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House wants one-year road funding package

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — Legislators have authored more than a dozen alternatives to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's proposals to raise revenue for Idaho's roads.

Ultimately, Otter wants a five-year mechanism. House members, meanwhile, say they prefer one year.

Their latest ideas came Monday, along with an effort to allow local-option votes for registration fees. All the ideas are rooted in garnering revenue for either the Idaho Transportation Department

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or local governments — and are short-term due to the economy.

"His are a little too much. They won't pass," House Transportation Committee Chairwoman JoAn Wood, R-Rigby, said of Otter's proposals. "No one I know talks about wanting to do five years."

The latest single-year pro-

posals, from Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, and Wood, would raise registration fees differently than Otter. Smith's plan would raise \$28 million next year with \$15 million going to ITD and \$10 million to local governments. Wood's proposal raises \$21 million.

The two lawmakers have already introduced single-

year alternatives to Otter's proposed two-cent annual increase in the 25-cent-per-gallon gas tax: Smith calls for five-cent spike, and Wood a two-cent jump.

Wood said the rationale is to provide short-term alternatives to Otter, and then offer lawmakers a choice between raising a lot or just a little.

At least several more ideas to raise revenue are expected. Last year, Otter rejected a \$68 million increase for one year, saying he wanted a multi-year agreement.

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Misplaced trust

Caregiver charged with stealing from blind client

By Andrea Jackson Times-News writer

A homebound 82-year-old Wendell man who's blind and confined to a wheel chair said he thought he could trust a former caregiver.

That was until she allegedly swiped his credit card and forged his signature to buy clothes and at least one lavish dinner, racking up \$1,200 in unauthorized charges.

Julie F. Ramirez, 33, of Wendell, is charged with two counts of forgery of a financial transaction card, felonies. She faces one to 14 years in prison for each count if convicted.

Ramirez allegedly used her client, Cecil Millsbaugh's credit card numerous times without his permission. Most of the charges came from a local department store and



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A presidential education

NVA students in school for Presidents Day

By Ben Botkin Times-News writer

GOODING — For many schoolchildren, Presidents Day represents a day without classes — and a three-day weekend.

For North Valley Academy students, Presidents Day is another day of school. The Gooding charter school had class on the holiday, with students remembering the presidents through songs and a short play about presidential history.

North Valley Academy stresses patriotism and values American history, so it's fitting for the school to be open on Presidents Day, said Gayle DeSmet, the head administrator.

"Any time we have a patriotic opportunity, we take it," she said.

Pictures of the presidents and Mount Rushmore hang on the hallways of the school, reminding students of their presidential heritage.

The school has another distinction when it comes to presidents. Out of all the schools in Idaho, North Valley Academy raised the most money in a statewide "Pennies for Lincoln" fundraising effort for a refurbished statue of President Lincoln that was dedicated last week in Boise.

"We had milk jugs in every classroom," said Deby



North Valley Academy third-grader Morgan Squires adjusts his hat Monday during a skit for Presidents Day activities.

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WATCH: A video of Presidents Day activities at North Valley Academy.

Infanger, chairwoman of the school's board. "It was just really fun for the kids to give it a try."

Before the dedication, the statue was moved from Veterans Home in Fort Boise to the front of the Statehouse.

NVA students traveled to Boise on Thursday — Lincoln's 200th birthday — to

participate in the statue's dedication, wearing red, white and blue clothes. The school had raised about \$578 toward the statue's improvements, which included costs of moving the statue, conserving its base, and educational programs like an essay

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North Valley Academy students attend the unveiling of a statue of President Lincoln on Thursday in front of the Statehouse in Boise. NVA students raised the most money of all schools statewide to help with statues refurbishment.

Photo courtesy North Valley Academy

No joy in this cooking

Recipes can make you fat as servings get bigger

By J.M. Hirsch Associated Press writer

CONCORD, N.H. — It's not just fast food restaurants that have supersized the way Americans eat — cookbooks share the blame.

So-called portion distortion, the trend of eating larger and larger servings, is as much a problem with recipes as it is restaurants, and has been going on even longer, a study published this week in the Annals of Internal Medicine found.

The study, which looked at how classic recipes have changed during the past 70 years, found a nearly 40 percent increase in calories per serving for nearly every recipe reviewed, about an extra 77 calories.

"So much finger pointing

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Oakley's 'Project Rudolph' family earns \$20K prize from TV promotion

By Laurie Welch Times-News writer

An Oakley couple who devote their lives to giving overseas soldiers a taste of home during Christmas was recognized by an Idaho Falls news channel Monday and presented with

\$20,000 check.

ABC-TV affiliate KIFI Local News 8 Anchor Karole Honas presented Ray and Cheri Archibald with the cash prize as one of five national winners of ABC's Extreme Makeover Home Edition's "American Dream Edition."

"They are such sweet-

hearts," Honas said of the couple who organize Project Rudolph, which sends letters and treats to overseas soldiers during the holidays. "They're hurting and there is no money for them to do this anymore."

Honas said whether or not the Archibalds will be a final

winner in the contest has not been announced. The segment is scheduled to air sometime in March.

The contest criteria included being involved in community service, having been affected by the economic downturn and needing the home makeover, said Ray

Archibald, who found out he and his wife were winners last week.

"I thought, why us?" he said. "I don't know that we have done anything that anyone else wouldn't have done."

Archibald said his daughter, Tawny Campbell, who lives with her husband, Sgt.

Joe Campbell, in Landstuhl, Germany, submitted their name to the contest.

"I think Mom and Dad have put in a whole lot of work for very little recognition," said Tawny Campbell in a phone interview from Germany after

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz Jam, hosted by Brent Jensen, open to musicians of all ages and ability levels, 6 to 8 p.m., Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St., Twin Falls, no cover.

CHURCH EVENT

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University free preview, sponsored by Believer's Church, 6:30 p.m., Canyonside Christian School, 60 E. 100 S., Jerome, no cost to attend; opportunity to order \$100 kit for classes, 208-293-6235 or kka2001@hotmail.com.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

VFW Post 2136, Henry D. Lytle, Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m., DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. (corner of Shoup and Harrison), Twin Falls, 733-6042.

EXHIBITS

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

New work by Twin Falls sculptor Yvonne Jacques, noon to 5 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council's La Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Main Street Plaza, Twin Falls, free admission, 734-2787 or Magicvalleyartscouncil.org. **"Domestic Life" exhibition**, multidisciplinary project on the financial and time investments spent on homes, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum, no cost, sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

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

GOVERNMENT

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

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

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

Jerome City Council, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.

Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main St., 543-6436.

Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-9815.

Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.

Castleford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main St., 537-6511.

Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.

Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main St., 536-6318.

Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main St., 326-5000.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SilverSneakers Fitness Program at Curves of Twin Falls, complete cardio and circuit training with resistance, state-of-the-art equipment and "Curves Smart" personalized coaching, 5:30

a.m. to 7 p.m., Twin Falls Curves, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., no cost for Humana Gold-insured, or AARP provided by Secure Horizons, 734-7300.

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

TOPS Weight Support Group Chapter ID No. 374, 10 a.m., 410 E. Third St., Rupert, 436-6037.

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

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

LIBRARY

Let's Talk About It book discussion, "The Solace of Open Spaces" by Gretel Ehrlich, 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., Filer, books available for checkout, Filer library card not required, 326-4143.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center Rain Forest, no cost; **Faulkner Planetarium "Bad Astronomy: Myths and Misconceptions,"** 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students, no cost for children under age 2 and a special price package for families with five children or less, 732-6655.

Family night telescope viewing, 7:15 to 9 p.m., Centennial Observatory, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, \$1.50 or no cost with planetarium show admission or for children age 6 and under, 732-6655.

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

Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to do today

• If you think the 1969 Apollo moon landing really took place on a Hollywood set, then check out "Bad Astronomy: Myths and Misconceptions" which puts all those kooky myths to rest. The program starts at 7 p.m. at the Faulkner Planetarium at College of Southern Idaho's Herrett Center for Arts and Science off of North College Road in Twin Falls.

Cost is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students.

• Want to improve those mom and dad skills? Learn some tips at the "Love and Logic" parenting classes from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Wendell Middle School, 800 E. Main St. To reserve child-care or for more info, call Chris, 536-5531 or 536-6611.

• Talk books at the Let's Talk About It book discussion of "The Solace of Open Spaces" by Gretel Ehrlich at 7 p.m. at the Filer Public Library, 219 Main St. 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.

Funding

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Meanwhile, Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Eagle, said Monday he wants to allow counties to hold local-option votes to increase registration fees to fund road projects. There would be no cap on the fee increase, but it would last only to fund specific projects, Labrador said.

Labrador said the idea is different than local-option sales tax because it's paid for by highway users.

"What I pay on milk shouldn't go to the roads," he said. "This specifically is a user fee."

Currently, only highway districts are allowed to ask

voters to increase vehicle fees.

Wood said she doesn't believe the incoming federal stimulus will affect House members' decisions since the money will not be used for maintenance, where Idaho needs it most, or new projects.

Other ideas introduced Monday:

• Rep. Rich Wills, R-Glenns Ferry, wants to shift 1 percent of the 5 percent Idaho State Police receives from gas tax revenue to the ITD. Otter wants one percent shifted over five years, but Wills said the economy dictates just a one-year shift, followed by a

review the process in the following year.

The move would require the Legislature fund the \$3.2 million that would be shifted. Wills said state budget writers are supportive, and cited how ISP has been losing \$2 million annually the last two years due to declining tax revenue.

• Otter also unveiled a sixth proposal, increasing specialty license plate fees by \$20 to raise \$4 million. There are currently 38 specialty plate programs that raise money for various groups.

Last year, Wood proposed a \$10 across-the-board increase to the plates.

Stealing

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an Italian restaurant, according to court records.

Millspaugh said he was alerted to the charges after another one of his government funded caregivers recently read him his Sears MasterCard bill.

"It hurt me," Millspaugh said Monday about the alleged crime. "This girl was reading my mail and she said the Sears bill went up ... I said I couldn't have spent that."

Police determined that the charges were made with illegible signatures and without Millspaugh's consent.

Ramirez, who was working for Jerome-based Accomplishments In-Home Care at the time, allegedly admitted to using Millspaugh's card without permission, according to court records.

An investigator with the College of Southern Idaho Area IV Office on Aging inter-

viewed Ramirez, court records show. "Ramirez admitted to using Millspaugh's card and signing his name numerous times ... Ramirez stated that she bought gift cards and clothing."

Officials at the Office on Aging did not return a call Monday from the Times-News.

Ramirez allegedly told police she would "give back the payment," according to court records.

The crime may be bigger, though, than stated in court records.

"It should be noted that Ramirez used Millspaugh's Sears MasterCard at other locations throughout the Magic Valley," according to a court record dated Feb. 4.

Ramirez is no longer employed at Accomplishments In-Home Care, and she was given a background check, a company official

said Monday.

The company also has a clear policy against taking from clients.

"This policy is in the employee handbook which Ramirez signed," according to court records.

Millspaugh said caregivers come to his home daily for about two hours to help him with cleaning, cooking, bills and other household tasks.

Millspaugh maintained his shock on Monday.

"I haven't had anyone steal from me before," said Millspaugh, who moved to the Magic Valley in 1950. "I never thought about nobody taking from me."

Ramirez could not be located Monday for comment. Her preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 23 in Twin Falls 5th District Court.

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Archibalds

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the segment was taped. "Now I finally feel like I have paid them back."

Each year the Archibalds and volunteers gather supplies and decorate and fill Christmas goodie bags that are sent to Germany and the Campbells to be handed out to troops in the military hospital, the airport and down range. This past year the program distributed 8,000 bags.

"Well, the first thing we are going to do is pay back our children for buying up the 'Dear Soldier' books," Ray Archibald said. "And then we

will probably put in some new linoleum and then just live on the rest of it."

Tawny Campbell wrote a book called "Dear Soldier," featuring some of the comments they had received from service members about the program. However, the book's publishing company went out of business, leaving 1,000 books unsold. Archibald's children pitched in \$1,900 to buy the books and plan to donate one to a soldier for each one they sell.

Campbell's one request was that her parents use a portion of the money on a trip to visit them

in Germany.

Ray Archibald, a retiree, said the recent economic downturn caused him to lose an insurance benefit he received from his former company, placing a hardship on the family.

The Archibald's daughter, Lisa Koziol, said her parents always put aside their own needs to keep Project Rudolph going each year.

"This is definitely something they needed because they have been struggling," said Koziol. "Everything they do is for Project Rudolph so I think this is payback for them."

Education

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contest, moving a "Lincoln and Idaho" traveling museum exhibit around the state, and a "Lincoln and Idaho" periodical for schools.

While the idea of the fundraiser was to donate pennies, students also gave larger currency like quarters and dollar bills, said Heidi Hooper, a first-grade teacher at NVA.

Her class, for example, filled a one-gallon jug with money and one student even

donated \$18, she said.

Each NVA class has a key hero that it studies each school year, and Abraham Lincoln is the hero for Hooper's class.

"My class was pretty exited because we were studying Abraham Lincoln," Hooper said.

Magnum Hofstetter, a 6-year-old first-grader, summed up the basics about Honest Abe.

"He freed the slaves," he said. "He was the 16th presi-

dent. He liked songs and stuff and he liked to read books."

Students sang a song that recited every president's name — Washington through Obama — on Monday.

"The song is about the 44 presidents and it's pretty fun to sing once you get the hang of it," said Michael Ervin, a 7-year-old first-grader.

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Recipes

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is going on at away-from-home dining it really takes the focus off where we could probably have the most immediate influence," says Cornell University marketing professor Brian Wansink, who directed the study.

The study identified the trend in numerous cookbooks, but it focused on American kitchen icon "Joy of Cooking," first published during the '30s and regularly updated with new editions since then, most recently in 2006.

Those editions gave researchers a continuity of recipes from which to draw their data, Wansink says.

Of the 18 recipes published in all seven editions, 17 increased in calories per

serving. That can be attributed partly to a jump in total calories per recipe (about 567 calories), but also to larger portion sizes.

Only the chili con carne recipe remained unchanged through the years. The chicken gumbo, however, went from making 14 servings at 228 calories each in the 1936 edition, to making 10 servings at 576 calories each in the 2006 version.

Calls to Scribner, publisher of "Joy of Cooking," were not immediately returned.

Most excess calories in the American diet still come from food eaten outside the home, says Marion Nestle, professor of nutrition and food studies at New York University. But she says the study is yet another illustration of how accustomed

people are to eating ever increasing quantities of food.

And changes in "Joy of Cooking" have been going on for a while. Increases in overall calories per recipe have been gradual, but portion sizes tended to jump, first during the '40s, again during the '60s, and with the largest jump in the 2006 edition.

The first significant signs of restaurant portion inflation didn't show up until the late '70s, says Wansink.

Lisa Young, an adjunct nutrition professor at New York University, had similar findings in a 2002 study that compared the book's brownie recipe from the '60s and '70s editions to the recipe from the 1997 edition.

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Little Lost	83%	55%
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Oakley	81%	60%
Salmon Falls	94%	69%

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CORRECTIONS

Clarification

A small graphic on Monday's front page was not clear on the programming for certain channels. KSAW 51 does not currently transmit in digital. A list of available digital channels on page 2 was also incomplete.



Find out which schools are closed for weather online at **Magicvalley.com**

You don't say

Steve Crump



CSI's best ever? Pick 'em. But Sobers made the most of it

Of all the pretty fair basketball players to hang their sneakers in the College of Southern Idaho locker room over the past 43 years, the debate about who's the best ever will rage for a long time ...

But there's little argument about who turned out to be the most successful ...

That would be Ricky Sobers, a 6-foot, 3-inch guard from the Bronx, recruited by Coach Jerry Hale in 1971 ... Sobers hadn't graduated from high school at the time, and he was considered something of a project ... But Sobers led CSI to the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament as a sophomore and was a JUCO All-American ...

Sobers was recruited by Bob Gaillard at the University of San Francisco — Bill Russell's alma mater and a top-20 basketball program at the time — but the University of Nevada-Las Vegas had just hired a coach out of Long Beach State named Jerry Tarkanian ... Sobers figured he'd get more playing time at UNLV ...

"Opportunity is the key word," he told the Las Vegas Review-Journal ... "USF was very attractive to me, but I thought by going to UNLV I could step right in and demonstrate what I could do" ...

Tarkanian granted him the freedom to play, but also gave him the structure he needed to become a complete player ...

"Tark was great," Sobers

said ... "He helped my defensive game ... I probably could've scored 40 a game, but I was never a selfish player ... Statistics weren't important to me ... I just wanted to win." ...

In Sobers' two seasons at UNLV, the team went 44-11 and made it to the NCAA Tournament for the first time at the Division I level in 1975 ...

Sobers was the 16th pick in the 1975 NBA draft — by the Phoenix Suns ... Suns coach John MacLeod, like Tarkanian, was a proponent of wide-open basketball ... On a team that included Paul Westphal, Dick Van Arsdale, Alvin Adams and future Hall of Fame coach Pat Riley, Sobers made it to the NBA finals as a rookie ... He played in what was arguably the greatest game in NBA history, with the Suns losing to Boston in triple overtime in Game 5 of the 1976 NBA Finals ... The Celtics won the series in seven games ...

In 11 NBA seasons, Sobers averaged 13.3 points per game — and double figures in eight seasons, including a career-high 18.2 points per game for the Indiana Pacers in 1977-78 ... He also played for the Chicago Bulls, Washington Bullets and Seattle SuperSonics ...

Now 56, Sobers lives in Henderson, Nev., where he runs a corporate training company ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

Hailey home lost to Sunday/Monday fire

Chief: Investigation to begin today

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Firefighters from across the Wood River Valley battled a house fire north of Hailey for more than 20 hours before it was fully extinguished Monday.

Fire officials expected an investigation into the cause of the fire would be launched today.

Wood River Fire & Rescue responded to calls about smoke and flames coming from 102 Willow Road, off Zinc Spur, at about 4:40 p.m. Sunday. Chief Bart Lassman said the fire was difficult to fight because thick structural insulation panels in the roof of the home, combined with a heavy snow load on the roof, made it difficult to access.

Lassman reported no casualties in the fire, though one firefighter slipped on ice and sustained a minor injury.

