the Dominion Police.

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

In 1958, the United Arab Republic, a union of Egypt and Syria, was established. (Syria withdrew from the union in 1961.)

In 1959, men in Switzerland rejected giving women the right to

TODAY IN HISTORY

vote by a more than 2-1 referendum margin. (Swiss women gained the right to vote in 1971.)

In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they'd been refused service.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, South Vietnam's police chief Nguyen Ngoc Loan executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene recorded by The Associated Press and NBC News.

Richard M. Nixon announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1991, 34 people were killed when a USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

Ten years ago: With the promise of huge federal surpluses, President Bill Clinton proposed a \$1.77 trillion budget for fiscal 2000. Former White House intern

Monica Lewinsky gave a deposition that was videotaped for senators weighing impeachment charges against Clinton.

Five years ago: Twin suicide bombers killed 109 people at two Kurdish party offices in Irbil, Iraq. A stampede during the annual Muslim pilgrimage in Mina, Saudi Arabia, killed at least 251 worshippers. The New England Patriots won their second Super Bowl in three seasons with a 32-29 victory over the Carolina Panthers; during the halftime show, Janet Jackson's breast became exposed, resulting in a \$550,000 FCC fine against CBS. (A federal appeals court threw out the fine in July 2008.) Roger Federer beat Marat Safin 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-2 to win the Australian Open.

One year ago: Exxon Mobil posted what was then the largest annual profit by a U.S. company — \$40.6 billion — and the biggest quarterly profit to that time, breaking its own records. Microsoft announced an unsolicited bid for Yahoo, which later rejected it. Remote-controlled explosives strapped to two women killed nearly 100 people in Baghdad.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MASCH

RAMEK

SHUCOR

UPTYDE

Answer here: "○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○"

Yesterday's Jumbles: MILKY DANDY OBJECT SPEEDY
Answer: When they exchanged words in the sauna, things got — "STEAMY"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Angirion and Jeff Knurek



TOO MANY BEERS ON THE JOB LEFT THE CARPENTER ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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Today's deal comes from the European junior championships in Cardiff a decade ago, and demonstrates how to play a trump coup — the way to take a trump finesse even when you have no trumps in one of the hands. If that sounds bizarre, read on and admire the technique.

A club lead would have defeated Thomas Kluz's six-heart contract, but when West led a spade, declarer was in with a chance. He won the spade ace and cashed the heart ace, getting the bad news as West pitched a club. Now declarer continued with the two of hearts and was able to win the five of hearts in his hand.

It looks natural to take the diamond finesse now, but declarer had seen further ahead. Instead, Kluz ruffed a spade in dummy and continued with the diamond six. East won with the king and played his remaining spade, forcing dummy to ruff again. Now there were no trumps left in dummy, and East was holding the guarded heart queen. Grounds for optimism? Not exactly.

Kluz cashed the diamond ace and two more rounds of the suit, enabling him to discard two clubs from his hand. When Kluz played his last diamond from dummy, the best East could do was to pitch a club. Declarer ruffed to shorten his trumps, then returned to dummy with the club ace. In the two-card ending, the next club led from dummy let declarer pick up East's trumps and land the slam.

NORTH 02-11-A
 ♠ A
 ♥ A 10 6 2
 ♦ A J 10 7 6
 ♣ A J 10

WEST K J 8 6 4 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ Q 9 4 3 2

EAST 10 7 5
 ♥ Q 8 4 3
 ♦ K 9 4 2
 ♣ K 8

SOUTH Q 9 2
 ♥ K J 9 7 5
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ 7 6 5

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: West

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
4♥	2♠	Dbl.	3♠
	Pass	6♥	All pass

Opening lead: Spade six

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ Q 9 2
 ♥ K J 9 7 5
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ 7 6 5

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	2♣	2♦

ANSWER: You were licking your lips at defending against one heart, but when partner rebid two clubs, he showed extra shape and not a great hand. Since your defense to a diamond partscore is unremarkable, you should show your club support now by raising to three clubs. With such soft cards, you do not need to do more.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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CSI men confident heading down the stretch

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team is a confident, upbeat bunch this week, coming off a pair of home wins over the then-No. 15 College of Eastern Utah.

The 118-112 overtime win

and 85-60 blowout of CEU pushed CSI to 18-6 overall and 5-4 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play with six games to go. The weekend wins also featured the debut of University of Connecticut transfer Nate Miles, who scored 49 points in the two victories.

"It's nice to finally have our whole team together," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar. "I think we're beginning to see what we thought we had, as far as the development of the players."

CSI got balanced scoring in both wins, and Miles' insertion into the lineup seemed

to open up opportunities for his teammates to get open looks. Defensively, the Golden Eagles also started to pick things up, holding Eastern Utah (19-4, 5-4 SWAC) to 36 percent shooting on Saturday.

"The guys saw what we're capable of doing," said soph-

omore forward Daequon Montreal, who scored 32 in the overtime win. "When we execute and do things on the defensive end, we can really shut teams down. We did that this weekend and guys really believe now. That's going to help us in the long run."

While CSI's showdown with

10th-ranked SWAC leader Salt Lake Community College (20-3, 7-2) looms Feb. 20-21 in Salt Lake City, the Golden Eagles are firmly focused on this week's trip to Snow College.

The Badgers are 4-5 in

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Bulldogs blow past Filer

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

There wasn't any chance the Kimberly boys basketball team was going to let this one slip away.

Not on senior night.

Not with a chance to vault into a tie atop the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference standings and spoil Filer's unblemished SCIC record.

Most importantly, not with the memory of Filer's 11-point, three-minute rally to stun the Bulldogs in Filer earlier this season sticking in the Bulldogs' craw.

Coming out of the half-time break with just a three-point lead, Kimberly scored the first 13 points of the third quarter and was never threatened again as the Bulldogs avenged the most bitter of defeats with an emphatic 56-38 win in Kimberly on Tuesday evening.

Duston Brown scored 10 of his game-high 18 in the third period for Kimberly (13-5, 7-1 SCIC), which closed its regular season on a clinical note.

"At halftime it was said that they like to hang around and try and hit a big shot at the end. We wanted to put it out of reach there in the third quarter," said Brown, who pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds for a double-double in the win. "In the second half I saw a lane, and when I scored my first points (of the third quarter) I had a feeling it might be there for me all night."

Brown practically wore a path into the hardwood with the number of identical cuts to the basket from the same spot on the right free-throw line extended. When he was open, he laid the ball in easily, and when the Filer defense collapsed he found one of his teammates at the back door.

While Kimberly played its game, Filer (12-5, 6-1) did anything but. Sharpshooter Bryce Beard was held to just one 3-pointer and nine points overall, a far cry from his virtuoso performance in



Kimberly forward Jared Mumm fights for a rebound Tuesday night against Filer during the second quarter of their game at Kimberly High School.

ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

the teams' earlier meeting.

This time, A.J. Schroeder and Braeden Nield combined to hold Beard largely in check, though he did get involved with seven assists.