"We chased it around for



ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

A firefighter removes a ladder from the side of a home at 102 Willow Road in Hailey. The fire, which started Sunday afternoon, was fully extinguished by 1 p.m. on Monday.

most of the night," Lassman said.

He called in assistance from Hailey and Sun Valley fire departments and Ketchum Rural Fire District, and a total of 50 to 60 firefighters battled the blaze. It was contained by 8 p.m., but not fully extinguished until after noon on Monday.

Homeowner Jon Nasvik, who owns decorative concrete business Cliffhangers Inc. in Hailey, and his family were not home at the time of the fire. They could not be

reached on Monday, but Lassman said they are staying at an area hotel.

Lassman said an investigation into the cause of the fire had not yet begun, in part because the Idaho State Fire

Marshal's office in Boise was closed due to the holiday. "We have to secure the building, and I'm hoping to hear back (from the Marshal) tomorrow," Lassman said on Monday afternoon.

Wood River Fire & Rescue and Blaine County Sheriff personnel have conducted interviews with witnesses to the fire. "There's some speculation that it may have started outside the building," Lassman said, noting that he had "nothing conclusive" yet. No representatives from the sheriff's office were available for comment on Monday afternoon.

The log-construction home, which Lassman tentatively valued at more than a million dollars, is a total loss, he said.

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T.F. Council to hear annexation request today

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today in council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

The council will consider the following items:

- A request to annex 29 acres located southwest of 2850 East 3600 North. The proposal is also for the land to be zoned R-4 planned unit development. A subdivision is planned for the property.

- A request to extend the 9:30 p.m. shutoff time for amplified sound at the City Park Band Shell. The extension of the time is requested so that movies can be played there this summer.

- A request for a conveyance plat of two lots on 23 acres located northeast of the intersection of Harrison Street North and Canyon Falls Drive. The conveyance plat is a step needed before further development and more detailed preliminary and final plans can be proposed to the city.

- A request to authorize the mayor and city manager to execute the right-of-way agreements for two parcels along Washington Street North.

- A request to re-appoint Erick Mikesell, Kevin Cope, and Jim Schouten to the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission.

- The council will hear a presentation from Juvenile Tobacco/Alcohol Case Coordinator Nancy Kunau of the 5th Judicial District. The information includes a survey of people in the district who work with youth.

At 6 p.m. the council will have a hearing for the request for the vacation of a public right-of-way for 7,150 square feet of property adjacent to 1087 and 1088 Cobble Creek Road. The purpose is to limit the traffic at the west entrance of Platted Fieldstone Subdivision to residential use.



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Education cuts not dead, but will have fewer teeth

Stimulus impact still unclear

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

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READ: Capitol Confidential, a political blog by Jared S. Hopkins.

BOISE — The federal stimulus hasn't arrived, but Idaho legislators are already making plans for what the money can — and perhaps can't — do to keep education harmless from budget cuts.

Monday, the Senate delayed making 4 percent mid-year holdbacks permanent. The co-chairwoman of the state budgeting panel said budget-setting would begin a little later than usual as legislators decide where the stimulus will help and where cuts still need to be made.

"This stimulus is not going to be all things to all people. It's just not going to do it," said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome,

co-chairwoman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

The bill to make permanent holdbacks had passed the House but stalled Monday in the Senate, legislators said, because the stimulus could be used to replenish reserves tapped to keep schools harmless from mid-year cuts. Legislators don't believe the stimulus can help the 2009 fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Meanwhile, rather than set budgets Feb. 23, JFAC will probably wait a day or so until Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter decides how to proceed, Bell said.

But some ideas to trim the

public schools budget by the \$62 million outlined by Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna could return, and are still important to save money in the future.

Luna and House Education Chairman Bob Nonini, R-Coeur d'Alene, said they are comfortable with making changes temporary, a request of educators and Democrats. Nonini also said he doesn't need to include controversial aspects like changing teachers' contracts if the federal stimulus arrives in time.

Nonini and Luna said the stimulus could keep schools free from cuts. But Bell was more skeptical, citing how the 2010 budget target JFAC set Friday included a 5 percent reduction in state personnel.

"I just can't justify having schools made whole with stimulus and having state employees take a 5 percent cut," Bell said. "It just doesn't

seem fair to me."

Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls, said last week making changes temporary was inappropriate since it's unknown when Idaho will recover from the economic downturn. But on Monday, he said he's comfortable with installing sunsets, although the cuts should be revisited should the state declare a financial emergency.

"To me, I was just thinking about it more," he said. "You could write (the change) in a way that allows you to revisit it."

Some Democrats said their stance is still the same: They are willing to make only temporary changes and want to be fully involved in the decision-making process.

"I don't want to see those changes made permanent," said Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, who sits on the education committee.

Aquatic dead zones trickier to heal than previously thought

The Washington Post

CHICAGO — Healing low-oxygen aquatic dead zones in the Chesapeake Bay and hundreds of other spots worldwide will be trickier than previously imagined, leading scientists on the issue said Sunday.

That's because the low oxygen levels that make it impossible for most organisms to survive also kill bacteria crucial to removing nitrogen from the water.

Dead zones are caused primarily by excess nutrients — nitrogen and phosphorus — that feed massive algae blooms. Those, in turn, soak up most of the water's oxygen and leave little for other life forms — a condition known as hypoxia. In recent years there have been extensive efforts to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus loads in the Chesapeake Bay, Gulf of Mexico and other areas with dead zones. But these efforts have not yielded the expected results, scientists said at the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Science.

"We've been working for 20 years to breathe life into these dead zones, but we've found it much harder than we thought," said Donald

Boesch, president of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. "Even when the nutrient loads are reduced, the hypoxia is generally not recovering with the rapidity we assumed it might."

In the Chesapeake Bay, what scientists call a "regime shift" happened in the early 1980s, when oxygen levels dipped even lower than would have been expected, given the amount of nutrients in the water.

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Public safety groups push bill

BOISE — Public safety employee groups are hoping legislators will pass a law to allow themselves to contribute to the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho to create a safety net that can assist workers hurt on the job.

Currently, employees permanently disabled in the line of duty lose health benefits provided by their agency. The legislation would provide a one-time payout of \$100,000 to help families replace lost income offset by the increased expenses. Officers would increase their PERSI contribution by .04 percent per year. For example, an officer paid \$35,000 yearly would contribute \$14

more per year.

The legislation is being brought forth by the Idaho Fraternal Order of Police and the Professional Firefighters of Idaho. They say that the legislation will keep talented employees on staff, and point out that there will be no cost to employers and is very inexpensive to the workers.

Similar efforts in the past have failed but those required state funding.

Pence pushes kindergarten reform

BOISE — A proposal from Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, would permit children attending private in-state kindergarten to enter public schools in the first grade if they do not reach the

minimum age required but pass a special test.

The provision already applies for out-of-state students. The bill was introduced last week and could receive a hearing this week.

Currently, children can only begin kindergarten if they are 5 years old before Sept 1.

Lawmaker wants to change lottery funding

BOISE — Sen. Dick Sagness, D-Pocatello, wants to give local school districts more flexibility for three years to use the money it receives off profits from the Idaho State Lottery.

Sagness, a retired dean at Idaho State University who is a temporary senator, wants the money that public

schools receive from the lottery to be classified as discretionary funding — essentially used however local officials want to use it.

Currently, the money must be used to fund capital projects only.

Sagness, who introduced the bill last week, said while no additional revenue would be raised, the change would give school districts needed flexibility during the economic downturn. He said the sunset date could change if the economy improves.

— Jared S. Hopkins

CRHS fight song submissions sought

Times-News

Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls is seeking submissions for the new school's fight song.

The fight song contest is open to all interested people, students or adults. The winner or winners will receive a lifetime pass to the school's games and concerts.

The submissions can be sent in the follow-

ing categories:

- Words only, which can be original words or words adapted from another source.

- Music only, which can be original or adapted from elsewhere.

- Words and music combined. The words and music can both be original, an adaptation, or a combination.

Submissions are due by April 17 and can be sent to

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Service group holds tea party in Gooding

Helping Hearts and Hands Inc. is holding a Have a Heart Tea Party to celebrate its second anniversary of service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Historic Gooding Hotel Bed and Breakfast, 112 Main St., Gooding.

Guest speaker will be Bernice Peterson. Tea and treats will be served. There will be a gift basket door prize and a quilt raffle drawing. Suggested donation is \$10 plus non-perishable food items.

Information: Judee at 539-1661 or Sue Ellen at 837-4060.

Library open house to show renovations

The public is invited to an open house, "Come Love Your Library", from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding Public Library, 306 Fifth Ave. W.

The library was closed for three weeks in November to recarpet, repaint, and rearrange, and the staff would like to show its patrons appreciation for their patience. Refreshments will be served.

CSI seeks input on North Side Center

The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center in Gooding will hold an information-gathering session from 6 to 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at Gooding's Lincoln Inn. Anyone who wishes to take part is encouraged to attend.

North Side Center Director Elaine Bryant said the discussion, moderated by CSI Public Information Director Doug Maughan, will allow residents to express their opinions about CSI's Gooding facility and its offerings.

"It's important that we hear how our residents feel about the CSI North Side Center," said Bryant. "We encourage residents, students, and future or former students to join us and talk about how much they know about us, what classes they've taken, and what they'd like to see for themselves and for the community." Bryant said comments about credit and non-credit classes are welcome.

Free pie and coffee will be available to all who attend. Information, or to submit comments or questions directly: Bryant, 934-8678 or ebryant@csi.edu.

Grant received for cardiac crash carts at Gooding County Memorial Hospital

Recently Partners In Healthcare, Gooding County Memorial Hospital received a grant for \$3,000 from the Idaho Community Foundation to purchase cardiac crash carts for the emergency room and inpatient wing.

"This grant has made it possible for us to replace our crash carts sooner than expected," stated Lorraine Reinhardt, chief nursing officer at GCMH.

"As a rural, community hospital we strive to have

the latest in technology and the most up-to-date equipment throughout our facility. Our cardiac crash carts were nearing the end of their productive years and needed to be replaced. We would like to thank the Idaho Community Foundation for assisting us with this purchase," she said.

The Idaho Community Foundation is a statewide nonprofit organization composed of more than 370 individual funds, pooled together for efficient management. Total assets are more than \$72 million. Since its inception in 1988, ICF has made charitable distributions totaling more than \$37 million.

Hagerman students make girl's wish come true

The Hagerman Junior/Senior High School recently sponsored an 8-year-old girl named Morgan for the Make a Wish Foundation.

Morgan suffers from T-cell lymphoma and heart disease. Through the leadership of Student Body President Anna Silver her Mom, Lora Silver-Lewis, and the Student Action Council chairpersons, the school took on the project with enthusiasm and purpose.

Julie Thomas, Make a Wish Foundation Southern Idaho regional director, challenged the Hagerman student body at a special assembly.

All students received an envelope with 10 stars. Each star could be purchased for \$1 or more. The students enthusiastically went out into the community to raise money for Morgan and her family. Donation boxes were offered to local businesses to place on their counters.

In less than two weeks, the students had raised more than \$3,600 to send Morgan and her family to Walt Disney World. As time went on, more donations came in. The grand total raised to grant Morgan's wish was almost \$5,000.

All classes participated, with the senior class raising more than \$1,500. As a way to thank the leading participants the Make a Wish Foundation, Hagerman High School and Cedar Lanes in Filer sponsored a bowling party. Morgan and her mother, Cassie, surprised the senior class and came to the bowling party.

The students' collections totaled more than any other school or university in the state of Idaho.

Winners of Gooding Bridge announced

Gooding Duplicate Bridge released its results for Feb. 13.

Section A: 1. (tie) Jodi Faulkner and Claire Major; Marg Pierson and Susan Faulkner; 3. Henry Robinson and Mary Kienlen; 4. Don and Lorna Bard.

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. For partnership information or directions: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

— staff reports



MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

Early morning coffee discussions at Sally's in Gooding include Gooding's new dog ordinance. Discussing the proposed ordinance changes are Claude Scanlon, Tom Northcott and an unidentified man.

Collar your pup in Gooding

New city canine ordinance approved

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — It's going to be more costly if your dog is caught running at large in Gooding.

According to the city's newly revised canine ordinance, the costs for retrieval of impounded dogs is now \$10 for the first offense, \$40 for the second offense within one year and \$80 for a third offense during a one-year span. The ordinance will go into effect after a process of three public readings.

Dogs that offend more than three times in one year will be humanely disposed of.

"Dogs running loose in Gooding have been a big problem," said Gooding Police Ordinance Officer Teresa Thiemann. "This ordinance change should encour-

age people to keep their pets at home."

Thiemann said when dealing with a dog at large, she tries to find the dog's owner if the dog has a collar and a tag.

"If there are no tags, then I have to take the dog in to be held at the vet's office," Thiemann said. "The dogs can only be kept for three days. If no one checks for them then they are euthanized."

Robin Darcy, 10-year owner of her guide dog named Fairlee, said she thinks higher fees will reduce the number of dogs running around in the street.

"It's helpful to Fairlee and me as we go around town if everyone is in control of their dogs," she said. "Fairlee always has her up-to-date dog license and tags."

Dog licenses are required in Gooding, run \$10 per dog and

must be renewed annually.

Under the new ordinance, officers are authorized to enter on to private property while in "fresh" pursuit of an at-large dog in order to take possession of the offending animal.

Offenders of the ordinance will also be subject to fines and court costs based on an offense-based scale. First offenders would be subject to a \$50 plus court costs, with the fines increasing to \$100 and \$150 for second and third offenses.

Much of the remaining ordinance remains unchanged. Copies of the ordinance are available at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.

Mary Hanson may be reached at 944-4421 or mhan-sombd@aol.com.

Wendell Elementary honors 'PeaceBuilders'

Following rules, completing homework, and helping others are all important peace-building behaviors at Wendell Elementary School where, on Feb. 2, Principal Kevin Rogers honored January's well-behaved students at a PeaceBuilder motivational assembly.

The following students were nominated by their teachers as PeaceBuilders of the Month and were called to come forward for applause and photographs:

Fourth grade: Peyton Briggs, Breann Pereira, Ashley Hill, Madisen VanDyk, Ives Arreola, Yajaira Rodriguez, Eunise Vargas, Araya Rasmussen, Michelle Aguilar, Nohely Torres, Nick Stevens and Tiffani Nelson.

Third grade: Quinton Mitchell, Raliegth Larson, Guadalupe Castro, Naomi Gonzalez, Naomi Murphy,



Courtesy photo

As part of the PeaceBuilders program, kindergartners at Wendell Elementary School learn a lesson from their teacher, Mrs. Matthews, about walking on the right so that others may pass.

Moises Covarrubias, Alejandra Ocaranza, Leonor Rangel, Alan Esquivel, Brian Smith, Dain Chance, Shaylene Eldredge, Lukas Giraud and Jesus Rojas.

Second grade: Faith Garcia,

Trinity Lesneski, Jennifer Perez, Ashley Greene, Kaylee Keyes, Tyler Torres, Andrew Vasquez, Jasmine Dominguez, Keevan Lindsay, Ashley McCrae, Eric Perez, Blake

Filer library has new materials

Recent additions to the Filer Public Library:

"Plum Lucky" by Janet Evanovich, "8 Sandpiper Way" by Debbie Macomber, "A Daughter's Inheritance" by Tracie Peterson and Judith Miller, "Second Glimpse" by Jodi Picoult, "The Perfect Fit" by Louise Kean, "Mrs. Kimble" by Jennifer Haigh, "The Shack" by William P. Young, "Fade Away" by Harlan Coben, "Sail" by James Patterson and Howard Roughtan, "Smoke Screen" by Sandra Brown, "Promise, Texas" by Debbie Macomber, "A Sister's Secret", "A Sister's Test", "A Sister's Hope" by Wanda Brunstetter, "Snowfall at Willow Creek" by Susan Wiggs, "Bull's Island" by Dorothea Benton Frank, "Brisingr" by Christopher Paolini, "The Door to December" by Dean Koontz, "North and South" by Elizabeth Gaskell, "Northanger Abbey" by Jane Austen, "The Manning Brides" by Debbie Macomber, "A Lion Among Men" by Gregory Maguire, "Heat Lightning" by John Sandford, "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks, "Recovering Charles" by Jason F. Wright, "The Brass Verdict" by Michael Connelly, "The Tales of Beedle the Bard" by J. K. Rowling, "If you Give a Cat a Cupcake" by Laura Numeroff, "The Amazing Days of Abbey Hayes" by Anne Mazer, "Vacation Under the Volcano" by Mary Pope Osborne, "Day of the Dragon King" by Mary Pope Osborne, "The Salamander Spell" by E. D. Baker, "Flat Stanley" by Jeff Brown, "Guinness World Records 2009", "Reflections: Life After the White House" by Barbara Bush.

Patient needs more information about myelodysplastic anemia

DEAR DR. GOTT: Would you please discuss myelodysplastic anemia? I would like to know the symptoms, cause and treatment. I was diagnosed with this condition but cannot find much information about it. I was given another name for it but don't remember it.

DEAR READER: Myelodysplastic syndromes



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

are a group of disorders that affect the bone marrow and stem cells. There are eight

subtypes but because of space restrictions, I can't list and explain each type. Without knowing which subtype you have, I can give you only general information that is relevant to each type.

Symptoms include fatigue, shortness of breath, frequent infections, pinpoint bruising, unusual paleness due to anemia, easy or unusual

bruising and unintentional weight loss. Early in the disorders, symptoms are generally mild, if present at all.

The cause is abnormal production of stem cells that fail to mature or function properly. It is, therefore, considered by many experts to be a type of blood and bone-marrow cancer. What causes these abnormal cells to develop first varies. Reasons

include prior cancer therapies (namely those for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and acute lymphocytic leukemia) and environmental toxins, such as massive exposure to ionizing radiation, benzene and more. There also may be a link between myelodysplastic syndromes and long-term exposure to pesticides, heavy metals, herbicides

and chemical fertilizers.

Risk factors include age (most cases occur in those over 60), gender (men are affected at slightly higher rates than women), smoking (which increases exposure to benzene and other toxins) and some congenital disorders (Fanconi's anemia and Down syndrome).