"We just wanted to take

away their deep shots, not let them hit the big one," said Schroeder, who finished with 10 points, five rebounds and six assists. "The last game against them (Beard) had quite the game, and that

got in our head a little."

Nathan Hughes led the Wildcats with 13 points. Filer led 6-2 midway through the first quarter, but Kimberly

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Tejada charged with lying about steroids

The Associated Press

INSIDE

WASHINGTON — All-Star shortstop Miguel Tejada has been charged with lying to Congress about steroids, the latest baseball player to get caught up in an extensive web of cheating and juicing that has stained the sport.

Tejada is scheduled to appear in court Wednesday where he is expected to plead guilty. The charges against Tejada, who currently plays for the Houston Astros, were outlined in documents filed in Washington federal court on Tuesday.

The documents indicate that a plea agreement has been reached with Tejada, who won the 2002 American League Most Valuable Player award while playing for the Oakland Athletics and is a five-time All-Star. The court papers were filed a day after superstar Alex Rodriguez acknowledged past use of performance-enhancing drugs. The New York Yankees third baseman does not face charges.

The FBI also is investigating whether Roger Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young winner, lied to Congress last year when he denied using steroids or human growth hormone. Clemens and Rodriguez top a list of big name, drug-tainted stars, including Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco, whose actions cast doubt on their on-field accomplishments.

Tejada faces as much as a year in jail if convicted on the misdemeanor charge of making misrepresentations to Congress. Under federal guidelines, he would probably receive a lighter sentence.

The charge came in a legal document called a "criminal information," which only can be filed with the defendant's consent and typically signals a plea deal. A hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m. EST Wednesday in Washington, and Tejada and his lawyer plan to hold a news conference later in the day in Houston.

Messages left for his attor-

Players wonder about the other 103 on steroid list.

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ney, Mark Tuohy, were not immediately returned.

In the documents filed Tuesday, Tejada is charged with lying to investigators for the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in 2005.

Congressional staffers did not place Tejada under oath when they questioned him, but they advised him "of the importance of providing truthful answers," according to the court papers.

During the interview, Tejada denied knowledge of an ex-teammate's use of performance-enhancing drugs.

The teammate is not identified in court documents, but is referred to as having played with Tejada on the Athletics.

Tejada "unlawfully withheld pertinent information from the committee because defendant Tejada, before and during his interview with the committee staff, then and there well knew that player A1, one of his teammates on the Oakland Athletics, had used steroids and HGH," the papers state.

Former Rep. Tom Davis, a Virginia Republican who chaired the committee in 2005, said he believed Tejada lied.

"It just shows that when you do something illegal like this, that you pay a price," Davis said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The court papers filed by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Durham charge that during spring training in 2003, Tejada had purchased a substance believed to be HGH from the player, giving him payments of \$3,100 and \$3,200.

In the Mitchell Report, which examined steroid use in baseball, Oakland outfielder Adam Piatt is cited saying he discussed steroid use with Tejada and having provided Tejada with testosterone and human growth hormone.

Filer to construct new football venue

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The Filer football team will have a new home this fall.

The Filer School District is set to open the bidding process today for facilities to move the football field from the elementary school to the current high school in time for the fall 2009 season.

The project was budgeted to use \$800,000 of the voter-approved \$1.5 million bond levy. It is hoped that construction will begin in March.

"We've had this facility (high school) since '96," Filer High School principal Leon Madsen said. "It'll be nice. We won't have to take the bus to home games."

Filer would play its football games at the new field and would open the field to Filer Recreation District activities as well.

The plan is to construct new bleachers around the existing all-weather track on the west side of Filer High School. A field house, including concessions, public restrooms and team meeting rooms, will be built at the north end zone. Teams will use the high school locker rooms and showers on Friday nights.

The baseball and softball fields, which should be finished around April, will share the north end zone field house, although those fields are not financed through the bond money.

Bruin wrestlers top Burley, Buhl

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Twin Falls wrestling team flexed its muscle with a pair of dominating victories over Burley and Buhl on Tuesday.

The Bruins boast five wrestlers ranked in Class 5A's Top 5 of their respective weight classes, according to idahowrestlingnews.com. Against Class 4A Burley and Class 3A Buhl, Twin Falls showed off not only its strength in its top wrestlers, but also its depth at each weight class, picking up several wins by forfeit to go along with a bevy of pins.

Twin Falls opened the evening with a 56-16 win over Buhl, then wrapped it up by beating Burley 66-18. Sandwiched in between was a 54-30 Burley victory over



Twin Falls junior Zak Slotten, top, wrestles Burley's Ryan Lott at 171 pounds Tuesday at Burley High School.

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Buhl, which Bobcats coach Clint Milliron said was nice

revenge after losing to the Indians a few weeks ago.

"Twin has been really solid all year," said Milliron. "That was about what we expected tonight. I think we wrestled them pretty well, with shuffling our lineup around the last few weeks due to injuries and some sickness. We moved some JV kids up to the varsity lineup and they're starting to wrestle pretty well."

In a night that saw 21 forfeits, few wrestlers got two matches of work in. Twin Falls' Tyler Hine earned a pair of pins at 130 pounds, as did Joe Hamilton at 119 and Kevin Hurd at 215.

For Burley, Christian Parke won two matches by pin at 125.

Burley will wrestle against Hillcrest and Bonneville on Friday at 4 p.m. at Minico

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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: Madison 58, Skyline 49 (Skyline eliminated)
Thursday, Feb. 12
Game 8: Championship, Madison 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: Jerome 62, Burley 33
Thursday, Feb. 12
Conference seeding game: Century (8-15) at Jerome (19-4), time TBD
Elimination game: Burley vs. Preston, time and site TBD
 * Jerome and Century advance to state tournament. The Burley-Preston winner will advance to state play-in at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, against Rigby 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 1A Division I Snake River Conference Saturday, Jan. 31 Play-in game
 Oakley 61, Lighthouse Christian 30 (Lighthouse Christian eliminated)
Tournament At Shoshone High School Wednesday, Feb. 4
Game 1: Challis 85, Hansen 21
Game 2: Sho-Ban 44, Shoshone 40
Game 3: Raft River 46, Oakley 44
Game 4: Hagerman 40, Castleford 36
Friday, Feb. 6
Game 5: Shoshone 41, Hansen 34 (Hansen eliminated)
Game 6: Oakley 49, Castleford 27 (Castleford eliminated)
Game 7: Challis 64, Sho-Ban 48
Game 8: Raft River 57, Hagerman 29
Saturday, Feb. 7
Game 9: Shoshone 30, Hagerman 29 (Hagerman eliminated)
Game 10: Sho-Ban 67, Oakley 58 (Oakley eliminated)
Game 11: Championship, Challis 59, Raft River 46
Monday, Feb. 9
Game 12: Sho-Ban 45, Shoshone 40 (Shoshone eliminated)
Wednesday, Feb. 11
Game 13: Second place, Raft River (16-6) vs. Sho-Ban (13-9), 7:30 p.m.
 * Challis and Raft River/Sho-Ban winner get state tournament berth. Raft River/Sho-Ban loser advances to play-in game at 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, at Glens Ferry, against the third-place team from District III. State tournament is Feb. 19-21 at Columbia High School in Nampa.

Class 1A Division II Northside Conference At Dietrich High School Thursday, Feb. 5
Game 1: Camas County 43, Bliss 20
Game 2: Carey 53, Magic Valley Christian 22
Friday, Feb. 6
Game 3: Richfield 55, Camas County 24
Game 4: Carey 48, Dietrich 36
Saturday, Feb. 7
Game 5: Dietrich 77, Bliss 29 (Bliss eliminated)
Game 6: Camas County 38, Magic Valley Christian 16 (Magic Valley Christian eliminated)
Friday, Feb. 13
Game 7: Dietrich (16-6) vs. Camas County (14-8), 6 p.m.
Game 8: Championship, Richfield (21-0) vs. Carey (13-7), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 14
Game 9: Second place, Loser 8 vs. Winner 7, 7 p.m.
 * Champion, second-place and third-place teams all receive berths to state tournament, Feb. 19-21 at Nampa High School.

Valley outlasts Hansen in double overtime

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Montana Barlow scored 22 points and Brogen Reed added 18 as the Valley boys basketball team outlasted Hansen 66-59 in double overtime on Tuesday.

The Huskies, celebrating senior night, forced overtime on a 3-pointer by senior Mario Arevalo with nine seconds left in regulation.

After both teams missed opportunities to win it in the first OT, Valley pulled away for the win in the second extra session.

"I thought our kids played exceptionally well," said Hansen coach Mike Pfeifer.

The game was tight throughout as Arevalo scored 19 points and Derrek Bates added 15.

"We gave the fan's their money's worth," said Pfeifer.

Hansen closes the regular season on Thursday against Raft River.

Valley 66, Hansen 59, 2OT
 Hansen 14 9 15 14 4 4 - 59
 Valley 17 10 8 16 4 11 - 66
 VALLEY (66)

Cristian Orozco 6, Matt Garr 2, Brogen Reed 18, Daniel Burns 5, Juan Zambrano 6, Montana Barlow 22, Jacob Mikesell 7, Totals 26-69 9-14 66.

HANSEN (59)

Laton Stanger 2, Mario Arevalo 19, Blake Harris 2, Funk 6, Eric Gil 7, Kelly Coates 7, Derrek Bates 15, Carlos Vargas 1, Totals 21-79 12-16 59.

3-point goals: Valley 5 (Orozco 2, Barlow 3); Hansen 5 (Arevalo 3, Funk, Gil). Total fouls: Valley 20; Hansen 15. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

BUHL 46, WENDELL 38

Nick Hamilton and Cader Owen each scored 12 points as Buhl finished Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play with a 46-38 win at Wendell. The Tribe's victory put the teams into a tie for third place in the conference with identical 3-5 marks. But the Trojans (7-13) won the coin flip and will host the first-round tournament game when the team's meet again on Monday night.

John Campbell had a big night for Wendell with 17 points, six rebounds and three steals.

"He was very solid and played good defense," said Wendell coach Ryon Jarvis, who cited Buhl's aggressive defense as the difference in the game.

Buhl (4-15) wraps up its regular season Friday at Glens Ferry.

Buhl 46, Wendell 38
 Buhl 15 12 6 13 - 46
 Wendell 9 10 8 11 - 38
 BUHL (46)

Eric Sengvahnpheng 4, J.D. Leckenby 9, Garret Schilz 2, Gabe Jacobson 1, Nick Hamilton 12, Cader Owen 12, Tyler Montgomery 12, Totals 19 8-15 46.

WENDELL (38)

Nolan Stouder 2, William Fin 2, John Campbell 17, Nathan Ormond 12, Gary Koopman 5, Totals 13 8-11 38.

3-point goals: Buhl 2 (Hamilton, Owen); Wendell 4 (Campbell 3, Koopman). Total fouls: Buhl 14, Wendell 14. Fouled out: none.

TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 69, ST. AMBROSE 54

The Twin Falls Christian Academy boys used a press that St. Ambrose struggled to break as the Warriors won their home finale 69-54 Tuesday. Four Warriors scored in double figures for the victory.

"One of the things I like about this team is that we average three or four guys in double figures every game," Twin Falls Christian Academy coach Brent Walker said.

Tommy Broadfield led with 23 points and a handful of blocked shots on defense.

The Warriors (13-4) will travel to Dietrich Thursday for the final regular-season game. They will travel to the Tri-Cities in Washington next week for the 16-team Northwest Christian Schools Tournament.

Twin Falls Christian Academy 69, St. Ambrose 54

St. Ambrose 10 16 10 18 - 54
 TFC 15 15 24 15 - 69
 ST. AMBROSE (54)

Jacob Bottles 6, Ryan Caven 6, Brandon Pritchett 29, Jesse Taylor 5, Mason Stark 8, Totals 25 4-9 54.

TFC (69)

Austin Brown 12, Ethan Paz 2, James Garrison 16, Tommy Broadfield 23, Clint Irvin 16, Totals 20 7 8-19 69.

3-point goals: TFC 7 (Broadfield 2, Brown 2, Garrison 2, Irvin). Total fouls: St. Ambrose 11; TFC 9. Fouled out: St. Ambrose, Wes Zickau. Technical fouls: none.

SHO-BAN 55, RAFT RIVER 41

The Raft River boys dropped a Snake River Conference South Division game to Sho-Ban Tuesday, losing 55-41 at home.

Cade Powers and Bridger Barrett led the Trojans with 13 and 11 points, respectively. Magic Smith led the Chiefs with 36.

Raft River (8-10, 1-5) will host Hansen Thursday.

Sho-Ban 55, Raft River 41

Sho-Ban 17 9 12 17 - 55
 Raft River 10 7 12 12 - 41
 SHO-BAN (55)

Eldridge 9, Galloway 2, Eschier 5, Smith 36, Edmo 3. Totals 24 3-7 55.

RAFT RIVER (41)

Cade Powers 13, Rio Manning 3, Taylor Thacker 5, H.D. Tuckett 5, Bridger Barrett 11, Jordan Scott 4, Totals 16 6-8 41.

3-point goals: Sho-Ban 4 (Eldridge, Eschier, Smith, Edmo); Raft River 3 (Manning, Thacker, Barrett). Total fouls: Sho-Ban 13; Raft River 11. Fouled out: Raft River, Barrett. Technical fouls: none.

SHOSHONE 64, CASTLEFORD 48

The Shoshone boys won a

Snake River Conference crossover match Tuesday, defeating Castleford 64-48 on the road.

The Indians hit nine shots from behind the arc. Nell Valencia hit four treys on his way to 20 points, while Ryan Sortor did the same in scoring 21.