See DR. GOTT, Main 6

CRTC students sponsor Project HOPE

The Cassia Regional Technical Center Health Professions students, under the direction of instructor Valerie Jones, are participating in Project HOPE (Honoring Our Patriots Everyday). They are planning to make 120 fleece tie-quilts for servicemen who have been wounded in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and are recovering at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and the Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Annapolis, Md.

They are asking for community support for their cause. A business, civic organization, church, youth group, or hobby group can sponsor a quilt by donation of funds, material, and/or time; or actually make the quilt. The cost of one quilt is less than \$30.

So far more than 25 quilts have been completed. Donation jars decorated by the students have been placed around the community.

Attached to each quilt will be a picture of the sponsoring group, a short letter of appreciation, and a card containing get well wishes. Quilts will be delivered April 3 by CRTC staff.

Information: Valerie Jones, 208-878-6610, ext. 139.



Courtesy photo

Health Professions students at the Cassia Regional Technical Center are making fleece tie-quilts for servicemen who have been wounded in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars as part of Project HOPE. Pictured are members of the junior class, from left around the table, Tyson Clark, Christina Landreth, Kade Carpenter, William Asbury, Toni Hodge, Abbie Jo Lindsay, Destiney Rasmussen, Taylor Carson, and Breka VanLeuven. Behind the students is a stack of blankets already completed. On the front of the table are donation jars decorated by the students to place around the community.

School maintenance in a downturn is no easy task

As overall school maintenance costs rise while school budgets dwindle, it's easy to see why some school facilities look like they suffer from improper maintenance.

As we face further proposed budget cuts, I find myself asking, how do we do more with less? The answer isn't easy.

In truth, getting the same coverage out of a shrinking budget is like trying to put on a medium shirt when a large would fit more comfortably. Through careful planning and hard work, we'll transform ourselves to fit into the medium shirt.

The Minidoka School District doesn't have all the money it needs to maintain its facilities and carry out all its desired programs. The wish list of improvements, renovations and repairs extends far past the funding available. District administrators have always labored to squeeze more out of our limited budget, but recently, we've been looking at spending with more of a long-term perspective.

Victories include renovation and additions to the high school, facade

MINIDOKA VIEW
Theo Schut

improvements to middle schools and replacing two elementary schools. The list extends widely from there.

Still, we are not done. Our facilities will not continue to age, and deferring or delaying maintenance on will only result in greater repair costs in the future.

We are exploring all avenues and turning over every rock to evaluate how we can meet our needs in tough economic times. We will do our best to at least maintain, if not improve upon, the status quo of our buildings.

Theo Schut is maintenance supervisor of Minidoka County School District.

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TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Twin Falls High School announced its first semester honor roll.

Seniors, 4.0 GPA

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Seniors, 3.50 and above

Joanne Anderson, Casey Barton, Dakota Barton, Joshua Bashline, Mercedes Blackwood, Melissa Bolton, Kelsie Bryant, Cassandra Cameron, Sara Castro, Jacob Coats, Arturo Cortez, Joshua Dean, Kimberly Dolecheck, Erica Farnsworth, Sara Federico, Kara Fiscus, Camille Flournoy, Jacob Fuchs, DJ Gilbert, Mason Goodman, Eric Hutchins, Ander Jayo, Andrea Jones, Amanda Keelber, Rachel King, Joshua Laskey, Derek McDowell, Shane McMichael, Hannah McNeley, Emina Mesic, Elizabeth Middleton, Leya Murphy, Leslie Neiwrth, Tuyen Nguyen, Melissa Nikolova,

Baylee Orr, Kaitlyn Pearl, James Peterson, Allison Pfeifferle, Krickett Piazza, Samuel Plant, Kelsey Price, Kyle Rees, Dora Renteria, Chelsea Retmier, Emilie Richards, Ryan Roberts, Lilianna Rodriguez, Lily Saldivar, Matthew Scott, Timothy Sheen, Shelbe Sheppard, Maggie Tang, Dusty Tenney, Scott Tikalsky, Brett Treanor, Caleb Turner, Angel Uchiyama, Kayla Urrutia, James Webb, Michele White, Michael Williams.

Juniors, 4.0

Nathan Algate, Matthew Ashby, Rees Atkins, Paul Bezas, Andrew Bortz, Janet Braun, Lynne Crandall, Keveren Freeman, Zachary Herzinger, Brett Kohring, Erica Martens, Kenneth Petersen, Casey Petty, Colin Reed, Rebecca Schenk, Emily Williams.

Juniors, 3.50 and above

Bryce Allan, Brock Bartlett, Kade Beck, Merissa Berry, Kailee Bevan, Shelbie Bingham, Skyler Bingham, Angela Bixler, Danica Borlase, Will Brown, Jacob Burton, Sierra Chapple, Jordan Collins, Catina Crum, Brock Dayley, Alexandra Drummond, Allison Federico, JaNae Fischer, Kelli Garner, Maria Garth, Jorgina Gonzalez, Tyler Goodell, Parker Graves, Timothy Hafer, Christopher Hamilton, Joseph Hamilton, Brianna Hanson, McKenzie Harman, Joseph Hawkes, John Hepworth, Rebecca Hoff, Amanda Jackson, Marcus Jardine, Jene Johnson, Kayla Johnson,

William Keeter, Matthew Kezele, Bojan Kranjc, Elizabeth Laidig, Emily LaPatra, Jessica Leon, Alyssa Long, Tiffanie Long, Matthew Luckcock, Marin Mandura, Brett Maughan, Kevin McKain, Cari Miranda, Bekir Mustafic, Tanner Newey, Jessica Nielsen, Lance Nielsen, Crystal Nutsch, Daniel Olsen, Samuel Pence, Jon Pulsifer, Adan Robles, Lauren Rogers, Pedro Santos, Alexander Schenk, Rachel Schenk, Christopher Slette, McKenzie Spaulding, Hailey Stroud, Andrew Taylor, Ciarra Tennant, Tuyen Tran, Katelyn VanLoo, Zachary VanLoo, Elena Vignati, Ashley White, Taylor Williams.

Sophomores, 4.0

Andrea Ballestero, Brady Barton, Taylor Barton, Abby Biedenbach, Julie Bixler, Erika Blay, Emily Bond, Katelyn Christensen, Lauren Christensen, Mark Christensen, Derrick Cox, Hanna Crowley, Zachary Dullin, Taylor Ellis, Stephanie Filas, Ryan Fuchs, Ashley Geist, Nathaniel Goss, Natalie Harman, Corissa Johns, McKenzie Johnson, Matthew Keeth, Trevi Lutz, Stephanie Maughan, Mikaela McMurtry, Ashton Meeks, Salma Miramontes, Chita Neupane, Jazlyn Nielsen, Garrett Oman, Danielle Richards, Sarah Sheen, Emily Simonson, Whitney Smith, Sydney Sneddon, Jordan Staley, Blair Symington, Austin Thomas,

Whitney Ward, Joshua Warth, Jayson Welker, Joshua Wirtz, Logan Woodhouse.

Sophomores, 3.50 and above

Ahmad Abdul Rahman, Matthew Anderson, Paden Barnard, Samuel Behm, Natalie Belnap, Madison Bernhisel, Ryan Bowyer, Lisa Boytim, Loring Brock, Kevin Brown, Taylor Brown, Kelly Buddecke, Marc Bulcher, Darian Cantu, Sarah Chappel, Braden Coleman, Brandon Collins, Jaquelyn Corr, Kevin Costa, Tony Cuellar, Dakota Cummins, Courtney Cunningham, Aaron Cutler, Sarah Dodds, Mark Edlund, Audrey Ettesvold, Ashlee Finch, Kendon Freeman, Kaitlin Garofano, Jordan Gentry, Caitlin Harvey, Alexi Hash, Jeremy Hegman, Shandra Hollon, Kaleb Jeroue, Brianna Johansen, Justin Jones, Mallory Jund, Challis Kerr, Samuel Kessler, Nathaniel Krapf, Kylee Kuest, Jessica Lopez, Kathryn Mancari, Ashelyn Martin, Cody McBride, Jana Miller, Garren Moreno, Laken Mullin, Sara Oliver, Chet Pettingill, Tyler Piper, Hayden Prigmore, Jenna Quale, Blake Ransom, Tyler Ready, Alex Ridgeway, Lani Roemer, Stela Saltaga, Joshua Schrader, Jenna Sharp, Amanda Slagel, Cy Sneed, Kiara Spaziano, Colton Stott, Colton Sweesy, Mary Toft, Ashlee Twiss, Isabel vonZastrow, Chase Waldapfel, Amanda Ward, Jeffrey Ward, Alexandria Webb, Dianna Wilson, Tyler Withers, Sabrina Wood, Madison Worst.

Dr. Gott

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Treatment depends on which subtype you have.

There is no definitive treatment or cure, but there are some medications and procedures available. Transfusions can be used to relieve symptoms of anemia. If transfused too frequently or over a long-period of time, however, the body may develop antibodies against the transfused blood cells, which can lead to liver and heart damage. Another option is drug therapy. These medications stimulate the production of blood cells, which reduces or eliminates anemia. They may be used

in conjunction with transfusions. Some people may need chemotherapy or stem-cell transplant.

Once you have been diagnosed with one of the myelodysplastic syndromes, it is important to be careful. It is vital to avoid sick people, wash your hands frequently and wash and cook foods thoroughly to avoid infection. Because these syndromes affect blood and bone marrow, they can also suppress the immune system and lead to prolonged or severe infection.

I recommend you or a family member go online to www.mayoclinic.com/health/myelodysplastic-syndrome/ds00596 for more in-depth information. It is

important to be under the care of an oncologist or hematologist familiar with the syndromes. He or she will be your best source for new information and treatments.

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

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CSI holds auto maintenance course

The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center course Under the Hood will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 24 and 26 in Canyon 130.

The cost of the class is \$39 and the instructor is David Rodriguez. The course num-

ber for this class is XMSC 009 C06. Participants will learn the proper vehicle maintenance and gain insight on how to talk to car technicians or service personnel.

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Prosecutor: Mine collapse was 'perfect' disaster

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal prosecutor looking into the collapse of a Utah mine said the operator was struggling to meet production quotas and was aggressively taking the last of the coal inside a slowly crumbling mountain — all “recipes for a disaster.”

U.S. Attorney Brett Tolman said that even if he finds evidence of negligence at Crandall Canyon, it might not be enough to warrant criminal charges — and he wasn't inclined to prosecute “bad business” practices, either. He said he was still looking deeper for evidence that could be brought before a grand jury.

The possible evidence includes allegations by federal regulators — vigorously denied by the company — that mine managers misrepresented early warning signs of danger at the central Utah mine, which collapsed in a spectacular instant on Aug. 6, 2007, trapping six miners who remain entombed there. Another three rescuers were killed by a cave-in 10 days later.

Tolman, who opened an investigation 10 months ago on a complaint from Rep. George Miller, D-California, said in a recent interview he was troubled by an “awful combination” of events that made for a “perfect” disaster, but “when you are trying to find whether or not there is criminal intent in the day-to-day operation of a mining company, it's a Herculean task.”

Tolman said, “That's what makes it a very difficult thing because emotions are very high, and you have victims of a tragedy that are crying out for justice.”

The mine's corporate owner, instead of responding to Tolman's specific remarks, issued a statement to The Associated Press.

“We truly believed the mine was safe — a belief that was shared by MSHA itself, by expert mining consultants and by our own experienced miners. Still, this tragedy could not be averted,” said Kevin Anderson, a Salt Lake City lawyer for Murray Energy Corp. affiliate Genwal Resources Inc., the co-owner and operator of the Crandall Canyon mine.

MSHA stands for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

“We continue to cooperate fully with the U.S. Attorney's Office. We are confident that upon completion of their review, they will conclude there was no criminal intent in

this terrible event.”

Tolman said he was stunned by the scale of the disaster.

“Keep in mind you're under the deepest cover, the deepest part of the mine, and in a part of the mine that has already been mined. The barriers you're dealing with are left for specific purposes of structural support, and anytime you're doing retreat mining, you have elevated the nature of the risk. So, it really was a perfect storm,” he said.

Satellite radar images indicate that a 69-acre section of the mine caved in — the equivalent of 63 football fields without the end zones. For sheer destruction, federal regulators found no other mining disaster in the last 50 years to compare to it.

Tolman agreed to an interview to answer what was taking the investigation so long — he said it took several months for his office to compile mining documents into a searchable database. He said the review, headed full-time by two of his criminal chiefs and a lawyer with a technical background, would take several more months.

In a new disclosure, Tolman said the mine operator needed Crandall Canyon's “very good coal” to mix with inferior coal from other company mines and fulfill contracts. Yet Crandall Canyon, plagued by cave-ins and seismic jolts that damaged equipment and bracing, kept coming up short on production quotas, he said.

“At what point does greed become criminal behavior?” asked Tolman. “It's a tough decision but one we're very prepared to make.”

Mining conditions varied from “a little more challenging” to “significantly worse” as equipment and men moved under the mountain's deepest cover, according to documents that have already been released. In February 2006, for instance, a cave-in cost the mine four days of production, the log said. Crandall Canyon was coming up “short for the month.” Another report took measure of a shrinking stockpile of coal outside the mine.

Tolman said that some questions about the mining company's response to business pressures were better left to civil lawsuits.

Those lawsuits contend that Crandall Canyon was taking down coal pillars that should have been left standing to support the mine.

Legislators say stimulus won't fix road problems

BOISE (AP) — Some Idaho legislators say federal stimulus money to fund transportation could mean problems for the state because it won't address the state's road maintenance needs.

Caldwell Republican and chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee Sen. John McGee told the Associated Press that the stimulus money is for projects that begin immediately and can't be used for long

term maintenance.

McGee says the state can either pay for the repairs now, or end up paying much more later.

McGee's counterpart in the House, Rigby Republican Rep. JoAn Wood, says that new construction funded by the federal stimulus package would create new maintenance problems.

Idaho is expected to receive nearly \$220 million for highways, bridges and public transit.

Lewiston husband held as suspect in death of wife

LEWISTON (AP) — Detectives say they are still trying to contact potential witnesses and sort through details surround a suspicious death of a Lewiston woman.

Meanwhile, Charlene M. Mabie's husband, Gary W. Mallory II, is being held in the Nez Perce County Jail in connection with her death.

The 48-year-old woman was found Saturday morn-

ing at her residence. Lewiston Police Department Lt. Doug Clark says early indications show Mabie died of homicidal violence.

A cause of death has not yet been determined, though an autopsy is planned for Tuesday in Spokane, Wash.

Mallory is scheduled to be arraigned today in Nez Perce County Magistrate Court.

Floyd G. Morrison

LEWISTON, Utah — Floyd Gayman Morrison, 91, passed away peacefully at his home in Lewiston, Utah, on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009.

He was born in Coveville, Utah, the sixth of eight children born to Hyrum and Nellie Morrison. He grew up in Lewiston,



Utah, where he attended school and worked to help support the family after his father died when he was 9 years old. He married Gladys Berquist on Aug. 31, 1941; the marriage was later sealed in the Logan LDS Temple in December 1943. Gladys preceded Floyd in death in 1986, and he later married Ronda VanOrden in June 1991.

He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many church callings. Floyd “Nig” enjoyed sports all of his life and, in his younger years, played and coached basketball, baseball and boxing. He enjoyed swimming, fishing and playing sports with his children and grandchildren. He was a talented artist and enjoyed oil painting. Floyd was a hard worker all of his life and taught his family the value of hard work and honesty. He farmed and had a dairy farm for several years, worked construction with heavy equipment, and worked for Amalgamated Sugar

Company for 10 years in Paul. After retiring, he moved back to Lewiston, Utah, and went to work for Cub River Irrigation Company until he retired again at the age of 83.

Floyd is survived by his wife, Ronda of Lewiston, Utah; his children, Garr (Karalee) Morrison serving in the New York North LDS mission, Marilyn (Bill) Griffith of Rexburg, Molly (Dave) Baumgartner of Lewiston, Utah, and Dennis (Betty) Morrison of Albuquerque, N.M.; his stepchildren, Mike and Brad VanOrden, Wayne (Leslie) VanOrden, and Nanette (Yancy) Larsen; 22 grandchildren; six step grandchildren; and 51 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys; and a grandson, Craig Baumgartner.

Grandpa enriched the lives of his family members and friends and could tell a good story whenever the occasion arose.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Lewiston LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 16 S. Main in Lewiston, Utah, with Bishop Don Baldwin conducting. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church. Interment will be in the Lewiston Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Webb Funeral Home in Preston. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.webbmortuary.com.

Donald Bowman

BUHL — Donald Bowman, 77, of Buhl, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at his home after fighting a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Donald was born April 29, 1931, into the family of Victor and Estella (Wilson) Bowman in Buhl. Don's family included one sister and three brothers. He married his high school sweetheart, Doris Haynes, on July 29, 1947, in Buhl. Together they had two boys and three girls. Much of his career was spent in mining and logging ventures.

Don is survived by his wife, Doris of Buhl; sons, David Bowman of Twin Falls and Curtis (Margo) Bowman of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughters, Linda (Ladd) Smalley of Hagerman, Jan Bowman of Twin Falls and

Debra (Steve) Palmer of Sacramento, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; his youngest brother, Robert (Myrna) Bowman of Buhl; and cousins, Betty (Bowman) Warren, Max Bowman and Dale Bowman all of California.

The family wishes to express their thanks for the care given to him in his last days by Idaho Home Health, Visions Hospice and all of the nurses and aides by showing their compassion, mercy and special care so that he could remain in his home.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. A viewing will be from 1 to 2 p.m. before the service Thursday at the chapel. Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Idaho beer, wine tax hike clears initial hearing

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Proponents of boosting Idaho's beer and wine tax to pay for substance-abuse treatment won an initial victory in the Legislature Monday when their bill was narrowly approved for further debate.

The measure, to more than triple the 15 cent per gallon beer tax to 52 cents and boost the 45 cent per gallon wine tax to \$1.56, avoided being killed on a 10-8 vote in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. A second hearing is forthcoming.