"Shoshone shot the lights out," Castleford coach Dan Winn said. "They're a well-coached and disciplined team."

Oscar Vargas and Ethan Tverdy led the Wolves with 14 each.

On Thursday, Castleford (8-10, 4-3 Snake River South) will host Oakley for senior night, and Shoshone will host Challis.

Shoshone 64, Castleford 48

Shoshone 13 19 13 19 - 64
 Castleford 13 14 7 14 - 48

Nell Valencia 20, Juan Villagomez 4, Andrew Sortor 6, Sigi Juarez 5, Ryan Sortor 21, Josh Olsen 8, Totals 12 9 13-21 64.

CASTLEFORD (48)

Dylan Kinyon 5, Nick Howard 6, Oscar Vargas 14, Tony Proschka 4, Tyler Hansen 3, Michael Wiseman 2, Ethan Tverdy 14, Totals 18 2-7 48.

3-point goals: Shoshone 9 (Valencia 4, R. Sortor 4, Olsen); Castleford 2 (Kinyon, Howard). Total fouls: Shoshone 14; Raft River 13. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CAREY 67, BLISS 31

Carey improved to 11-2 in the Northside Conference with a 67-31 romp over Bliss.

"We shot 50 percent in the second half which is tough to beat," said Carey coach Dick Simpson.

Trevor Peck scored a game-high 14 points and Wacey Barg added 10 for the Panthers (16-3). Heith Adamson pulled down 12 rebounds and just missed a double-double scoring nine points. Thomas Palmer led the Bears with 10 points.

Bliss is at Richfield next Tuesday and Carey hosts Richfield on Wednesday.

Carey 67, Bliss 31

Bliss 8 16 5 2 - 31
 Carey 15 20 12 10 - 67
 BLISS (31)

Alex Cortez 6, Jarret Wiley 2, Cameron Schoessler 2, Cole Erkins 4, Z. Vincent 2, Thomas Palmer 10, Brandon McLaughlin 5, Totals 12 5-8 31.

CAREY (67)

Dillon Simpson 2, Brett Adamson 9, Trevor Peck 14, Gonzalo Zarate 3, Tyler Willis 5, Wacey Barg 10, Tyler Chavez 7, Heith Adamson 9, Todd Peck 4, Totals 28 5-12 67.

3-point goals: Bliss 2 (Palmer, McLaughlin); Carey 6 (Brett Adamson 2, Trevor Peck 2, Zarate, Willis). Total fouls: Bliss 10, Carey 10. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

MURTAUGH 63, COMMUNITY SCHOOL 39

The Murtaugh Red Devils knocked off the host Community School

Cutthroats 63-39 in Northside Conference play.

"Murtaugh came to play, and they played harder than we did," said Community School coach Ed Flory.

Humberto Pacheco led all scorers with 20 points, Manuel Pacheco tossed in 17 and Skiler Oliverson added 10 for Murtaugh. Lucas Vorsteveld had a team-high 10 for the Cutthroats (4-13, 4-9).

Community Schools hosts the Twin Falls sophomores on Saturday. Murtaugh travels to Dietrich on Tuesday.

Murtaugh 63, Community School 39

Murtaugh 22 13 20 8 - 63
 Community School 7 14 9 9 - 39

MURTAUGH (63)

Trey Perkins 8, Zach Cummins 6, Humberto Pacheco 20, Austin Stanger 2, Skiler Oliverson 10, Manuel Pacheco 17, Totals 27 5-7 63.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL (39)

Peter Atkinson 3, Paul Davis 2, Eddy Albarran 7, Lucas Vorsteveld 10, Caspar Brun 8, Chet Stephens 6, Alex Conn 3, Totals 14 7-14 39.

3-point goals: Murtaugh 4 (h Pacheco 4); Community School 4 (Stephens 2, Atkinson, Vorsteveld). Total fouls: Murtaugh 14, Community School 9. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: Community School, Vorsteveld, Brun.

DIETRICH 65, MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN 23

Dietrich improved to 12-6 overall and 9-4 in the Northside Conference with a 65-23 win over Magic Valley Christian.

"We are just getting ready for the tournament," said Dietrich coach Wayne Dill. "Magic Valley Christian is improving. They should have a good team next year."

The Blue Devils were led by G.W. Bailey with 14, and Scott Perron posted 12. Zach VanEsch led Magic Valley Christian with nine.

Dietrich (12-6, 9-4) hosts Twin Falls Christian on Thursday.

Dietrich 65, Magic Valley Christian 23

Magic Valley Christian 6 5 6 6 - 23
 Dietrich 12 22 21 10 - 65
 MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN (23)

Dylan VanEsch 6, John Hesse 2, Zach VanEsch 9, Matt McClimens 6, Totals 8 4-11 23.

DIETRICH (65)

Dylan Perron 5, Jaren Stoddard 4, Walter Hansen 2, Whit Bingham 5, Scott Perron 12, Kolton Hubert 3, G.W. Bailey 14, Andrew Rocha 7, Luke Hubert 6, Spencer Hansen 7, Totals 27 9-14 65.

3-point goals: Magic Valley Christian 3 (Dylan VanEsch 2, Zach VanEsch); Dietrich 2 (Dylan Perron, Rocha).

Total fouls: Magic Valley Christian 14, Dietrich 14. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

OAKLEY 64, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 40

Behind 20 points by Payson Bedke, Oakley won at home, defeating Lighthouse Christian 64-40.

"We got off to a slow start

and we came out flat," said Oakley coach Levi Power. "It took us awhile but we finally came out with some energy after the break. Hopefully we can take some of that energy into the district tournament."

Mark Pickett added 12 and Spencer Peterson tallied 11 for the Hornets (8-9, 4-3 Snake River Conference South Division). Lighthouse Christian also had three players in double figures led by Ian Fadness with 14, Zane Jessor had 12 and Evan Aardema tossed in 10.

Oakley is at Castleford on Thursday.

Oakley 64, Lighthouse Christian 40

Lighthouse Christian 10 12 6 12 - 40
 Oakley 16 18 14 14 - 64

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (40)

Ian Fadness 14, Evan Aardema 10, Kevin McCullough 2, Chase Dille 2, Zane Jessor 12, Totals n/a.

OAKLEY (64)

Mark Pickett 12, Weston Cooper 2, Andrew Nilsen 3, Hunter Wadsworth 9, Payson Bedke 20, Colten Wadsworth 4, Paxton Robinson 3, Spencer Peterson 11, Totals n/a.

3-point goals: Lighthouse Christian 1 (Aardema); Oakley 2 (Bedke 2). Total fouls: Lighthouse Christian 22, Oakley 22. Fouled out: Lighthouse Christian, Borcharhart; Oakley, Colten Wadsworth. Technical fouls: none.

Wrestling

VALLEY 36, GLENNS FERRY 33

The Valley Vikings defeated the Glens Ferry Pilots 36-33 in a dual meet at Glens Ferry on Tuesday.