Keith Allred, head of The Common Interest government reform group, said drinkers should shoulder more of the burden of alcohol abuse, since beer and wine taxes are unchanged since 1961 and 1971, respectively. Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter has proposed cutting 10 percent from state substance-abuse funding in fiscal year 2010, starting July 1, due to the budget crisis.

“Our goal ... has been to keep those funds whole,” Allred told the 18-member panel before the vote.

In addition to boosting the tax, the bill would no longer tax beer and wine based on volume, but would charge 7.8 percent of the wholesale

price of beer and 4.5 percent of wine, to keep pace with inflation. If the measure passes, it would dedicate \$14.3 million in estimated new revenue for substance-abuse treatment, with another \$5 million going to Idaho's general fund.

Idaho's beer tax is the 37th highest in the nation, while its wine tax ranks 34th. If the bill passes, the beer tax would be the ninth highest and the wine tax the seventh.

Nationally, the median beer tax is about 19 cents per gallon and the wine tax 69 cents, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators, a Washington, D.C.-based organization of state tax officials.

The Idaho Grain Producers Association, which has traditionally been against raising the tax, is neutral this year, saying profitable grain prices undermine the argument that growers would be hurt. But retailers fear a tax increase during an economic downturn could be bad for restaurants, bars and stores. “Everybody is always looking at additional fees,” said Pam Eaton, lobbyist for the Idaho Retailers Association. “They always say you can pass it along to your customers. That's not the way it works in business.”

DEATH NOTICES

Concetta DiBenedetto

BURLEY — Concetta “Lola” DiBenedetto, 85, of Burley, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service.

Beverly Walker

BOISE — Beverly Walker, 48, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Church of the Brethren on Filer Avenue West in Twin Falls (Boise Funeral Home Aclesa Chapel).

Eugenia M. Dean

KIMBERLY — Eugenia “Jeanne” M. Dean, 82, of Kimberly, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at a local care facility.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the mortuary.

Delma Bean

BURLEY — Delma Lucile Garner Bean, 90, of Burley, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at

11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the Pella LDS Church, 160 W. 400 S. of Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Donald L. Hackworth

GOODING — Donald LeRoy Hackworth, 71, of Gooding, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A private family service will be held (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Thelma A. Pollard

HEYBURN — Thelma Ann “Annie” Pollard, 76, of Heyburn, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at Parke View Care Center in Burley.

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

Alma H. Kenner

BURLEY — Alma H. Kenner, 83, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Diane Burton

Diane Burton, 59, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

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

SERVICES

Scott Johnson of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Norman Hyrum Poulton of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory in Rupert).

Ronald J. Kraus of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Ronda Purcell Hunt of Carey, visitation from 11 a.m. to noon today at the Carey LDS Church; graveside service follows at the Carey Cemetery (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

Jaime Silva Bulcao of Hagerman, funeral at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wendell; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel; scripture vigil service at 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Janice Rose Evans of Twin Falls, memorial service and celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Marilyn June Cox, formerly of Fairfield, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Gooding LDS Church; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel and 10 a.m. until service time Friday at the church.

Helen Goldberg of Scottsdale, Ariz., and formerly of Ketchum, memorial service at 6 p.m. Friday at the Wood River Jewish Community, Ketchum Episcopal Church on Sun Valley Road.

Joyce Olive Johnson of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Salt Lake City Cemetery, followed by memorial service at Federal Heights LDS Ward Chapel, 1300 Fairfax Road in Salt Lake City, Utah; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Garner Funeral Home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Margaret Faye (Burson) McKinley of Sacramento, Calif., and formerly of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 Saint Marks Way in Sacramento, Calif.

James A. Vaudrin of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

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"I think it would be in the best interest of the state if he resigned because I don't think the state can stand this anymore."
— Illinois state Rep. Jim Durkin on Sen. Roland Burris

EDITORIAL

Environmental quality board should be looking after our health

Sometimes the degree to which special interests trump the public interest in Idaho is simply breathtaking. Happened again last week, when the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality declined to request — not rule, not mandate, not demand, but just a request — that industries install the best available technology for removing mercury from their smokestacks, and that they do so voluntarily.

Our view: You'll excuse us if we don't take at face value assurances about mercury pollution from Monsanto, the Idaho Council on Industry and Environment, and the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry.

You read that right: voluntarily. It's difficult to imagine how such an action could have been less intrusive, but it was too much for the Monsanto Corp. and its well-oiled allies the Idaho Council on Industry and Environment and the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, who brought in a high-dollar consultant to sew doubts about the link between smokestacks and mercury pollution.

The Idaho Conservation League, which petitioned the board to regulate mercury in the state in an effort to combat pollutant that accumulates in fish and can cause brain damage and learning disabilities in children, could no doubt have produced its own expert to argue the opposite. But its pockets aren't as deep.

What ICL does have is Program Manager Justin Hayes, who patiently and meticulously led a successful effort to get the state of Nevada to require gold mines there to restrict mercury emissions after studies showed that winds carry the neurotoxin into Idaho.

Hayes had convinced federal and Nevada officials that their voluntary program was allowing miners to pump thousands of pounds of mercury into the air. Today, Nevada has one of the strongest mine mercury abatement programs in the world.

This is more than an academic issue for those of us who live in south-central Idaho. Mercury levels in Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir so high that the fish can't freely be eaten. Mercury has even been found in the relative pristine waters of Blaine County's Silver Creek.

We just don't buy Monsanto, IACI and ICIE's industry-is-just-an-innocent-bystander argument when it comes to mercury pollution, and neither should the Board of Environmental Quality.

Yes, much research remains to be done. But that doesn't mean regulators can stand by with their hands in their pockets.

Nevada regulators chose to err on the side of caution in order to make sure that the health of Idahoans was not put unnecessarily at risk.

Too bad the same can't be said of Idaho regulators.

TIMES-NEWS

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Children as a growth industry

These are somber and sobering times, but they may offer us the opportunity to re-examine not only the material extravagance that has characterized so much of our recent life but also some of its emotional excesses.

Take, for example, the grotesque story of Nadya Suleman, the sad and disturbing serial mom whose apparent addiction to child-birth recently resulted in the delivery of octuplets. That brought the 33-year-old, unemployed single mother's "family" to 14 — including a set of twins — all conceived through in vitro fertilization, all reportedly at the same Beverly Hills, Calif., fertility clinic.



TIM RUTTEN

As one detail concerning this bizarre sequence piles on another, this strange woman's story seems to be moving out of the freak show that nowadays passes for far too much of our news and into the realm where serious — rather than merely prurient — thoughts occur.

The treatments Suleman underwent to bear her children aren't cheap; they typically run from \$8,000 to \$15,000. Let's assume, for the sake of argument, that her doctor gave her the lower rate (as a volume discount), which would put her expenses, simply for conception, at \$48,000. Suleman told a television interviewer that she covered those costs out of a \$165,000 disability settlement she obtained after suffering a back injury working at a state mental hospital.

She also said she is not "on welfare," which is a bit of a semantic dodge, because it turns out she's receiving both food stamps and Social Security payments for two of her children who suffer from unspecified disabilities. She



also told the interviewer she plans to "support" her family with federally guaranteed student loans while she pursues a master's in counseling. (One tries to imagine receiving therapy from this woman, but the mind refuses to form the requisite image.)

In the meantime, the Kaiser Permanente hospital where the eight newborns remain under care reportedly has applied to the state for assistance with its expenses under the Medi-Cal program. We don't know yet whether any of the octuplets will be disabled in ways requiring public assistance. It appears that, in the case of the Suleman family, raising 14 children takes not simply a village but the combined resources of the county, state and federal governments.

The manifest irresponsibility of this eccentric woman toward her children is one issue. Another is the irresponsibility of the physician who took money to impregnate a jobless, husbandless woman with 14 children. His peers and state medical authorities will have to sort that one out. Hiding out there in the weeds, there's also the issue of the man who reportedly contributed

the sperm that helped produce all 14 children. Does he have any responsibility for what happens to them? If not, why not?

Here we confront the complexities that arise when people assume that because something can be done, it should be done. The fact of the matter is that decisions about reproduction and child-rearing quite properly occur in a zone of privacy. It is, however, an abuse of the mutual respect we extend to each other to behave as if decisions made in private have no effect beyond the bedroom door — or, in this case, the door of the doctor's office.

The Suleman case is a caricature of the issues raised by contemporary fertility medicine, but sometimes a cartoon brings discomfiting truths into high relief. One of them is that the novel, perplexing and often unhappy demands that situations such as Suleman's make on our legal, ethical and social consciences aren't really a matter of necessity but of choice. That choice is an outgrowth of the narcissism that has become our society's background noise.

When the Nadya Sulemans of the world say, as she has

in interviews, that they undergo these extreme, invasive, unpleasant and expensive medical procedures because they "want children," that isn't really the case. If what people want is children — and the incomparable experience of parenthood — there are tens of thousands of children in the United States and perhaps millions more abroad waiting for adoption. Thousands of others in our country are waiting for foster care.

The impulse that has made fertility medicine such a large and lucrative specialty in American medicine is about something other than children; it's about the narcissistic assumption that one is "entitled" to "the experience" of childbearing and, more to the point, the notion that, somehow, if your particular strands of DNA don't live on into another generation, the species will be poorer for it.

That sense of entitlement and its enabling delusion are about a lot of things — but none of them really involve children.

Tim Rutten is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times. Write to him at timothy.rutten@latimes.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Penalty should be severe for those who expose children to meth

I have read the article in the Feb. 10 paper about changing the law to people that expose children to meth as a misdemeanor to a felony. How is this not a felony in the first place?

It looks to me like some shock therapy needs to be appointed. These people that use this stuff with kids around need a lot more than just a 10-year imprisonment and drug court program, if you know what I mean.

Meth has become a huge problem in this state and its effects are very sickening, but this also makes another idea arise from my head. We should keep Guantanamo Bay open and send all these meth dealers there to rot away because, if you want to talk terrorism, these are the real terrorists. Selling death, destruction and sorrow in a bag. The grotesque picture of people

fading away because of this drug is not something we should be forced to look at.

THAYNE GALLEGOS
Heyburn

Words of praise for column, Bruin basketball

I enjoyed a recent article, "It's time to redefine losing." I graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1971 and still follow Bruin basketball. I've monitored "my team" from Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and, since 2005, from my home in La Quinta, Calif.

I enjoyed immensely the Bruins taking state in '74 with their fine point-guard Eric Hovey distributing the ball and the excellent coaching of Don Haynes. More recently, I am impressed with the leadership of Coach Matt Harr. There were waay too many great Bruin basketballers to name individually on the '06 State Championship team and the talented '05 squad. Winning or losing, Coach Harr is a

"winner" in every respect. The program and the community are fortunate to have him.

While playing college ball, I took one "loss" quite personal. The next morning, my overwhelming sense of "loss" prevailed when I noticed a piece of paper slid underneath the door into my room. I still have that piece of paper and can almost recite the handwritten words on it.

"Competition, the excitement of putting yourself or your team against an opponent as good or even better than you, is the lifeblood of sport. Not victory alone. Victory is better than defeat, no question about that. It is much more fun to win than to lose. But when have done your best, when you have gone to the last second, the last out, the last inch before losing; when you have been a vital part of a tremendously stimulating game, is the failure to win really such a terrible disgrace?" (Robert W. Creamer, Sports

Illustrated, March 6, 1972).

I needed to hear this back in 1972. Perhaps others do in 2009. Go, Bruins!

MICHAEL J. CRANDAL
La Quinta, Calif.

Heavy trucks are damaging Idaho roads

Commercial vehicle gross weight limits on some Idaho roads are too high. These heavy vehicles are damaging Idaho's roads and bridges.

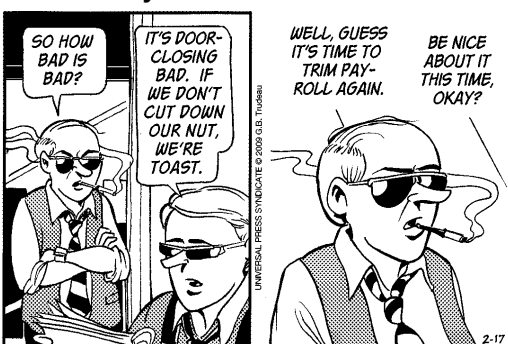
On some of Idaho's roads, weights of 105,000 pounds are allowed. On others, weights up to 129,000 pounds are allowed. On federal highways, weights for commercial vehicles are limited to a gross vehicle weight limit of 80,000 pounds.

The State Legislature should act to reduce these excessive weights. And it won't cost the taxpayers a dime to reduce the road damage caused by these heavy vehicles.

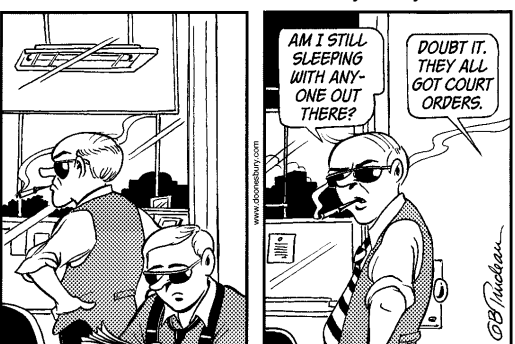
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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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Agency defends Bush secrets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite President Obama's vow to open government more than ever, the Justice Department is defending Bush administration decisions to keep secret many documents about domestic wiretapping, data collection on travelers and U.S. citizens, and interrogation of suspected terrorists.

In half a dozen lawsuits, Justice lawyers have opposed formal motions or spurned out-of-court offers to delay court action until the new administration rewrites Freedom of Information Act guidelines and decides whether the new rules might allow the public to see more.

In only one case has the Justice Department agreed to suspend a FOIA lawsuit until the disputed documents can be re-evaluated under the yet-to-be-written guidelines. That case involves negotiations on an anti-counterfeiting treaty, not the more controversial, secret anti-terrorism tactics that spawned the other lawsuits as well as Obama's promises of greater openness.

"The signs in the last few days are not entirely encouraging," said Jameel Jaffer, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, which filed several lawsuits seeking the Bush administration's legal rationales for warrantless domestic wiretapping and for its treatment of terrorism detainees.

The documents sought in these lawsuits "are in many cases the documents that the public most needs to see," Jaffer said. "It makes no sense to say that these documents are somehow exempt from President Obama's directives."

Groups that advocate open government, civil liberties and privacy were overjoyed that Obama on his first day in office reversed the FOIA policy imposed by Bush's first attorney general, John Ashcroft. The Bush Justice Department said it would use any legitimate legal basis to defend withholding records from the public. Obama pledged "an unprecedented level of openness in government" and ordered new FOIA guidelines written with a "presumption in favor of disclosure."

But Justice's actions in courts since then have cast doubt on how far the new administration will go.

Found parts could reveal what went wrong in crash

CLARENCE, N.Y. (AP) — Investigators have located key components that might help reveal what the pilot did to try to save Flight 3407 during its final desperate seconds, when the plane plunged to the ground so suddenly that sending a mayday was impossible, an investigator said Monday.

After a seemingly routine flight, the airplane endured a 26-second plunge before smashing into a house in icy weather about six miles from Buffalo Niagara International Airport on Thursday night, killing 49 people on the plane and one on the ground.

On Monday, families of the victims visited the site for the first time and placed roses to remember the dead.

National Transportation Safety Board member Steve Chealander said investigators have located the steering column, or yoke; all the propeller blades; five of six deicing valves; and rubber bladders designed to protect the tail from ice.

Though ice has emerged



Workers remove debris at the scene of a plane crash site of Continental Connection Flight 3407 in Clarence Center, N.Y., Monday.

as a possible factor, the cause has remained elusive in part because there was no distress call from the pilot, no mechanical failure has been identified and the plane was so severely damaged.

The crew had turned on the plane's deicing system 11 minutes after leaving Newark, N.J. Shortly before the crash, they notified air traffic controllers that they

were experiencing significant ice buildup.

Chealander said Sunday that the pilot appeared to ignore recommendations by the NTSB and his employer that the autopilot be turned off in icy conditions. The autopilot remained on until an automatic system warned that a stall could occur, pushed the yoke forward and shut the autopilot off.

AROUND THE NATION, WORLD

British, French nuclear subs collide in Atlantic

LONDON — Nuclear submarines from Britain and France collided deep in the Atlantic Ocean this month, authorities said Monday in the first acknowledgment of a highly unusual accident that one expert called the gravest in nearly two decades.

Officials said the low-speed crash did not damage the vessels' nuclear reactors or missiles or cause radiation to leak. But anti-nuclear groups said it was still a frightening reminder of the risks posed by submarines prowling the oceans powered by radioactive material and bristling with nuclear weapons.

France's defense ministry said Monday that the sub Le Triomphant and the HMS Vanguard, the oldest vessel in Britain's nuclear-armed submarine fleet, were on routine patrol when they collided in the Atlantic this month. It did not say exactly when, where or how the accident occurred.

Burris: Feds' questions didn't prompt affidavit

CHICAGO — U.S. Sen. Roland Burris insisted Monday he voluntarily sent state lawmakers an affidavit

outlining contacts with ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich's brother prior to his Senate appointment and was not prompted by federal agents investigating the former governor.

"It was done because we promised the (impeachment) committee we would supplement information in case we missed anything," Burris said outside a South Side church before meeting with religious leaders.

Burris released an affidavit over the weekend in which he admitted Blagojevich's brother asked him for campaign fundraising help before Blagojevich appointed him to the Senate.

The disclosure is at odds with Burris' testimony in January, when the Illinois House impeachment committee specifically asked whether he had ever spoken to Robert Blagojevich or other aides to the now-deposed governor about the Senate seat vacated by President Barack Obama.

The discrepancy could mean Burris perjured himself.

FAA: Fireball was meteor, not wreckage

DALLAS — The fireball that streaked across the sky and alarmed numerous Texas residents was likely

just a big meteor and not wreckage from colliding satellites, experts said Monday.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Roland Herwig said the fireball seen across a wide stretch of the state Sunday morning probably was a natural phenomenon and not debris from last week's collision between an Iridium communications satellite and a Russian military space vehicle.

And Preston Starr, observatory manager at the University of North Texas, said it probably was a meteor about the size of a pickup truck with the consistency of a chunk of concrete.