"It was our senior night," said Glens Ferry coach Kelly Riggs. "The wrestling was good — our guys looked good and so did Valley. We're both getting ready for districts."

Senior Javier Ortiz (285) of Glens Ferry recorded a pin, and seniors Jacob Valle (140), Taylor Owen (160) and Rudy Pedroza (189) won their matches by decision. Another Glens Ferry senior, Johnny Zacharias (160), won an exhibition match. Kory Adamson (135) and Ivan Pedroza (215) also recorded pins for the Pilots.

Casey Ivey (103), Parker Lamun (112) earned pins for Valley.

Valley 36, Glens Ferry 33

103 pounds: Casey Ivey, Valley, pinned Alex Bybee, 0:20; 150: Parker Lamun, Valley, pinned Chris Mills, 1:55; 115: Matt Ewell, Valley, won by forfeit; 125: Caleb Gerrard, Valley, won by forfeit; 130: Connor Beames, Valley, won by forfeit; 135: Kory Adamson, Glens Ferry, pinned Aaron Raff, 2:28; 140: Jacob Valle, Glens Ferry, dec. James Sizemore, 12:5; 145: Double forfeit; 152: Andrew Munsee, Valley, won by forfeit; 160: Taylor Owen, Glens Ferry, dec. Skyler Kuntz, 9:2; 171: Devon Turner, Glens Ferry, won by forfeit; 189: Rudy Pedroza, Glens Ferry, dec. Derek Murphy, 8:3; 215: Ivan Pedroza, Glens Ferry, pinned Lance Srucek, 0:58; 285: Javier Ortiz, Glens Ferry, pinned Zack Rarick, 0:48.

LeBron scores 47, but Cavs lose

INDIANAPOLIS — LeBron James scored 47 points Tuesday night, but his foul with 0.2 seconds left allowed Danny Granger to make the winning free throw, giving the Pacers a 96-95 victory over Cleveland.

It's the first time this season the Cavaliers have lost two straight games and this one was a surprise because the short-handed Pacers were missing three key players: Mike Dunleavy, Jeff Foster and Marquis Daniels.

The foul ended a bizarre sequence in which T.J. Ford appeared to hit a winning 17-foot fadeaway with 0.8 seconds left. But James drew a foul on an alley-oop and made both free throws with 0.4 seconds to go.

SPURS 108, NETS 93

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tim Duncan had 27 points, nine rebounds and eight assists and the Spurs beat the Nets for the 13th straight time.

Matt Bonner scored 13 of his 22 points in the opening 5 minutes of the third quarter in helping the Spurs win for the 15th time in 19 games since the start of 2009. Tony Parker added 20 points and Bruce Bowen came off the bench in the third quarter to help cool off a hot Vince Carter, who led the Nets with 25 points.

NUGGETS 99, HEAT 82

MIAMI — Chauncey Billups scored 13 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, Carmelo Anthony finished with 19 points

and nine rebounds, and the Nuggets swept the series with Miami for the fourth consecutive year. Kenyon Martin had 18 points and 10 rebounds, while J.R. Smith scored 10 for Denver, which wasted much of a 20-point first-half lead before pulling away late and defeating Miami for the eighth straight time.

HAWKS 111, WIZARDS 90

ATLANTA — The Hawks bounced back emphatically from their worst loss of the season. Joe Johnson scored 22 points and the Hawks shook off an embarrassing home defeat to the Clippers.

RAPTORS 110, TIMBERWOLVES 102

MINNEAPOLIS — Jason Kapono, the two-time defending 3-point contest champion, scored 18 points on 7-of-10 shooting as a reserve.

MAVERICKS 118, KINGS 100

DALLAS — The Mavericks were just fine in their first game without injured Jason Terry against one of the NBA's worst teams. Josh Howard and Antoine Wright both had 23 points, Dirk Nowitzki had 21 and J.J. Barea had 10 as the primary fill-in for sixth-man standout Terry.

The Kings (11-42) became the first NBA team guaranteed to have a losing season — and they still have 29 games remaining. Sacramento is 2-13 since beating Dallas 102-95 at home on Jan. 11.

— The Associated Press

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Villanova stays hot with win against No. 10 Marquette

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Scottie Reynolds scored 27 points, Corey Fisher had 21 and No. 13 Villanova continued its dominant Big East run in a 102-84 win over No. 10 Marquette on Tuesday night.

Dante Cunningham had 15 points for the Wildcats (20-4, 8-3) and Shane Clark had 16. The Wildcats knocked off their third Top 25 team in their six-game winning streak and won their 26th straight game at the Pavilion.

They reached the 100-point mark in consecutive Big East games for the first time in team history.

Marquette (20-4, 9-2) was unranked when it came away with a home victory against Villanova in

the conference opener, a win that sparked the Golden Eagles to a 9-0 start in the Big East. Now, they've lost two straight on the road.

NO. 9 MICHIGAN ST. 54, MICHIGAN 42
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Freshman Delvon Roe scored 11 of his season-high 14 points in the first half and Kalin Lucas had 13 of his 15 points after halftime, leading Michigan State.

The Spartans (20-4, 10-2 Big Ten) have won three straight to open a 2½-game lead over Illinois and Ohio State, moving closer to their first conference championship since 2001.

DeShawn Sims scored 18 points

for the Wolverines (15-10, 5-7).

NO. 12 CLEMSON 87, BOSTON COLLEGE 77
BOSTON — Trevor Booker had 21 points and 13 rebounds, and Terrence Oglesby scored 18 of his 21 points in the second half to lead Clemson.

Oglesby went 6-for-10 from 3-point range, one on a four-point play with 11:54 left to put the Tigers (20-3, 6-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) ahead for good at 61-57. K.C. Rivers added 17 points.

Rakim Sanders scored 23 with eight rebounds for BC (18-8, 6-5).

NO. 25 FLORIDA ST. 68, VIRGINIA 57
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Toney

Douglas scored 19 points and matched a career high with seven assists Tuesday as Florida State handed Virginia its eighth consecutive loss.

Douglas, the ACC's leading scorer in conference competition, scored 15 points in a decisive second half — including successive 3-point shots just 25 seconds apart that gave Florida State a 40-35 lead.

The Seminoles (19-5, 6-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) shook off a woe-ful first-half shooting effort with a blistering 70.8 percent performance in the second half.

KENTUCKY 68, FLORIDA 65
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Jodie Meeks

scored 23 points, including a fade-away 3-pointer with under 5 seconds left, as Kentucky snapped a three-game losing streak with a critical 68-65 victory over Florida on Tuesday night.

Florida got an opportunity to tie when former College of Southern Idaho star Kevin Galloway fouled Nick Calathes while trying a last-second desperation heave. But Calathes missed all three shots, the last one intentionally, as Kentucky held on.