Israel seizes land for settlement expansion

EFRAT, West Bank — Plans to expand a West Bank settlement by up to 2,500 homes drew Palestinian condemnation Monday and presented an early test for President Barack Obama, whose Mideast envoy is well known for opposing such construction.

Israel opened the way for possible expansion of the Efrat settlement by taking control of a nearby West Bank hill of 423 acres. The rocky plot was recently designated state land.

— Wire reports

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Obama to sign stimulus plan today

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will venture out of the White House today for a Western swing that will see him sign into law the \$787 billion stimulus package and roll out a plan meant to keep struggling families from losing their homes.

The two-day trip to Denver and Phoenix reflects a decision by the president to escape the Beltway and check in on the rest of the country at least once a week in hopes of staying in touch with ordinary Americans.

Obama is to sign the stimulus bill in Denver today, then a day later in Phoenix announce details of a plan to avert home foreclosures.

Last week, Obama traveled to Elkhart, Ind., and Fort Myers, Fla., for town-hall-style events intended to pressure Congress into passing the stimulus bill.

Obama aides scheduled the trips to refocus attention on ordinary people who might benefit from seeing the stimulus enacted.

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IDAHO AG ON PAR

State's ag sector follows national trends as farms increase in numbers, size and age

By **Cindy Snyder**
Times-News correspondent

When it comes to trends in agriculture, Idaho isn't too different from the rest of the country. The average farmer is getting older, the number of farm operations is increasing, and big producers are growing larger in both size and sales.

The average age of an American farmer in 2007 was 57.1 years old, in Idaho it was 56.5 years. Nearly 87 percent of America's agricultural operations are still run by single individuals or families, it's 84 percent in Idaho.

The agricultural census, which is done every five years, also shows the number of farms is actually increasing across the nation — including Idaho.

The 2007 Agricultural Census counted 2,204,792 farms in the United States, a net increase of 75,810 farms. Nearly 300,000 new farms started operation since the last census was done in 2002. Idaho gained 332 farms between 2002 and 2007 after losing 573 farms between 1997 and 2002.

But the data indicates that small farms are getting smaller, while large operations continue to grow. Approximately 60

Idaho farm sizes

Farms by size	2007	2002	1997
1 to 9 acres	4,891	4,571	4,320
10 to 49 acres	7,497	7,439	6,657
50 to 69 acres	1,183	1,134	1,150
70 to 100 acres	1,542	1,400	1,560
100 to 139 acres	1,298	1,194	1,291
140 to 179 acres	1,202	1,099	1,303
180 to 219 acres	743	747	866
220 to 259 acres	519	576	792
260 to 499 acres	2,083	1,966	2,418
500 to 999 acres	1,808	1,873	2,243
1000+ acres	2,485	2,028	1,817
Total	25,349	25,017	25,590

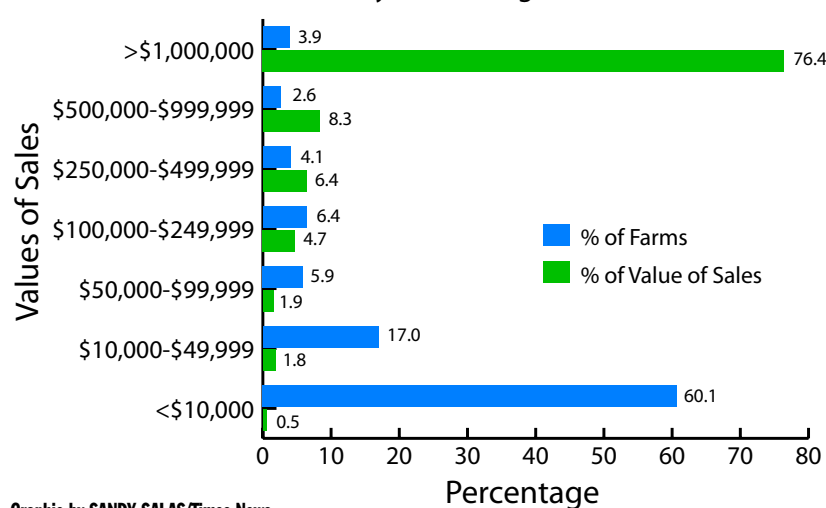
SOURCE: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

percent of the farms in both Idaho and the nation had annual sales of less than \$10,000, but these farms account for less than 1 percent of the total value of sales. Conversely, 3.9 percent of Idaho's farms had sales over \$1 million in 2007 and those sales accounted for 76.4 percent of the total value of sales.

Idaho has a higher percentage of farms in the highest sales value category than

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Idaho 2007-Percent of Farms by Value of Ag Sales & Total Value Sold



Graphic by SANDY SALAS/Times-News

More dairy cows heading to slaughter

Officials estimate 1.5M milking cows could be slaughtered as dairy prices sour

Times-News staff and wire reports

And so it begins.

Hundreds of thousands of America's dairy cows are being turned into hamburgers because milk prices have dropped so low that farmers can no longer afford to feed the animals.

The 262,500 dairy cows slaughtered nationally in January is 43,500 more than in January 2008. Since September, federal livestock reports show that dairy cow slaughter is up 30 percent, while beef cow slaughter is down 14 percent.

Dairy farmers say they have little choice but to sell part of their herds for slaughter because they face a perfect storm of destructive economic forces. At home, feed prices are rising and cash-strapped consumers are eating out less often. Abroad, the global recession has cut into demand for butter and cheese

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LANCE IVERSEN/San Francisco Chronicle/AP photo

Holstein cows owned by Ray Souza wait their turn in the milking parlor Saturday in Turlock, Calif. As of Feb. 2, the price farmers receive for a gallon of milk has been 80 cents a gallon, less than half the \$1.65 a gallon the California Department of Food and Agriculture estimates it costs to produce.



AgWeekly closes local T.F. office

Publication to consolidate with operations in Bismarck, N.D.

Times-News

Lee Agri-Media announced Friday that it closed the AgWeekly office in Twin Falls and will consolidate the publication with its operations in Bismarck, N.D.

Beginning this month, AgWeekly will be offered in a weekly digital edition to be distributed on Thursdays through e-mail. AgWeekly will also offer a monthly print edition on the second Saturday of each month.

"We at AgWeekly appreciate the support of our readers and advertisers and look forward to serving ... in new and improved ways," said Terry Alvesshere, general manager.

The AgWeekly Web site will continue to publish content from the main office in Bismarck.



AP photo

Cathy Barcomb testifies at the Legislature in Carson City, Nev. Barcomb, who heads the Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, warned lawmakers that money previously willed to the horses will soon be used up.

Feds propose no new funding for wild horses

By **Brendan Riley**
Associated Press writer

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Nevada's wild horses benefited for decades from money left to them by a Californian whose relatives said he was insane. Those funds finally are being used up, but state lawmakers have been told the horses have another deep-pockets benefactor.

There are nearly 19,000 horses roaming vast stretches of open Nevada land — two-thirds of all the wild horses scattered over 10 Western states. About 33,000 other horses have been captured in those states and are now in holding pens and corrals.

"It's kind of a whole nightmare situation" for horses that remain in the holding areas and aren't "adopted," Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, D-Las Vegas, said

"They just have to change their policies somehow, because we just can't continue spending millions and millions of dollars on horses that nobody wants."

— Nevada state Sen. Dean Rhoads

Friday during a joint Senate-Assembly budget hearing.

The horses are "one of our few Old West traditions any more," McClain added during the lawmakers' review of the Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, started with money willed to the animals by the late Leo Heil, of Sunnyvale, Calif.

Cathy Barcomb, who heads the commission, said that what began as a \$500,000 bequest from Heil, who died in 1972, will be gone by mid-2010. The bud-

et proposed by Gov. Jim Gibbons provides no new funding to keep the protection effort going.

"We all knew this day was coming. The Heil trust fund would not last forever," Barcomb said. But she added the horses will be helped by groups such as the Mustang Heritage Foundation, which was started with Heil funds, and by individuals such as Madeleine Pickens, wife of billionaire Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens.

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Funds

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Heil's will stated his \$500,000 bequest, which generated far more in interest earnings over time, was "for the preservation of wild horses in Nevada." Relatives who were cut out of the will sued, questioning his sanity, and eventually settled out of court for \$72,000.

Legislators were told that Pickens is looking for about 1 million acres of land, possibly in eastern Nevada, where most or all of the horses and burros now being kept at the federal holding areas could be turned loose.

Pickens, who says she's always had a love for the West and for wild horses, came up with the idea after hearing that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management was considering euthanizing some of the animals to control the herds and protect the range.

Her plans have been praised by animal rights groups, including some that have been preparing legal challenges to prevent the government from putting the horses to death.

But even if Pickens moves ahead with what she sees as a big attraction for tourists who view the horses as iconic symbols of the American West, state Sen. Dean Rhoads said there still may be high government costs for keeping horses that Pickens doesn't get.

"They just have to change their policies somehow, because we just can't continue spending millions and millions of dollars on horses that nobody wants," said Rhoads, R-Tuscarora, a rancher.

A recent report from the Government Accountability Office said the BLM this year will spend about \$27 million — about three-fourths of its horse and burro budget — caring for the animals. Continuing current practices would require a budget of \$58 million next year, escalating to \$77 million in 2012, according to GAO estimates.

The GAO report also noted that the BLM has authority to kill or sell excess horses without restriction from slaughter, but has been loathe to do so.

Regarding the nearly 19,000 horses on the Nevada range, Barcomb said the BLM is trying to reduce that number by about 6,000, to about 13,000.

"Those are the 6,000 they're trying to starve," McClain said in questioning the BLM's methods and expressing concern about the end of Nevada's Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses.

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Average price	\$1.133	+0.028	Rangen	N/A	N/A
Butter			Barley (Per 100 pounds)		
Average price	\$1.099	-0.004	Rangen	N/A	N/A
Whey protein concentrate			Ogden	\$4.48	—
Average price	\$.54	—	Pocatello	\$5.85	—
Class III milk			Burley	\$5.50	-.50
Average price	\$10.78	—	Hay (Mid/Ton)		
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Average price	\$9.59	—	Alfalfa(Good)	Low N/A	High N/A
			Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$150	High \$160
Small grain			Livestock		
Soft white wheat			Lambs and hogs		
Rangen	N/A	N/A	Feeder lambs	Low \$89	High \$106
Ogden	\$4.48	+0.01	Fat lambs	Low \$24	High \$30
Pocatello	\$4.65	—	Breeding ewes	Low \$42	High \$44
Burley	\$4.15	-.27	Fat hogs	Low \$38	High \$45
Price quotes as of Monday afternoon.					
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To be included in this table, call Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.					

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

Jaquet selected as one of 65 Ag All Stars Legislators

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum was selected as one of 65 legislators who were named Ag All Stars by Food Producers of Idaho based on their voting records on legislation in the 2008 Idaho Legislative Session.

Food Producers of Idaho — representing 37 different agriculture commodity and farm organizations in Idaho — annually honors legislators for their voting record on issues supported or opposed by the organization.

Brackett appointed to Cattlemen's Beef Promotion & Research Board

The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture recently appointed Idaho beef producer Kim Brackett to a three-year term on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion & Research Board, which oversees administration of the national Beef Checkoff Program.



Brackett

Brackett took the oath of office during the 2009 Cattle Industry Convention in Phoenix and was seated during the Cattlemen's Beef Board meeting on Jan. 31, becoming one of 106 producers and importers nationwide representing all cattlemen by making recommendations about how

to invest beef checkoff dollars.

Brackett is a cow-calf/stocker from Castleford.

She has been an active member with the Idaho Beef Council, serving as chair, vice chair and treasurer.

University of Idaho offers four new potato publications

BOISE — The University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences announced the addition of four publications on potatoes to its Educational Communications unit.

- Field Guide to Potato Pests can be purchased for \$5 plus shipping and handling.

- Cultural Management of Western Russet Potatoes and Storage Management of Western Russet Potatoes can be downloaded from Educational Communications' online catalog at <http://www.info.ag.uidaho.edu/>.

- Wireworm Biology and Nonchemical Management in Potatoes in the Pacific Northwest — one of a series of organic potato production bulletins developed by Oregon State University personnel and 11 farmers — is available both online and in print.

For more information about the publications, call Educational Communications at 208-885-7982 or via e-mail at calpubs@uidaho.edu.

CHS distributes record \$3.5M to Idaho owners

ST. PAUL, Minn. — CHS Inc. owners in Idaho are

sharing in an unprecedented \$3.5 million disbursement as a result of the leading energy and grain-based foods company's fiscal 2008 earnings.

It marks a fifth consecutive return to owners by CHS and is the largest ever made by a U.S. cooperative.

The distribution was made to 1,384 member cooperatives and individuals in Idaho. The distribution underway is part of a total \$231 million now being distributed in 48 states. This includes cash patronage, equity redemption and CHS preferred stock issued as equity redemption. In total, CHS expects to return an estimated \$343 million to its owners in fiscal 2009.

CHS net income for its fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2008, was \$803 million.

Agriculture futures drop on the CBOT

CHICAGO — Agriculture futures traded dropped Friday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for March delivery dropped 3.25 cents to \$5.355 a bushel, while March corn shed 3 cents to \$3.6325 a bushel. March oats slid 6 cents to \$1.845 a bushel, and March soybeans tumbled 13 cents to \$9.555 a bushel.

Beef and pork futures also slid on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. April live cattle traded down 0.50 cent to 87 cents a pound, and March feeder cattle shed 0.68 cent to 94.47 cents a pound. April lean hogs slipped 0.05 cent to 63.75 cents a pound, while March pork bellies lost 0.92 cent to 79.05 cents a pound.

— staff and wire reports

COMMODITY REPORT

National commodity prices weren't available Monday due to the Presidents Day holiday.

FUEL REPORT

The average price for fuel in south-central Idaho increased about 3 cents compared to the previous week.

The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in the region was \$1.81, while the average price for diesel was \$2.20.

The national average for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline was \$1.97, while the average price in Idaho was \$1.82, according to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report.

Oil for March delivery rose 11 cents to \$37.62 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange — volumes were limited with U.S. markets closed for Presidents Day.

Gas prices

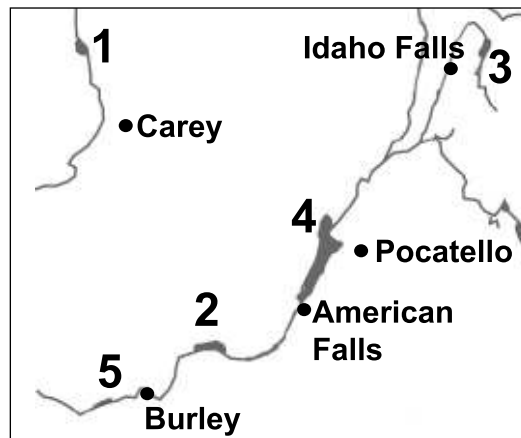
- **Twin Falls:** West Addison Sinclair, 322 Addison Ave. W: **\$1.73**
- **Jerome:** Maverik Country Store, 352 S. Lincoln Ave.: **\$1.75**
- **Burley:** Maverik Country Store, 701 N. Overland Ave.: **\$1.73**

Diesel prices

- **Twin Falls:** Kimberly Sinclair, 1990 Kimberly Road: **\$2.23**
- **Jerome:** Flying J Travel Plaza, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: **\$2.17**
- **Burley:** Mr. Gas Sinclair, 2101 Overland Ave.: **\$2.19**

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

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Oil edges higher on OPEC talk of more output cuts

LONDON (AP) — Oil prices rose above \$37 a barrel Monday after OPEC members said over the weekend they were considering more production cuts to adjust to weakening global demand for crude.

Light, sweet crude for March delivery rose 11 cents to \$37.62 a barrel by midafternoon European time in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange — though volumes were limited with U.S. markets closed for Presidents Day. The contract rose \$3.53 on Friday to settle at \$37.51.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has implemented most of the 4.2 million barrels a day of output reductions announced since September, but the cuts have been overwhelmed by a collapse in demand for energy amid the global economic slowdown.

On Sunday, Mohammed Saleh al-Sada, Qatar's minister of state for energy and industry affairs, said OPEC is ready to cut output further when it meets next month. Al-Sada said a reasonable price for oil would be \$70 a barrel.

Cows

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exported from the U.S. Prices for milk now are about half what it costs farmers to produce the staple, and consumer prices are falling. Unless the market can be bolstered, industry officials project that more than 1.5 million of the nation's 9.3 million milking cows could be slaughtered this year as dairy operators look to cut costs and generate cash.

"This could destroy our dairy infrastructure," said Mike Marsh, CEO of the United Western Dairymen trade association.

Three months ago, mature milkers would sell for \$2,500 to another dairy, but with nobody buying, dairymen are selling them on the beef market for only \$1,100 each.

As of Feb. 2, the price farmers receive for a gallon of milk has been 80 cents a gallon, less than half the \$1.65 a gallon the California Department of Food and Agriculture estimates it costs to produce.

The new price was the biggest one-month drop in 54 years.

The price is set by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and is based on the price paid for powdered milk.

Only 14 percent goes into

sales as liquid milk.

U.S. milk, butter and cheese, which enjoyed record worldwide sales last year, no longer are in demand because of the triple whammy of decreased international consumption in a falling economy, a stronger dollar that makes exports less attractive and the scare over melamine contamination in Chinese milk.

Trends

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the U.S. as a whole. That reflects both the fact that Idaho producers raise higher value crops, think potatoes, compared to soybeans and corn in the Midwest, said Paul Patterson, University of Idaho extension economist at Idaho Falls. Nationwide, just 1.4 percent of farms had sales over \$1 million and those sales represented just 59.1 percent of the total value of agricultural sales.

But it's when he digs deeper to look at how production has shifted over the last five years, that differences become apparent. "The acreage shift in Idaho has been dominated by dairy cows," Patterson said.

While the number of milk cows increased 37 percent, the number of dairy farms in Idaho declined 17 percent — or about 171 fewer farms compared to five years ago.

With more cows to feed, more farmers have shifted production to raising forage for dairy farms. The number of farms raising corn silage is up 9.2 percent while corn silage acres are up 58 percent, 77,615 acres. Farms raising corn for grain increased by 229 farms or 5 percent while corn for grain

A snap shot of Idaho agriculture

Category	2007	2002
Average farm size	454 acres	470 acres
Average market value of production	\$224,418	\$156,224

SOURCE: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

acres increased by 148 percent, 62,361 acres.

"Not only are more farms raising corn (than were five years ago), but they are raising more of it," Patterson said.

Those acres have had to come from some other crop and the crops that are losing ground include Idaho's best known crop — potatoes — along with sugar beets, barley and beans. The number of potato farms decreased by 14 percent or 115 farms. Barley lost 12 percent of farms and 16 percent of the acres. The number of farms growing beans dropped 16 percent, or 121 fewer farms, with a 12 percent loss in acreage.

While a growing dairy herd has contributed to a loss of barley acres in the Magic Valley, barley acres in Idaho have been trending downward for 20 years, said Kelly Olson, administrator for the Idaho Barley Commission. But many growers find it difficult for barley to compete against wheat when looking at

returns per acre and crop insurance coverage. Plus the shift from farmland to residential and commercial development in several key production areas in eastern Idaho such as Bonneville, Fremont and Teton counties has also reduced acres, Olson said.

Although the number of farms raising sugar beets in Idaho dropped by 23 percent or 148 between the 2002 and 2007 surveys and acreage fell by 39,334 acres (19 percent), growers are producing more tonnage from fewer acres thanks to new technology such as Round-up Ready beets.

Patterson said he can remember being told by a potato grower that it's the number of potatoes he sold — not the planted acres — that count. Gross margin analysis, determining what can be grown to maximize returns to fixed costs, is becoming more important as farms become larger.

Ron Elkin, a farmer near Buhl and a member of the Idaho Barley Commission, said planting decisions on his family farm haven't changed much over the last 50 years, let alone the five years since the last census was done.

"We make planting decisions based on many things like rotation, water availability, risk, timing, etc," Elkin said, "but return per acre is always one of the most important in the decision process."

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The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Perfessor, can Ah get a quote for the newsletter?

Of course! I am well-versed in a multitude of topics, including-but not limited to-the arts, sciences and history!

Thanks. Mah question was gonna be, "Does Harvard graduate any non-eggheads?" But you just answered it.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

I HATE GOING TO BED. I WON'T GO TO BED-YOU'RE NOT FAIR!

I'M GOING TO STAND HERE ALL NIGHT AND THAT'S THAT!... DO YOU HEAR ME?

... CHALK UP ONE FOR SUPERIOR INTELLECT.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR...

REINCARNATION APPLICATIONS

... ONE TIME I ASKED TO GO BACK AS A SINGER AND I SPENT 30 YEARS AS A SEWING MACHINE!

Garfield By Jim Davis

HELLO?

JIM DAVIS 2-17

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHERE'S YOUR BOAT, HAGAR?

I DON'T KNOW...

I'M BEHIND ON A FEW PAYMENTS...

COULD IT HAVE BEEN REPOSSESSED?

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Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW THE MARKET IS FLUCTUATING.

JAVA JOINT

IF I HAD BOUGHT THIS STOCK YESTERDAY I'D BE RICH TODAY.

2-17

IF I HAD ANY MONEY LEFT TO INVEST, THAT IS.

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Luann By Greg Evans

OK, EVERYONE, WE'RE GOING INSIDE THE CAPITOL NOW. STAY TOGETHER

JUST THINK - THIS IS WHERE CONGRESS MEETS!

MAYBE WE'LL SEE A SENATOR!

I HOPE SO. I'M LOW ON CASH. I COULD USE A BAILOUT

EVANS

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

ASK YOUR DOG TO COME OUT AND PULL ME ON MY SLED..

IS HE COMING OUT?

I DON'T KNOW.. HE CAN'T STOP LAUGHING..

SCHULZ

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, DAD?

Me turn forty. Me spouse keel billion zeebas by now. Me waste whole life.

DAD, YOU HAVEN'T WASTED EVERY MOMENT OF YOUR LIFE JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T CAUGHT ALL THE ZEBRAS YOU THOUGHT YOU'D CATCH. I CAN THINK OF A MILLION OF THOSE MOMENTS YOU DIDN'T WASTE.

Oh yeah? Like wheech ones?

Pickles By Brian Crane

I'M STILL BORED, GRAMPA.

YOU KNOW WHAT I DO WHEN I FEEL BORED, NELSON?

WHAT?

I JUST SIT LIKE THIS UNTIL THE FEELING GOES AWAY.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

NOT LONG. I'M ALREADY LOSING THE FEELING IN MY FEET.

CRANE

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

LEANING AGAINST MY "LET THINGS BE" TREE CAN BE VERY CATHARTIC.

USUALLY A TWENTY-MINUTE LEAN IS ENOUGH FOR ME TO LET THINGS BE.

I MAY CUT THIS GESSION SHORT... I'M NOT COMFORTABLE LEANING IN FRONT OF LARGE CROWDS.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

HE ALWAYS DID HAVE A KNACK FOR FINDING THE BRIGHT SIDE...

RIP

WELL, AT LEAST IT'S RESSION-PROOF

WILEY

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

WHAT MADE YOU FIRST SUSPECT IT WAS COUNTERFEIT?

HE LEFT IT AS A TIP

PARKER..

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Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

"LOOKS LIKE THE KIDS ARE READY FOR WINTER TO END."

HANK KETCHAM

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

DO YOU REMEMBER THAT GIRL IN OUR KINDERGARTEN CLASS WITH THE BROWN HAIR?

THE ONE WHO WORE THE SKIRT THAT YOU LIKED?

YEAH.

DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT ANYBODY YOU'VE SEEN MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES AGO?

I'M NOT SURE IF I EVEN REMEMBER YOU.

BORGMAN & SCOTT

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of scattered snow showers. Highs near 40.
Tonight: Snow chances decreasing. Lows 25 to 30.
Tomorrow: Snow shower chances slight. Partly to mostly cloudy with highs 35 to 40.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of scattered snow showers. Highs 35 to 40.
Tonight: Snow chances decreasing. Lows 25 to 30.
Tomorrow: Snow shower chances slight. Partly to mostly cloudy with highs 35 to 40.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Mostly cloudy through Wednesday. A chance of snow showers today, decreasing tonight. Snow chances look smaller Wednesday. Partly cloudy and mainly dry Thursday.

Today Highs 31 to 32 Tonight's Lows 8 to 18

BOISE Scattered rain and snow showers today. A slight chance of mixed showers Wednesday. Partly cloudy and drier by Thursday.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Valley rain and mountain snow today with smaller chances Wednesday. Partly cloudy Thursday.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 53 at Lewiston Low: -7 at Dixie

weather key: bz-blizzard, c-cloudy, fg-fog, hs-heavy snow, hz-haze, ls-light snow, mc-mostly cloudy, mx-winterly mix, pc-partially cloudy, r-rain, sh-showers, sn-snow, su-sunny, th-thunderstorm, w-wind

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 39	Low 27	39 / 22	37 / 22	39 / 23	41 / 23

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	49	28	0.00"
Burley	45	21	0.00"
Challis	36	14	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	37	27	0.01"
Idaho Falls	30	4	0.00"
Jerome	33	19	0.00"
Lewiston	53	36	0.00"
Lowell	49	29	0.00"
Malad	not available		
Malta	46	27	0.00"
Pocatello	41	11	0.00"
Rexburg	33	3	0.00"
Salmon	39	25	0.00"
Stanley	36	4	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 40 Yesterday's Low 23 Normal High/Low 41 / 25 Record High 62 in 1991 Record Low 9 in 1993	Yesterday 0.00" Month to Date 0.10" Normal Month to Date 0.53" Year to Date 3.99" Normal Year to Date 4.88"	Yesterday's Maximum 78% Yesterday's Minimum 49% Today's Maximum 79% Today's Minimum 57%	0 pm barometer Yesterday 29.65 in.	Today Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM Wednesday Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM Thursday Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 6:15 PM Friday Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 6:17 PM Saturday Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 6:18 PM

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Moonrise: 2:39 AM Moonset: 11:23 AM	Moonrise: 3:36 AM Moonset: 12:09 PM	Moonrise: 4:26 AM Moonset: 1:03 PM

U. V. INDEX

Low Moderate High

The higher the index the more sun protection needed

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	43 27 mx 44 24	mx 45 24	pc
Bonners Ferry	34 23 ls 35 23	mx 37 22	pc
Burley	36 26 ls 35 20	mx 35 15	pc
Challis	36 19 ls 34 16	ls 34 11	pc
Coeur d'Alene	35 25 ls 36 25	mx 38 24	pc
Elko, NV	36 20 ls 37 12	ls 32 15	pc
Eugene, OR	48 35 sh 50 37	mc 53 38	sh
Gooding	41 28 ls 41 23	mx 39 23	pc
Grace	31 21 ls 32 14	ls 31 9	pc
Hagerman	42 26 ls 42 21	mx 40 21	pc
Hailey	34 22 ls 33 15	ls 34 13	pc
Idaho Falls	32 20 ls 32 15	ls 29 10	pc
Kalispell, MT	34 21 ls 35 20	ls 34 23	pc
Jackpot	35 19 mc 33 9	pc 34 9	su
Jerome	37 23 ls 36 16	ls 37 14	pc
Lewiston	44 36 sh 46 32	sh 49 32	pc
Malad City	35 22 ls 36 15	ls 35 10	pc
Malta	33 23 ls 32 17	mx 32 12	pc
McCall	29 12 ls 29 6	ls 31 4	pc
Missoula, MT	38 24 ls 36 24	ls 36 19	pc
Pocatello	34 26 ls 35 19	ls 34 14	pc
Portland, OR	47 36 sh 48 37	mc 52 37	pc
Rupert	36 28 ls 35 22	mx 35 17	pc
Rexburg	30 18 ls 30 12	ls 26 8	pc
Richland, WA	41 32 sh 44 29	mc 43 31	pc
Rogerson	39 28 ls 39 23	mx 37 23	pc
Salmon	38 20 ls 36 17	ls 36 12	pc
Salt Lake City, UT	37 24 ls 35 23	mc 41 26	pc
Spokane, WA	39 28 mc 42 26	pc 42 26	pc
Stanley	36 11 ls 30 5	ls 38 2	pc
Sun Valley	40 13 ls 34 7	ls 42 4	pc
Yellowstone, MT	28 10 sn 23 3	ls 26 4	pc

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	59 42 pc 54 41	th
Atlanta City	39 26 pc 39 26	pc
Baltimore	42 28 pc 44 36	r
Billings	36 17 ls 27 22	ls
Birmingham	60 51 pc 71 41	th
Boston	37 23 su 39 31	r
Charleston, SC	54 42 su 61 52	sh
Charleston, WV	48 34 pc 52 32	sh
Chicago	43 33 r 40 18	mx
Cleveland	38 30 pc 46 26	th
Denver	54 23 pc 40 20	ls
Des Moines	41 30 mc 30 9	ls
Detroit	34 31 mc 41 24	mx
El Paso	69 41 pc 63 35	pc
Fairbanks	11 -10 mc 10 -3	pc
Fargo	21 1 ls 2 -11	ls
Honolulu	80 67 sh 79 68	sh
Houston	69 60 th 75 48	th
Indianapolis	45 40 pc 47 24	sh
Jacksonville	62 44 pc 72 56	sh
Kansas City	52 34 r 39 18	ls
Las Vegas	55 39 sh 58 39	pc
Little Rock	53 48 sh 68 35	th
Los Angeles	60 48 sh 63 50	pc
Memphis	56 53 sh 67 34	th
Miami	72 61 pc 76 64	pc
Milwaukee	38 30 mx 32 15	sn
Nashville	56 48 pc 64 34	th
New Orleans	65 60 th 75 52	th
New York	38 26 su 39 37	mx
Oklahoma City	66 39 mc 59 27	pc
Omaha	42 25 ls 29 12	ls

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	87 73 pc	85 73 pc
Auckland	66 65 r	70 64 sh
Bangkok	100 81 pc	95 78 pc
Beijing	32 26 pc	33 23 ls
Berlin	32 24 ls	28 23 pc
Buenos Aires	95 72 pc	97 75 pc
Cairo	65 42 pc	73 55 pc
Dhahran	85 65 pc	76 61 pc
Geneva	30 12 ls	30 7 pc
Hong Kong	70 66 pc	72 70 pc
Jerusalem	55 41 sh	63 48 pc
Johannesburg	75 60 sh	76 60 th
Kuwait City	78 56 pc	70 52 pc
London	47 43 pc	49 37 r
Mexico City	74 45 sh	77 49 sh
Moscow	32 27 ls	32 24 ls
Nairobi	78 56 sh	74 52 sh
Oalo	22 18 pc	25 15 pc
Paris	47 35 pc	46 37 pc
Prague	33 16 ls	25 17 pc
Rio de Janeiro	84 68 pc	81 66 sh
Rome	50 36 pc	47 36 pc
Santiago	85 53 pc	80 52 pc
Seoul	30 19 pc	36 28 pc
Sydney	68 66 sh	67 66 sh
Tel Aviv	61 57 sh	61 59 pc
Tokyo	42 29 pc	44 31 pc
Vienna	33 17 ls	27 16 pc
Warsaw	29 23 pc	30 26 ls
Winnipeg	14 15 ls	5 21 pc
Zurich	27 15 sn	26 15 pc

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Valid to 6 p.m. today
 Yesterday's National Extremes:
 High: 80 at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
 Low: -17 at Williston, N.D.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "We were not created to be eaten by anxiety, but walk erect, free, unafraid in a world where there is work to do, truth to seek, love to give and win."
 Joseph Ford Newton

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	26 8 pc	25 8 pc
Cranbrook	29 16 pc	28 14 pc
Edmonton	25 11 pc	18 1 pc
Kelowna	30 -3 pc	30 -5 pc
Lethbridge	25 11 pc	18 1 pc
Regina	22 2 ls	16 7 pc
Saskatoon	19 -11 pc	17 11 pc
Toronto	31 27 pc	33 29 sn
Vancouver	43 34 pc	43 34 pc
Victoria	46 34 pc	46 35 pc
Winnipeg	14 -15 ls	5 21 pc

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Conservationists argue against USDA's predator control policy

By Scott Sonner
 Associated Press writer



Coyotes are top target of a USDA program meant to protect livestock from predators.

RENO, Nev. — Conservationists argue in a new report that U.S. taxpayers should stop subsidizing a \$100 million program that kills more than 1 million wild animals annually, a program ranchers and farmers have defended for nearly a century as critical to protecting their livestock from predators.

Citing concerns about the economy and the potential for a fresh look at the decades-old controversy in the new Obama administration, 115 environmental groups signed onto a recent letter to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack urging him to abolish the U.S. Agriculture Department's Wildlife Services.

The American Sheep Industry Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association and more than 70 other livestock production and state agriculture offices in 35 states countered with a letter citing more than \$125 million in annual losses to the sheep, goat and cattle industry as a result of predation.

A report by conservationists being released today documents significant increases in recent years in both the num-

ber of carnivores killed and the size of the agency's budget — \$117 million in 2007, up 14 percent from the average from 2004-06.

"We ask Mr. Obama to get out his scalpel and protect the public's hard-earned dollars from this unscrupulous agency," said Wendy Keefover-Ring, director of carnivore protection for WildEarth Guardians based in Bozeman, Mont.

More than 90,000 of the 121,524 carnivores killed in 2007 were coyotes. But the trapping, poisoning and aerial gunning of the predators also is taking an increasing, unintended toll on other creatures, including 511 black bears and 340 endangered gray wolves in 2007, according to a copy of the report obtained by The Associated Press.

Hundreds of thousands of other animals, including ravens and raccoons, also are killed through the program.

Aides to Vilsack referred questions about the program to USDA's Animal, Plant, Health Inspection Service, which oversees Wildlife Services.

USDA spokeswoman Carol Bannerman said Vilsack intends to review all agency programs but that it would be weeks before he had any idea about possible changes he wants to make.

Bannerman said the federal agency kills predators only when livestock owners or state officials request their assistance. She said most of the time those private individuals or state agencies provide about half the funding for the effort.

"From our perspective, we certainly feel that we have a responsibility to respond to those requests," she said from APHIS headquarters in Riverdale, Md.

Bannerman said the agency is required to review each individual project "and move ahead only if there would be no long-term negative impact on the environment."

"With that mandate ... we can give people an outlet to deal with a problem that if they took into their own hands could have longer-term negative impacts," she said.

The agricultural commodities' groups said in their letter to Vilsack about a month ago that livestock losses to predation cost producers more than \$125 million a year.

"Without non-lethal and lethal predator control by Wildlife Services, these numbers could easily double or even triple," said Skye Krebs, an Oregon rancher and president of the Public Lands Council.

Birds hit small plane in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A small private plane returned to the Salt Lake City International Airport after it was hit by two birds.

Airport spokeswoman Barbara Gann says the plane had one passenger on board. She says the pilot

reported that birds hit the windshield and a wing on Sunday.

Gann says the pilot of the Cessna turned back as a precaution.

The plane was inspected and found not to be damaged.

Firm looks to spur Idaho innovation

BOISE (AP) — A new Boise company hopes to help Idaho businesses market their ideas by raising money through a federal law that allows visas to foreign investors with \$500,000 to spend in rural or high-unemployment areas.

Chief Executive Miles Mahoney says Invest Idaho Innovations LLC will help create new companies and jobs in Idaho by making it possible for public research institutions and private companies to market their innovations.

The money will be generated through a federal program that offers foreigners permanent U.S. residency, or a green card, in exchange for helping create U.S. jobs.

Mark Rudin, vice president for research at Boise State University, says he believes the new company could help bring ideas for products into the marketplace.

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Laying tiles in a foreign land

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — On a construction site, it's never quiet. But the sounds of hammers, saws, pneumatic nail-guns and plasma torches aren't enough for Adrian Cuiabus — he adds music.

As the Romanian native mixes mortar, measures and marks, his iPod constantly plays. Amy Winehouse blends into top-40; Romanian rap gives way to religious pop. Cuiabus changes the playlist every week, yet he knows enough of the words to mumble along with almost every song.

Mumble, because most of his attention is on his work. Cuiabus, a tile setter, is a stickler for precision.