Galloway had six points and a team-high nine assists as Kentucky (17-7, 6-3) pulled into a tie with Florida (19-5, 6-3) atop the SEC East. — **The Associated Press**

BASKETBALL

	NBA All Times MST			
	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTIC				
Boston	42	11	.792	—
Philadelphia	26	24	.520	14½
New Jersey	24	29	.453	18
New York	20	29	.420	19½
Toronto	20	34	.370	22½
SOUTHEAST				
Orlando	38	12	.760	—
Atlanta	30	21	.588	8½
Miami	27	24	.529	11½
Charlotte	20	31	.392	18½
Washington	11	41	.212	28
CENTRAL				
Cleveland	39	11	.780	—
Detroit	27	23	.540	12
Milwaukee	25	29	.463	16
Chicago	23	29	.442	17
Indiana	22	29	.436	19½
SOUTHWEST				
San Antonio	35	15	.700	—
New Orleans	31	19	.612	4½
Dallas	31	20	.608	4½
Houston	31	21	.596	5
Memphis	15	36	.294	20½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	35	17	.673	—
Portland	31	19	.620	3
Utah	29	23	.558	6
Minnesota	17	34	.333	17½
Oklahoma City	13	38	.255	23½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	41	9	.820	—
Phoenix	28	22	.560	13
Golden State	17	25	.400	26
L.A. Clippers	12	40	.231	30
Sacramento	11	42	.208	31½

Monday's Games			
Philadelphia 108, Phoenix 91			
Charlotte 94, L.A. Clippers 73			
Milwaukee 124, Houston 102			
Memphis 85, New Orleans 80			

Tuesday's Games			
Atlanta 111, Washington 90			
Indiana 96, Cleveland 95			
Denver 99, Miami 82			
San Antonio 108, New Jersey 93			
Toronto 110, Minnesota 102			
Chicago 107, Detroit 102			
Dallas 118, Sacramento 100			
New York at Golden State, late			
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, late			

Wednesday's Games			
Denver at Orlando, 5 p.m.			
Phoenix at Cleveland, 5 p.m.			
San Antonio at Toronto, 5 p.m.			
Memphis at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.			
Washington at Charlotte, 5 p.m.			
Atlanta at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.			
Indiana at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.			
Boston at New Orleans, 6 p.m.			
Sacramento at Houston, 6:30 p.m.			
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 7 p.m.			
Oklahoma City at Portland, 8 p.m.			
New York at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.			

Thursday's Games			
Miami at Chicago, 5 p.m.			
Portland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.			
Portland at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.			

NBA Boxes			
Pacers 95, Cavaliers 95			

CLEVELAND (95)			
James 15-21 13-14 47, Wallace 0-2 1-2 1			
Ilguskas 5-17 0-0 10, Williams 7-18 1-1 15			
Szczerbak 2-8 2-2 6, Gibson 2-7 0-0 6			
Varejao 2-3 4-10 8, Hickson 1-1 0-0 2			
Jackson 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 34-78 21-29 95			

INDIANA (90)			
Granger 5-13 3-4 16, Murphy 7-9 0 18			
Hibbert 6-9 0-0 12, Ford 6-13 2-3 15, Jack 2			
8-3 7, Diener 5-7 0-0 13, Nesterovic 3-9 2-4			
8, Rush 2-7 0-0 4, Baston 0-2 0-0 0, Graham			
12-1 1 3, Totals 37-84 11-15 96			

CLEVELAND 24 19 25 27 — 96			
3-Point Goals—Cleveland 5-21 (James 4-7)			
Gibson 2-4, Ilguskas 0-2, Szczerbak 0-3			
Williams 0-5, Indiana 11-23 (Murphy 4-5)			
Diener 3-3, Granger 3-7, Ford 1-2, Jack 0-2			
Rush 0-4, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—			
Cleveland 58 (Ilguskas 11), Indiana 45			
(Murphy 15), Assists—Cleveland 11 (James 4),			
Indiana 15 (Ford 4), Total Fouls—Cleveland 18,			
Indiana 18. Technicals—Varejao, Jack, A—			
18,165 (18,165).			

Mavericks 118, Kings 100			
SACRAMENTO (100)			
Salmons 6-14 2-3 16, Thompson 2-6 0-0 4,			
Hawes 3-8 3-4 9, Udrih 5-12 1-2 11, Martin 4-			
15 7-8 18, She Williams 5-6 5-6 15, Garcia 5-			
8-0 11, Jackson 4-7 2-2 12, Greene 3-2 2-4 2,			
Doubly 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 35-79 22-29 100.			

Bare 5-7 0-0 10, George 0-1 0-0 0, Singleton			
1-2 0-0 2, Hollins 1-2 0-0 2, Green 1-3 1-1 3.			
Totals 47-85 19-22 118.			

Sacramento 31 26 14 29 — 100			
Dallas 38 24 26 30 — 118			

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 8-15 (Martin 3-5,			
Jackson 2-2, Salmons 2-3, Garcia 1-1, Hawes			
0-1, Greene 0-1, Udrih 0-2), Dallas 5-12 (Kidd			
3-5, Howard 1-1, Wright 1-3, Barea 0-1,			
George 0-1, Carroll 0-1). Fouled Out—None.			
Rebounds—Sacramento 38 (Jackson 6),			
Dallas 54 (Dampier 16), Assists—Sacramento			
15 (Udrih, Salmons 5), Dallas 28 (Kidd 12),			
Total Fouls—Sacramento 15, Dallas 24. A—			
19,667 (19,200).			

Nuggets 99, Heat 82			
DENVER (99)			
5-Anthony 15 9-11 19, Martin 9-14 0-0 18,			
Nene 3-3 0-0 6, Billups 10-17 0-0 23, D.Jones			
1-3 0-0 2, Carter 4-6 0-0 8, Andersen 3-3 1-1			
7, Kleiza 2-11 0-0 4, Smith 3-7 2-2 10, Petro			
1-2 0-0 2, Totals 41-81 12-14 99.			

MIAMI (82)			
Demar 32 24 18 25 — 99			
Miami 20 25 17 — 82			

3-Point Goals—Denver 5-21 (Billups 3-8,			
Smith 2-4, Martin 0-1, C.Anthony 0-2, Kleiza			
0-6), Miami 6-20 (Quinn 2-3, Chalmers 2-4,			
Beasley 1-1, Wade 1-5, Marion 0-1, Cook 0-6).			
Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 43			
(Martin 10), Miami 44 (Chalmers, Wade 7),			
Assists—Denver 22 (Carter, Billups 5), Miami			
13 (Chalmers 5), Total Fouls—Denver 13,			
Miami 17. Flagrant Fouls—Marion, A—16,784			
(19,600).			

Bulls 107, Pistons 102			
DETROIT (102)			
Prince 8-16 0-0 16, Johnson 1-3 1-2 13,			
Wallace 7-11 4-4 20, Wright 6-14 4-4 16,			
Afflalo 2-5 0-0 4, McDyess 3-0 0 6, Maxwell			
2-3 1-2 5, Hamilton 11-21 8-30, Herrmann			
0-0 0-0 0, Bynum 1-2 0-1 2, Totals 41-83 16-			
21, 102.			