After slathering the wall of a future shower with a notched trowel full of mortar Feb. 12, he laid down a square of small, linked tiles. Using pressure on a handled pad, he slid the tiles a centimeter this way, a millimeter that way. He poked a tiny nail between the tiles and hammered it into the drywall with the backside of his measuring tape. Then he repeated the process until the tiles were where he wanted them.

Not quite. With the point of a nail, he levered two tiles a little farther apart, creating perfectly symmetrical lines.

"I got used to being really, really picky at these things," he said. "I learned from a picky guy."

He was working at new condos that, when finished, will sell for \$645,000 and up. It's a demanding clientele, and Cuiabus and his business partner are pleased that their precise work fits these high-end homes.

He gestured at the blank walls of the shower stall he had just begun working on. "When I start, it looks

IN THEIR SHOES



Our seven-day series, which started Sunday, takes you inside the lives and jobs of your southern Idaho neighbors. Our reporters and photographers shadowed each subject for a day. Coming up:

Wednesday: Twin Falls baker

Thursday: Hansen ski groomer

Friday: Wendell dance instructor

Saturday: Jerome monk

Did you miss any "In Their Shoes" stories and slide shows earlier this week? Catch them on Magicvalley.com.

ugly like this one, but when I'm done, I know it's my work. I'm kind of proud," Cuiabus said. "I like when I

See **TILE**, Home & Garden 3



Photos by KIRSTEN SHULTZ/For the Times-News

Adrian Cuiabus — originally from Romania but recently of Ketchum — starts his morning Feb. 12 preparing to set tile for C&A Tile and Marble in a downtown Ketchum condo. Here, he earns more than he could in Romania, and pays less to live. 'My mom used to make in a month what I make in a day,' Cuiabus says.



On the streets of Ketchum, tilesetter Adrian Cuiabus takes a break for lunch.



Meet Adrian Cuiabus

Age: 25

Hometown: Cluj-Napoca, Transylvania, Romania. But he lives in Ketchum.

Profession: Tile setter, though he has other construction experience to fall back on if the tile business slows. He shares a business with friend Cristian Pop called C&A Tile and Marble, and at their current job in Ketchum they subcontract for SPG Tile and Marble.

Where he learned to lay tile: Italy, about seven years ago. He has also laid tile in Greece, Atlanta, Miami and Seattle.

What he likes least about his job: Grout. "It's boring," he said.

What's written on his tools: "Pinky." While working, he always wears a hat or a bandanna, usually pink. In the U.S., Pinky is easier for his co-workers to say than his Romanian nickname, Ady (pronounced "ah-dee").



Adrian Cuiabus looks around for friends and co-workers who usually join him for lunch. He jokes that usually about eight fellow Romanians are to be found next to him at lunch. There are about 40 workers from Cuiabus' home country in the Wood River Valley, many of whom were brought over by agencies to work at local businesses.



Cutting tile for a downtown Ketchum condo, Adrian Cuiabus produces enough noise to drown out the music he always listens to as he works.

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Watch a slide show with more photos and sounds from Adrian Cuiabus' day.



Inga Grate, left, joins her boyfriend, Adrian Cuiabus, and his business partner, Cristian Pop, for lunch at Smoky Mountain Pizza & Pasta in Ketchum.

Cold at night? Think electric blanket, and turn the thermostat down

DEAR JIM: I am trying to save energy in my home, so I set the furnace thermostat lower each night. It gets chilly and I do not sleep well.

What can I do to stay comfortable? Is an electric blanket a good idea? — **Ken B.**

DEAR KEN: I set the temperature in my house 10 degrees lower at night, so it can get chilly, especially when I get up to let my cat, Buddy, in the window. The savings from a 10-degree, or even just a five-degree, setback at night are significant.

If you use a programmable setback thermostat, set it so the temperature does not start to drop until 15 minutes after you are typically in bed. The thermostat may stop the furnace before this time, but the temperature should not drop quickly. Set it so your house is warmed again just before you awake in the morning.

Using an electric blanket is an energy efficient method to stay comfortable all night. Since we are in bed under the covers 99 percent of the time at night, it makes



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

sense to keep only the bed warm. The amount of electricity used by a twin- or full-size electric blanket is only about as much as a 100-watt light bulb.

There are a number of features to look for in an electric blanket for the best comfort and efficiency. Keep in mind: If it makes you more comfortable, you will be able to set your furnace thermostat even lower at night and save more energy overall.

There actually are several types of electric heating "blankets" for beds. One is the typical electric blanket. According to Stacie Pacheco, Sunbeam Director of Marketing, electric blankets account for about 70 percent of their bed-heating products. For a queen- or king-size bed, select a prod-



Sunbeam

A smaller throw with a simple three-level heat control can provide adequate warmth for just one person.

uct with separate heating controls for each side of the

bed. Another is a comforter. The younger generation

seems to prefer electric mattress pads. These produce heat from beneath and reduce the weight over your body. If you have a comfort problem with just cold feet, a foot warmer pad at the end of the bed or a throw will keep them warm. These use less than 60 watts of electricity.

The top-of-the-line models by Sunbeam use ambient temperature compensating controls for better comfort. If you set the heat at level "five" (settings are from one to 10) when you get in bed, the blanket or mattress pad produces a certain amount of heat. As the bedroom temperature drops, the control senses this and automatically produces more heat to compensate. When you are under the covers, the temperature stays almost constant. These models also use special heating wire which senses your body heat and selectively warms the blanket more or less in various areas.

During the winter, move your bed away from an outside wall. Always close the

window shades or curtains. This not only reduces room heat loss through the windows, but it blocks the radiant heat transfer from your skin to the cold glass.

DEAR JIM: My house has old single-pane windows with aluminum sash frames. I was thinking of installing new double-pane glass panes in the old sash frames. Is this as efficient as installing all new windows? — **John S.**

DEAR JOHN: First of all, you probably cannot fit double-pane glass in the old window sash frames. The new glass will be too thick. Also, the old aluminum frames probably do not have a thermal break between the indoor and outdoor sides.

You are probably better off installing entirely new windows and frames even though it costs more initially. Another option is to install sash replacement kits yourself in the old window frames to reduce labor costs.

Send inquiries to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

Homemade cleaners get the job done

By Susan Carpenter
Los Angeles Times

Something green and drippy is growing on store shelves. It's the assortment of "green" cleaning products many people are spraying, scrubbing and wiping all over their homes in an attempt to keep things fresh, sanitary — and environmentally benign.

But, buyer, beware. Like so many other green products these days, home cleansers that fly the enviro flag can be difficult to analyze. Sometimes the "green" in question is merely a ploy: It's the color of the liquid or just part of the name. Other times, the chemical nature of the product really has changed; instead of employing sodium dichloro s-triazinetriene dihydrate and other multisyllabic, tongue-twister chemicals to shine a sink to Martha Stewart standards, they use idyllic-sounding ingredients derived from the land — coconuts, lemons and oranges.

It's confusing. Sure, it feels better on a soul level to support a product using ingredients one can recognize and pronounce. That's why I, like so many consumers, had stopped buying mass-market chemicals with extensive first-aid instructions and switched to less widely available green brands that lighten the conscience — and, unfortunately, the pocketbook. They promised to degrease stove tops and sanitize toilets with only the gentlest of touches to the planet.

Although both types of products — traditional and green — are considered by the U.S. government to be safe for use, each has its issues. First, they can be expensive. Second, they suffer from frustratingly vague labeling. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, which oversees home-cleaning products, doesn't require a comprehensive ingredient list, so few companies provide them.

Like a lot of consumers, I'm simultaneously pleased by and wary of corporate America's adoption of green thinking. Specialty brands such as Method and Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day have established large followings as alternatives to traditional cleaners, while the Green Works line from Clorox and the new Nature's Source products from the makers of Windex and Scrubbing Bubbles demonstrate how chemical giants have jumped on the "natural" bandwagon.

Although new plant-based



Los Angeles Times photo by Glenn Koenig

The number of cleaning products that claim to use gentler chemicals or eco-friendly ingredients is growing, and going the homemade route requires only a few ingredients.

formulations are, in many ways, better for the environment than traditional products using bleach and other harsh chemicals that affect aquatic life, the ingredient lists on packaging are ambiguous enough to raise suspicion. The label for Arm & Hammer Essentials Cleaner & Degreaser, for example, says only that it's a "plant-based cleaner derived from coconuts and palm kernel oil" and "contains anionic and nonionic surfactants." For anything more specific, consumers need to go online or request a more detailed ingredient list, which a spokeswoman said the company gladly would provide.

The best source for specifics is something called a Material Safety Data Sheet, or MSDS. Required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the data sheets often — but not always — include a more thorough accounting of ingredients and their health implications. These data frequently are included on product Web sites.

Still wary? A lot of people are, apparently, and that's given rise to a trend: homemade cleaners. Concocted from vinegar, baking soda and other ingredients from the cupboard, mix-it-yourself cleaners are nothing new. But like so many other aspects of the Depression era, they're coming back in a big way, especially among Pollyannas, paranoids, penny pinchers, back-to-the-landers and greenies.

Sounds good. But do these cleaners actually work? And do they really save money? Being something of a paranoid, penny-pinching, back-to-the-land greenie myself, I tried them out.

My first stop was the Internet, which is bubbling with recipes for homemade cleaners. "The Urban Homestead: Your Guide to Self-Sufficient Living in the

Heart of the City," a book written by Los Angeles residents Kelly Coyne and Erik Knutzen, is another excellent resource, as is Kimberly Delaney's "Knack Clean Home Green Home," the bible for green housekeeping that served as my guide.

Regardless of the source, all of the information pointed to the same core ingredients: white distilled vinegar (a disinfectant and deodorant), baking soda (a deodorant and mild abrasive), castile soap (made of 100 percent vegetable oil) and water. Using these four ingredients, I was able to scrub my windows, toilets, tubs, floors and sinks.

Adding a squeeze of lemon juice (a disinfectant) here and a dash of olive oil (a lubricant) there, I was able to shine my dining room table into something Narcissus would have admired. And with a sprinkle of Borax (an abrasive mineral salt that isn't entirely accepted by some green-cleaning folks because it's toxic if swallowed), I could really go to town on the tub scum generated by my often-filthy 5-year-old.

Mixing ingredients was fast and easy. As for containers: I embraced the reduce-reuse-recycle mantra, re-purposing various bottles and sprayers from the clutter under my sink. I just needed to make sure I rinsed them thoroughly so trace chemicals didn't react with any of the new stuff and I didn't accidentally blow the granite counter off my kitchen cabinets.

Reusing containers had additional benefits I wasn't anticipating. The familiar bottles helped my Spanish-speaking housecleaner match each concoction to its appropriate use. It also disguised the look of some of these homemade products, most of which are lumpy. Castile soap is an oil, so when added to water

and vinegar, it floats to the top. Shake it all you like. It still will separate and end up looking like chicken grease in a cooled vat of broth. After a lifetime of pastel-colored store-bought cleaners, you'll need time to adjust to these homemade mixtures.

Then there's the smell. Like many Americans, I was raised in a Cloroxed and Windexed household and have come to associate the odors of bleach, ammonia and other chemicals with "clean." Use homemade and suddenly vinegar, in all its odoriferous glory, is the new smell of clean, which might explain why the scented essential oils of tea tree, lemon and lavender are so popular with the homemade-cleaner crowd.

I found that homemade as a whole worked almost as well as the commercially available products I had been using. I say "almost" because the baking soda and castile soap paste I use to scour my bathroom sink doesn't yield the same gleam as did my former pal Bon Ami. Nor do my wood and cork floors look nearly as shiny after a mopping with water, vinegar and castile soap as they did with Murphy Oil Soap. And my stone kitchen counter could be destroyed with an all-purpose cleaner mixed from vinegar.

Even so, I was pleased enough with the results that I've been using homemade for about two months and plan to continue. "Transparency" may be an overused political buzzword these days, but it's just as applicable to the products we're buying and flushing down the drain. I like knowing exactly what's in the cleansers I'm using. I'm comforted by the fact that I could eat some of them.

I'm also impressed by the prices. I spent about \$30 on raw ingredients, the most expensive of which were Dr. Bronner's castile soap (about \$10), Borax (\$5) and tea tree oil (\$5). That's more money than I expected, but the most expensive ingredients are used in the smallest quantities, and the castile soap has other purposes — it's my daily hand and body soap as well. The ingredients I needed the most are the cheapest: The gallon of distilled white vinegar was \$2, and the box of baking soda was \$1.

Clean. And transparently green. Yes, it's possible.

Turning a basic apartment into an attractive home

The Washington Post

The judges on the season two finale of "Top Design," Bravo's reality decorating show, assessed Ondine Karady's rooms as inventive, playful, whimsical and ambitious. Karady's eight ways to turn a cookie-cutter apartment into a home:

1. "Get rid of those Home Depot-generic overhead lights that the developer put in on the cheap. Instead, hang a vintage chandelier to add personality. Interesting overhead lighting draws your eyes up, making your space seem bigger."
2. "Wallpaper is a quick, inexpensive way to completely transform an otherwise generic room."

3. "Have a shade company make fabric shades to cover up your boring sconces."

4. "Floor-to-ceiling drapes highlight ceiling heights, soften the room and are a great way to add pattern and color."

5. "In a loft setting, area rugs help to define spaces."

6. "When choosing table lamps, avoid generic styles from huge consumer stores. A thrift store find can look just right with a new linen drum shade."

7. "No blank walls! Artwork is important. Your kids' doodles could look like a Picasso in the right frame."

8. "Clustering small frames together is a good way of making plain walls come to life."



Bravo photo by Isabella Vosmikova

Ondine Karady waits to be judged on "Top Design," Bravo's reality decorating show.

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Sprouts and micro greens: Houseplants you can eat

By Dean Fosdick
For The Associated Press

Micro greens and sprouts, those immature vegetables short on size but large on taste, are making their way from trendy restaurants and stylish markets into family kitchens.

The assorted seedlings add flavor, color and crunch when included with sandwich and salad toppings, used as a garnish, or mixed into soups, dressings, casseroles, dips, sautes, pizzas and breads, among other things.

Sprouts and micro greens are similar, yet different.

Sprouts are harvested younger than micro greens and can be grown without soil in closed surroundings like bags or jars under sprays of lukewarm water. They should be harvested before their secondary leaves emerge. Alfalfa, sunflower, cress, lentil and buckwheat seeds grow quickly into sprouts and can be served up roots and all.

Micro greens are the adolescent versions of the leafy greens, edible flowers and herbs that are popular salad fixings. They are at their nutritional and flavorful best when they begin to display adult-size leaves. Seeds can be planted in potting soils, sprinkled onto sponges or fine-textured fabrics, and then misted, sprayed or watered as necessary. Among the most popular micro greens are cauliflower, peas, cabbage, arugula, radishes, beets, clover, mustard and alfalfa.

"Basically, the difference between the two is the size of the root and the time to (reach) harvest," said Steve Meyerowitz, a lecturer and author from Great Barrington, Mass., who has written several books on the subject. "You can grow sprouts in one to two weeks. But it takes about 30 days to maturity for micro greens."

Micro green farming is a little messier than dealing with sprouts — a little harder on the kitchen because of the soils involved, Meyerowitz said. "But you can do it wherever you have houseplants.

Kits make growing micro greens easier

Micro greens and sprouts are among the easiest things to grow in kitchen gardens, but even for these there are shortcuts.

Commercially produced micro green planting kits, for example. These multi-piece sets, which retail at around \$30, make growing micro greens more convenient than assembling them on your own. Most such kits include plant trays, absorbent pads, growing medium (vermiculite, potting soil) and seed packets.

Few companies offered much in the way of micro green supplies until recently, said Tracy Lee, horticulture manager for The Cook's Garden, a Warminster, Pa.,-based seed source for European garden vegetables.

That is changing quickly because of demand from new or time-deprived gardeners trying to provide wholesome, flavorful food for their families, Lee said. Micro green blends have become one of the company's top-selling items since they were added to the catalog two years ago.

The kit collection she put together for 2009 includes one seed packet each of beets ("Bull's Blood"), cress ("Broadleaf"), kohlrabi ("Chancellor"), cutting celery, peas ("Green Arrow") and spinach ("Rembrandt").

"They are still a bit of a niche product, but I have started seeing them heavily just this year, so I think they have finally broken through," Lee said. "We have placed them in some of the big box stores and they are selling well."

Micro green kits also are great for kids learning how to garden, said Susan Jellinek, horticulturist for Thompson & Morgan Seedsmen of Jackson, N.J. "They're easy to do and kind of fun. Just spread some seeds over a surface."

Little is required in the way of harvest tools. Just find a pair of scissors that comfortably fit your hand and clip away.

"You harvest them at the first stages of germination, when the true leaf emerges," Jellinek said about micro greens. "Those are different from the little seed leaves. They're the beginnings of a mature plant. Clip off just the buds. You can cut them at tray height level. That makes things really easy."

Micro greens are houseplants you can eat."

Micro greens and sprouts are easy to raise, quick to evolve, pack a nutritional wallop and convey an intense taste — especially when eaten fresh. "They lose some of that (flavor) concentration when cooked," Meyerowitz said.

When the first leaf appears, these plants are at the peak of their nutritional concentration.

They also are economical to grow because they deliver large yields.

"One pound of alfalfa seed, for example, produces 10, 14 pounds of fresh 'mini-salad' greens," Meyerowitz said.

It doesn't take much space to grow micro greens and sprouts. They can be cultivated in the smallest of apartments, and in the densest of cities.

"Because they're not going to be grown to flowers or fruiting, they don't need as much light," said Robert Hochmuth, an extension

agent with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. "You're only germinating them to the first leaf. That can be done in a windowsill, a porch or anywhere you can grab a little indirect sunlight."

If you're trying to grow a blend of micro greens or sprouts, remember that different plants grow at different rates.

"Carrots grow slowly; radishes grow quickly," Hochmuth said. "You have to gain some experience in how fast these crops go from seed to harvest. Some are ready in eight to 10 days but others may take as long as three weeks."

Individual tastes vary, of course, but then so do the flavors in the many kinds of mini salad greens cultivated in kitchen gardens.

Beet tops often are described as having an earthy flavor, while emerging radish leaves are spicy. Micro cress has an aftertaste rang-



Arugula micro greens.