CHICAGO (107)			
Deng 1-7 5-6 7, Thomas 6-14 10-13 22, Noah			
5-11 2-2 12, Rose 10-15 3-4 23, Gordon 8-18			
8-24, Hinrich 2-6 0-0 5, Nocioni 5-6 3-4 14,			
Sefolosha 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 37-78 28-37 107.			

Detroit 22 29 34 17 — 102			
Chicago 30 20 21 36 — 107			

3-Point Goals—Detroit 4-9 (Wallace 2-4,			
Hamilton 2-5), Chicago 5-10 (Gordon 3-4,			
Nocioni 1-2, Hinrich 4-4), Fouled Out—None.			
Rebounds—Detroit 46 (Wallace 10), Chicago			
51 (Noah 16), Assists—Detroit 21 (Hamilton			
8), Chicago 21 (Hinrich 5), Total Fouls—Detroit			
27, Chicago 15. A—21,896 (21,741).			

Spurs 108, Nets 93			
SAN ANTONIO (108)			
Finley 5-5 0-0 3, Duncan 11-17 5-6 27,			
Bonner 8-10 2-2 22, Parker 7-14 6-6 20,			
Mason 5-12 1-1 14, Ginobili 3-6 3-3 9,			
Thomas 3-5 0-0 6, Hairston 2-6 0-0 4, Hill 0-2			
0-0 0, Bowen 1-1 0-0 2, Oberto 0-0 1-2 1,			
0-0 0, Totals 41-87 18-20 108.			

New Jersey (93)			
Hassell 5-9 0-0 10, Anderson 2-5 0-0 5, Lopez			
9-14 0-1 18, Harris 8-16 4-4 21, Carter 11-25			
3-4 25, Boone 1-1 0-0 2, Dooling 2-8 0-0 5,			
Hayes 3-5 0-0 7, Ager 0-1 0-0 0, Douglas-			
Roberts 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 41-84 7-9 93.			

San Antonio 28 26 28 26 — 108			
New Jersey 21 30 18 24 — 93			

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 8-18 (Bonner 4-5,			
Mason 3-6, Finley 1-4, Hill 0-1, Ginobili 0-2),			
New Jersey 4-14 (Harris 1-2, Anderson 1-2),			
Hayes 1-3, Dooling 1-4, Carter 0-3), Fouled			
Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 44			
(Duncan 9), New Jersey 40 (Harris 7),			
Assists—San Antonio 27 (Duncan 8), New			
Jersey 20 (Carter, Harris 5), Total Fouls—San			
Antonio 18, New Jersey 15. Technicals—			
Carter, A—33,301 (19,990).			

Raptors, Timberwolves			
TORONTO (110)			
Graham 10-15 3-3 24, Bargnani 8-17 1-1 18,			
O'Neal 8-17 6-7 22, Calderon 3-8 4-4 11,			
Parker 2-6 0-0 4, Kapono 7-10 1-1 18, Moon			
4-5 2-2 11, Vasukihi 0-0 0-0 0, Ukei 1-3 0-0 2,			
Totals 43-81 17-18 110.			

MINNESOTA (102)			
Miller 4-8 2-3 12, Gomes 7-17 2-2 17, Love 6-			
14 3-4 15, Telfair 5-12 1-2 11, Foye 11-22 8-			
3-13, Collins 0-1 0-0 0, Carney 4-11 3-4 12,			
Cardinal 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 38-88 19-23 102.			

Toronto 18 32 32 22 — 102			
3-Point Goals—Toronto 7-16 (Kapano 3-5,			
Moon 1-1, Graham 1-1, Calderon 1-3,			
Bargnani 1-3, Parker 0-1, Ukei 0-2),			
Minnesota 7-26 (Foye 3-6, Miller 2-5, Carney			
1-5, Gomes 1-6, Carolina 0-2, Telfair 0-2),			
Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 47			
(Moon 9), Minnesota 46 (

Appeals court will decide fate of 'the list'

NEW YORK (AP) — With Alex Rodriguez's reputation in tatters, other players who might be on the infamous list of 104 likely are worried whether their names will be made public.

"Our program, which was designed to be confidential, if it turns out not to be, that's something that causes concern," union head Donald Fehr said Tuesday.

Baseball's highest-paid and perhaps most-talented player, Rodriguez admitted Monday that he used banned drugs from 2001-2003 while playing for Texas. The admission came two days after Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site that his name was among the 104 players who tested positive during baseball's anonymous survey in 2003.

Former union head Marvin Miller called for an investigation of federal prosecutors to help determine

New House panel chairman says no to A-Rod hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez won't be appearing on Capitol Hill anytime soon.

The new chairman of the congressional committee that asked Roger Clemens, Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro about steroids in baseball in recent years said Tuesday he does not think lawmakers need to hear from Rodriguez in the aftermath of an admission he used performance-enhancing drugs from 2001-03.

"The American people need leaders who will focus on stemming job losses and getting credit to flow in the marketplace before hearing from yet another person

who cheated both himself and the game of baseball," said House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform chairman Edolphus Towns, a Democrat from New York.

Towns does plan to monitor baseball's drug-testing policy and did not rule out the possibility of hearings down the road.

"The news that another one of baseball's premier players — in addition to another 103 unnamed players — used performance-enhancing drugs is disturbing and sends yet another horrible message to our young people," Towns said.

whether there was a government leak of the test results,

which remain under court seal.

"I think the first question ought to be: 104 names all testing positive, but you leak only A-Rod's. Why is that?" Miller said.

The fate of "the list" will be determined next by 11 appeals court judges in California.

If prosecutors are allowed to use the list and bring players before grand juries and trial courts, additional stars might be forced to admit they used steroids.

"It's definitely not fair to just pinpoint one guy," Boston's Kevin Youkilis said of his Yankees rival. "I don't know if somebody had it in for him. I don't know what because it seems like just to take one name out of that whole group is a little odd to me. If he was named with 10 other players, would that have been fair? I don't know? If they'd have listed all 104?"

Hall of Famer Goose Gossage hopes the list

becomes public.

"I want to know who these other 100 guys are," he said. "Let's get it all out in the open. It certainly is not fair to A-Rod or to Bonds. They're dragging A-Rod down."

Rodriguez was at the University of Miami's campus Tuesday morning for a workout session, with several photographers staking out the gym he frequents and surrounding his vehicle. He did not comment.

Rodriguez is to be the headline attraction at the school's annual baseball banquet Friday night, when the Hurricanes' home park gets renamed in honor of the \$3.9 million gift he gave Miami in 2003.

Hall of Famer Bob Feller said Tuesday he thinks baseball should separate out the accomplishments of A-Rod and others implicated in drug use.

"Maybe they can have two sets of records — one for those who used steroids and one for those of us who didn't," he said.

Marc Ganis, president of the consulting company Sports Corp. Ltd., said Rodriguez will be viewed differently by fans as his home-run total climbs from 553 and he approaches Barry Bonds' mark of 762. The A-Rod brand has been tainted, and Ganis said it will cost Rodriguez endorsement deals.

"He is going to have a cloud over him, particularly as he approaches the home run record, where before this revelation, he was considered the anti-Bonds, the guy who was going to get the greatest record in all of sports back into the hands of a clean athlete," Ganis said. "He will always have this postscript. Sponsors don't like postscripts."

A nifty profit but no NFL titles for Huizenga

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Wayne Huizenga fared better in the NFL as a businessman than as a sports fan.

Huizenga turned a nifty profit last month by completing his sale of the Miami Dolphins and their stadium for \$1.1 billion, nearly seven times what he paid to become sole owner in 1994.

But Huizenga considered the Dolphins different from his other investments. He knows the bottom line in the NFL is championships, and his team never even made it to the Super Bowl.

"If I have one disappointment, the disappointment would be that we did not bring a championship home," Huizenga said Tuesday. "It's something we failed to do. It's tough out there with the competitive balance in this league, which is what's great about the league. Every team has the same payroll, and that is what has made the league so strong."

Stephen Ross, a New York real estate billionaire, completed his purchase of 95 percent of the franchise Jan. 20. Huizenga retains a 5 percent interest and will continue to attend games, as he has done since becoming a season-ticket holder in the Dolphins' first season in 1966.

But Huizenga won't be involved in franchise decisions, and at age 71, the man who once owned three professional teams is stepping off the sports stage. He described his sale of the Dolphins as bittersweet.

"I have mixed emotions," he said. "I love the Miami Dolphins and the NFL with all my heart, but I felt that this was the right time to sell the team. It was a process we started 2½ to 3 years ago, when the economy was very good. ... Someone was willing to step up and pay those prices."

Huizenga was also the founding owner of the Florida Marlins and Florida Panthers. But the Dolphins were always his first love, and while his Marlins won the World Series and his Panthers made the Stanley Cup finals, success in football proved elusive.

AHMAN GREEN RELEASED BY TEXANS

HOUSTON — Ahman Green and linebacker Morlon Greenwood were released by the Houston Texans on Tuesday.

Green was hailed as the solution to Houston's signing woes when he was signed, but finished each of his two seasons with the Texans on the injured reserve. He leaves

after rushing for 554 yards and missing 18 games with various injuries.

The 31-year-old four-time Pro Bowler started Houston's season opener but missed the next game with an injury. Rookie Steve Slaton filled in and when Green was healthy coach Gary Kubiak decided to stick with Slaton.

Slaton responded by rushing for a team-record 1,282 yards.

The move could signal the end of Green's 11-year career that began in Seattle and peaked in his seven seasons with the Green Bay Packers. He rushed for more than 1,100 yards in each of his first five seasons with the Packers before missing 11 games with an injury in 2005. Green rebounded to rush for 1,059 yards in 2006 before joining the Texans.

The 30-year-old Greenwood, who recorded more than 100 tackles in each of the previous four seasons, saw his production and playing time decrease this season as Houston relied on its younger linebackers.

AIKMAN GETTING COLLEGE DEGREE 20 YEARS LATER

DALLAS — Troy Aikman's passing days didn't end when he retired from the Dallas Cowboys.

The Hall of Fame quarterback says he's passed his two final college courses and will graduate in June from UCLA — 20 years after he left for the NFL.

The Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday that Aikman is getting a bachelor's degree in sociology and will participate in UCLA's graduation ceremonies.

The 42-year-old Fox Sports broadcaster says he's "finally taking care of unfinished business."

Aikman says he promised his mother, when he left school just two courses shy of a degree, that he would return and finish.

PITTSBURGH PLANNERS MAY NAME STREET FOR CHUCK NOLL

PITTSBURGH — Planners may name a street to be built near the Pittsburgh Steelers' stadium after Chuck Noll, the coach who led the team to its first four Super Bowl wins.

Plans for an amphitheater near Heinz Field that were approved by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission include a one-block street named Chuck Noll Way.

City officials say they've received no formal request to name the proposed street. City Council must approve any such request.

— The Associated Press

Earnhardt Jr. takes on leadership role in NASCAR

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. never wanted to be the voice of NASCAR, the one getting all the questions and shouldering the responsibility for speaking for teammates, colleagues and everyone else in the garage.

"I just wanted to drive, but that's not all there is to it," Earnhardt said.

Not even close.

Earnhardt has figured that out, evidenced by all he's done leading up to the Daytona 500. He took track promoters to task, suggested ways to make races more affordable to fans and even offered to drive for free if his team needed to cut costs in a foundering economy.

NASCAR's most popular driver the last six years, the guy who gained instant fame because of his iconic father and grandfather, has reluctantly accepted his position atop the sport.

"I feel like I take a big role in this sport," Earnhardt said. "I am glad to be part of this sport. I am glad to represent the sport, either on my good days or my bad days. I love being a part of it and whatever I got to shoulder that I feel is fair, I am fine with. If it isn't fair, I am not fine with it."

Lately, Earnhardt has found more unfair.

He ripped track promoters last week for demanding more of drivers' time to help sell tickets. Bruton Smith, chairman of track conglomerate Speedway Motorsports Inc., and his chief lieutenant, Texas Motor Speedway president Eddie Gossage, criticized drivers for not helping create buzz and fill seats.

"That's not true," Earnhardt said. "We're constantly doing things every week for this guy and that guy to help racetracks. ... They gotta take a little responsibility for them-



NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. talks during media day at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 5.

selves."

Earnhardt's annoyance started in the offseason, when promoters at Memphis Motorsports Park offered Earnhardt free ribs for life from the track-sponsored barbecue restaurant if he raced in their Nationwide race. Earnhardt was upset they didn't ask him if they could use his name.

He also took exception with billboards in Texas and Las Vegas that offered rewards for something Earnhardt does on the track.

"I like those kind of things, but damn, you know, notify us a little bit," he said. "Let's get a little more creative."

He thought track owners should do more to try to help fans, too. He suggested they buy or build hotels, so the tracks can control the rising cost of rooms during race events. It's a farfetched notion, but it shows how much Earnhardt wants to see change in a sport struggling to sell tickets at nearly every racing venue.

"I just wish it was easier to go see a race, and I want the fans to have whatever they want," Earnhardt said. "You remember how it was 10 years ago? It seemed like

nobody was really complaining about little things like camper parking and traffic, the cost of a parking pass for the infield. Now, these are big issues for some reason. They have to figure out how to fix that."

Some thought his move from Dale Earnhardt Inc. to Hendrick Motorsports before last season might prevent him from ever taking on a leadership role. Would team owner Rick Hendrick try to

turn Earnhardt into a clone of clean-cut, rarely controversial drivers Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon?

"From the very first time we talked, I told him, 'Be yourself. We want you to be comfortable being you and we won't change you,'" Hendrick said. "That's what the attraction is to him. When you get around him, you find out what a neat person he is and you find out why the people gravitate toward him."

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