AP Photos/The Cook's Garden



A micro green mix.



Cauliflower Rainbow Mix from The Cook's Garden.

most intense flavor comes eating, of course, to determine whether that's good or up to the person doing the bad, too sharp or too mild."

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see that something comes out of my work."

It has been more than five years since Cuibus visited home, the third-largest city in Romania, and sometimes he misses it.

"There's times when I'm not thinking of home, and times when I can't do anything ...," he said, his voice trailing off. "I came visiting, but I've been visiting for five years."

Sometimes, when he bikes, snowboards or plays summer-weekend games of soccer in Hailey with other Europeans, he is reminded of home. But there is a lot he likes about America.

"You can afford things over here that you can't buy in Europe," he said. Things like his BMW, which he keeps clean and detailed, another place in his life where precision rules. He also buys nice clothes to wear when he's not on the job. "It's an easier life."

Cuibus likes the mountains here, and the people's friendli-

ness. "When I first got here, it was a shock to go to the mall and have people say 'Hi,' 'Hey,' 'I was, 'You know me?'"

Though he has spent time working in big cities, a few years ago he visited Sun Valley to do a short job, and wanted to return.

"I got sick of big cities. It's nice for me for now; it's quiet, it's peaceful," he said. "I kind of get bored in one place. Something new is always good, at least while I'm young."

Cuibus swiveled in his booth, leaning over a divider to see if his friends were coming in the door of Smoky Mountain Pizza & Pasta, where he often meets them for lunch. After greeting the waitress and asking if she felt better, he ordered a medium barbecue chicken pizza, then checked his cell phone, thumbing in a text message.

He had just left Ketchum Dry Goods, one of the places where his girlfriend, Inga Grate, works. She is from Moldova, a tiny country near

Romania, and they have dated for almost a year.

"Far away from home to find somebody like that is nice," Cuibus had said, waiting for a crosswalk light to change on the way to the restaurant.

Soon, Cuibus' business partner, Cristian Pop, strolled through the door, and Grate followed a few minutes later, sliding into the booth next to her boyfriend and touching hands with him under the table. The conversation turned to friends, celebrities and the great things about Ketchum.

"That's what I call it, a magic place," Grate said, remembering how she described the city to a newspaper at home. "Where the buses are free," Cuibus added. "And you see Schwarzenegger," Grate finished.

Perhaps soon Cuibus will be able to describe America in person to his friends and family back home — he's been saving for a trip back to Romania.

"Let's hope by the end of the summer I'll get my dream," he said.

But for now, it's back to work. Back to days of kneeling, poking tiles a centimeter this way, a millimeter that way. It's time again for noise, for music, for precision.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING

Case No. CV-2008-0000393
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

JEAN E. RANKIN, individually, and as Trustee of the JEAN E. RANKIN TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHRIS E. ROBERTS,
Defendant.

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued on the 23rd day of January, 2009, out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court on an Amended Foreign Judgment in said Court in the above-entitled action on the 5th day of December, 2008 in favor of the above-named Plaintiff; whereas on the 18th day of November, 2008, the Plaintiff, Jean E. Rankin, individually, and as Trustee of the Jean E. Rankin Trust, by virtue of the entry of an Amended Judgment rendered by the Honorable James L. Shumate, District Judge of the State of Utah in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Utah, in and for the County of Washington, recovered an Amended Judgment in Case No. 070503034 in said Court against the Defendant, Chris E. Roberts; together with costs and disbursements at the date of said Judgments, and accruing costs, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell at public auction the property described in said Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgments with interest thereon and my fees and costs.

The property directed to be sold is situate in Gooding County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL NO. 1:
Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the Boise Meridian, Gooding County, Idaho
Section 2: A parcel of land located in the E½SE¼ more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of said Section 2;
THENCE North 00°06'13" West along the East boundary of the SE¼ of Section 2 for a distance of 1,318.47 feet to the Northeast corner of the SE¼SE¼ of Section 2;
THENCE North 89°53'32" West along the North boundary of the SE¼SE¼ of Section 2 for a distance of 946.88 feet to the center of an irrigation ditch and being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE along the center of the irrigation ditch on the following courses:
South 11°44'08" East 18.91 feet;
South 02°07'33" West 141.60 feet;
South 02°36'53" East 36.87 feet;
South 04°39'53" East 11.19 feet to a point on a line that is parallel with and 208.0 feet South of the North boundary of the SE¼SE¼ of Section 2;
THENCE leaving the center of the irrigation lateral and along the line that is parallel with and 208.0 feet South of the North boundary of the SE¼SE¼ of Section 2 on a bearing of North 89°53'32" West for a distance of 313.18 feet to a point on the arc of a curve of the Easterly right-of-way boundary of Highway U.S. 30;
THENCE Northwest along the arc of the curve left for a distance of 163.03 feet, said arc having a radius of 3,869.72 feet and a long chord bearing and distance of North 07°32'36" West 163.02 feet;
THENCE along an existing fence line on the following courses:
North 00°33'52" West 87.58 feet;
North 00°45'18" West 161.61 feet;
THENCE leaving the fence line and parallel with the North boundary of the SE¼SE¼ of Section 2 on a bearing of South 89°53'32" East for a distance of 308.39 feet to a point in the center of an irrigation ditch;
THENCE along the center of the irrigation ditch on the following courses:
South 04°24'37" West 22.00 feet;
South 03°49'32" East 57.65 feet;
South 11°55'36" East 66.92 feet;
South 11°44'08" East 59.10 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
EXCEPTING an eight-foot-wide strip along the Southerly boundary as disclosed in Quitclaim Deed by and between Larry J. Thomas and Elizabeth Thomas, husband and wife, and Craig J. Laughlin, an unmarried man, dated December 19, 2007, recorded December 26, 2007, as Instrument No. 224680, Gooding County records.

PARCEL NO. 2:
An easement for the purpose of ingress and egress for the benefit of Parcel No. 1 as created in Warranty Deed dated January 3, 1997, recorded January 3, 1997, as Instrument No. 169175, records of Gooding County, Idaho; said easement being on, over and across an existing 15.0-foot-wide access road that commences at the Easterly right-of-way boundary of Highway U.S. 30 and traverses adjacent to and on the Westerly side of the Westerly boundary of the before described parcel.

PARCEL NO. 3:
Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the Boise Meridian, Gooding County, Idaho
Section 1: Part of the S½SE¼ more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of said S½SE¼;
THENCE Northerly along the Westerly boundary of said S½SE¼ North 0°06'17" West 714.61 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE continuing Northerly along said Westerly boundary North 0°06'17" West 605.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said S½SE¼;
THENCE Easterly along the Northerly boundary of said S½SE¼ South 89°52'36" East 541.08 feet;
THENCE Southerly parallel with the Westerly boundary of said S½SE¼ South 89°52'36" East 541.08 feet;
THENCE Southerly parallel with the Westerly boundary of said S½SE¼ South 0°06'17" East 605.00 feet;
THENCE Westerly parallel with the Northerly boundary of said S½SE¼ North 89°52'36" West 541.08 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL NO. 4:
The East 160 feet of Reserved Block 66, HAGERMAN TOWNSITE, Gooding County, Idaho.
Together with any tenements, hereditaments, improvements, structures, buildings, or appurtenances appertaining thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 9th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock AM in front of the front door of the Gooding County Courthouse in Gooding, Idaho, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment as set out in said Writ of Execution to the highest bidder therefor in lawful money.

DATED this 11th day of February, 2009.
Shaun Gough, Sheriff
Gooding County, Idaho
/s/Sheriff

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INVITATION TO BID

Gooding Jt. School Dist. #231 is accepting bids for a **surplus 1981 International School Bus**. Sealed Bids should be sent or delivered to the Gooding School Dist. Office, 507 Idaho Street, Gooding, Idaho and will be received until 10:00 a.m. on February 23, 2009. Bids will be opened at that time and the bid will be awarded. Bidder instructions and detailed description of bus are available at 507 Idaho Street, Gooding, ID or by calling 934-4321 ext. 102.

PUBLISH: February 17, 2009

LEGAL NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The **Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Public Transportation** intends to seek Economic Stimulus funding from the Federal Transit Administration assistance for **Capital Project** expenses. Project description and funding may be requested from the contact information below or viewed at www.mobilityidaho.org under **Economic Stimulus Projects**. This is an opportunity for the public to comment on the inclusion of these projects into the State of Idaho Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), at which time the projects and comments will be amended in to the STIP. Notice is hereby given that public comment regarding the accessibility, routes, and any other pertinent information is solicited from the general public, persons with disabilities, elderly individuals and their respective organizations, and private or competing transportation providers for 21 days after this notice.

Comments should be directed to: Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Public Transportation, P.O. Box 7129, Boise, ID 83707-1129, by phone 1-800-527-7985 or by e-mail, GATeam@td.idaho.gov.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 7th day of July, 2009, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. of said day at the front entrance of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, **TITLEFACT, INC.**, an Idaho corporation, 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, to-wit:

PARCEL NO. 1
Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 7: A parcel of land located in Lot 2, being more specifically described as follows: COMMENCING at the West quarter corner of Section 7, a distance of 830.54 feet on a bearing of North 89°57'00" East along the South boundary of said Lot 2, Section 7 to the East boundary of United States Highway 30;
THENCE along this said East boundary of United States Highway 30 a distance of 198.60 feet on a bearing of North 24°21'15" West to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE from this REAL POINT OF BEGINNING North 89°57'00" East 282.00 feet;
THENCE North 0°07'37" West 140.00 feet;
THENCE South 89°57'00" West 344.10 feet;
THENCE South 24°21'15" East 151.33 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL NO. 2
Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 7: A parcel of land in Lot 2, being more specifically described as follows: COMMENCING at the West quarter corner of Section 7, a distance of 830.54 feet on a bearing of North 89°57'00" East to the East boundary of United States Highway 30, said point being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE from this REAL POINT OF BEGINNING and along the said East boundary of U.S. Highway 30 a distance of 198.60 feet on a bearing North 24°21'15" West;
THENCE a distance of 282.00 feet on a bearing of North 89°57'00" East;
THENCE a distance of 181.00 feet on a bearing of South 0°07'37" East to the South boundary of said Lot 2, Section 7;
THENCE along the said South boundary of Lot 2, Section 7 a distance of 200.50 feet on a bearing of South 89°57'00" West to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

Sometimes known as: **2122 East 3950 North, Filer, Idaho 83328**

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 **JUDY A. HOFFMAN**, a widow, grantor to **TITLEFACT, INC.**, as trustee for the benefit and security of **FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF TWIN FALLS**, recorded June 30, 2008, as Instrument No. 2008-014899, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay:

Monthly payments, collection charges and late charges through January 30, 2009, all in the amount of \$2,291.88; and the unpaid principal balance owing as of January 30, 2009, on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$118,989.57, plus interest, late charges and foreclosure costs.

DATED: February 6, 2009.
TITLEFACT, INC., Trustee
By R. TODD BLASS, Vice-President
COLEMAN, RITCHIE & ROBERTSON
Attorneys for Trustee
Residing at Twin Falls, Idaho

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

IMPORTANT LEGAL ADVERTISING

The Times-News
PO Box 548
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Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 208-735-3324.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 4739000 T.S. No. ID-08-228645-TD On 5/29/2009, at 10:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho: in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave. East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls ID 83301, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC as Trustee on behalf of Citibank N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2007-HE2 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 TWIN FALLS State of Idaho, and described as follows: **LOT 9 IN BLOCK 7 OF PHEASANT MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 20 OF PLATS, PAGE 5.** 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 **1205 GOLDEN PHEASANT DR, TWIN FALLS, ID 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 **CHARLES LYNN JOLIS, JR. AND MELISSA JOLIS, HUSBAND AND WIFE** as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR OWNIT MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., is named as Beneficiary and FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY as Trustee and recorded 11/22/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-029845 in book - , page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder 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 11/17/2008. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,113.12, due per month for the months of 10/1/2008 through 1/5/2009, 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 \$133,790.83 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 9.2500 per cent (%) per annum from 9/1/2008. 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: 1/27/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC as Trustee on behalf of Citibank N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2007-HE2 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 TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows: **LOT 19 BLOCK 3 SOUTH PARK ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY IDAHO ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 18, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.** 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 **163 RAMAGE ST, TWIN FALLS, ID 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 **ALFREDO FLORES, A MARRIED MAN DEALING WITH SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY**, as Grantor/Trustor, in which Citifinancial, Inc. is named as Beneficiary and FIRST AMERICAN TITLE NATIONAL as Trustee and recorded 7/15/2008, as Instrument No. 2008-015984 in book - , page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder 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 7/8/2008. The monthly installments of principal interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$962.09, due per month for the months of 3/15/2008 through 1/6/2009, 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 \$93,142.91 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 12.0600 per cent (%) per annum from 7/15/2008. 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. Dated: 1/27/2009 By: First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101, as Agent By: Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 2983104

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. ID-08-227230-TD Loan No. 20-0051-0274557 On 5/29/2009, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho: At the entrance to First American Title Company located at 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of Citifinancial, Inc. by Citifinancial Mortgage Company, 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 TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows: **LOT 19 BLOCK 3 SOUTH PARK ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY IDAHO ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 18, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.** 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 **163 RAMAGE ST, TWIN FALLS, ID 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 **ALFREDO FLORES, A MARRIED MAN DEALING WITH SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY**, as Grantor/Trustor, in which Citifinancial, Inc. is named as Beneficiary and FIRST AMERICAN TITLE NATIONAL as Trustee and recorded 7/15/2008, as Instrument No. 2008-015984 in book - , page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder 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 7/8/2008. The monthly installments of principal interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$962.09, due per month for the months of 3/15/2008 through 1/6/2009, 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 \$93,142.91 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 12.0600 per cent (%) per annum from 7/15/2008. 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. Dated: 1/27/2009 By: First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101, as Agent By: Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 2983098

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING

Case No. CV08-600
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT**,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF CHARLOTTE B. ACKLEY; DEBRA HANSING, a single person; **DANIEL ACKELY**, a single person; and **RONI M. ATKINS**, as personal representative of the estate of **CHARLOTTE B. ACKLEY**,
Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a Decree of Foreclosure and Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Gooding, on the 6th day of January, 2009, in the above entitled action, wherein the above named plaintiff, obtained a judgment and decree against the estate of CHARLOTTE B. ACKLEY, I am commanded to sell that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, located at 300 4th Ave. West, Wendell, Idaho, and situate in the County of Gooding, State of Idaho, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

REAL PROPERTY
Lot 15 and 16 in Block 34, Wendell Townsite, Gooding County, Idaho, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, now of record in the office of the County Recorder of said county.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on the 19th day of February, 2009, at 10:00 o'clock AM, of said day at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Gooding, County of Gooding, State of Idaho, I will, in obedience to said Decree of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, sell the above described real property, or so much as may be necessary to satisfy the judgment of the plaintiff, with interest and costs, to the highest and best bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America.

Further, that the said real property is subject to redemption by the Defendants within six (6) months after the date of the sale pursuant to Chapter 4; Title 11 of the Idaho Code. Dated this 28th day of January, 2009.
/s/Shawn Gough, Sheriff

PUBLISH: February 3, 10 and 17, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. ID-08-227230-TD Loan No. 20-0051-0274557 On 5/29/2009, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho: At the entrance to First American Title Company located at 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of Citifinancial, Inc. by Citifinancial Mortgage Company, 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 TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows: **LOT 19 BLOCK 3 SOUTH PARK ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY IDAHO ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 18, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.** 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 **163 RAMAGE ST, TWIN FALLS, ID 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 **ALFREDO FLORES, A MARRIED MAN DEALING WITH SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY**, as Grantor/Trustor, in which Citifinancial, Inc. is named as Beneficiary and FIRST AMERICAN TITLE NATIONAL as Trustee and recorded 7/15/2008, as Instrument No. 2008-015984 in book - , page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder 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 7/8/2008. The monthly installments of principal interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$962.09, due per month for the months of 3/15/2008 through 1/6/2009, 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 \$93,142.91 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 12.0600 per cent (%) per annum from 7/15/2008. 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. Dated: 1/27/2009 By: First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101, as Agent By: Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 2983098

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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 17, 2009, for the work of reconstructing Airport Rd, MP 1.250 (Station 424+50.00 to MP 2.678 (Station 500+00.00), including replacement of the existing bridge over the Low Line Canal with a new structure; Airport Rd., Twin Falls, Stg 2, known as Idaho Federal Aid Project No. A009(848), in Twin Falls County, Key No. 09848.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PROPOSAL, PLEASE CONTACT RESIDENT ENGINEER ***KIMBOL ALLEN*** AT (208) 544-7901. The Idaho Transportation Department, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 C.F.R., Part 8), issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability in consideration for award.

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 SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$70.00) 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 obtain a license from the Idaho Public Works Contractors State License Board (800) 358-6895 before award will be made, as provided in Subsection 103.02 and 107.03 of the Idaho Standard Specifications.

The Contractor will be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates of the general wage decision for the project, as set out in the bid proposal. Such rates will be made a part of the contract covering the project. 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 11, 2009 TOM COLE, P.E. Chief Engineer

PUBLISH: Feb 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

100 Lost and Found

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Aussie Shepherd, yellow and white, in Burley area. Call 208-316-6727.

FOUND Black Lab in Rupert, name 'BRUTIES'. Please call Shelter 208-438-2200 ASAP.

FOUND Chesapeake/Lab, male, no collar. Call to identify 208-731-8404

FOUND Dog, female, short haired, medium sized dog. Call to identify 208-404-4725 or 404-4744.

FOUND Lab, cross, young, male, ivory/yellow color, dragging long cord when found 536-2294

Abbreviations can lead to confusion. Make sure readers will understand your ad completely. Spell it out. Classifieds 733-0931

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Pomeranian, female, found on Washington in Twin Falls on Friday 2/13. Call to identify, 208-731-6098

FOUND. Lost a dog? East Baseline, Jackson area. Call 208-431-9032 or 208-431-0166 or 208-654-7397 to identify.

LOST 2 Lab Mix dogs missing from the Kimberly/Twin Falls area. Zues is a 4 year old black male. Ellie is a 9 year old chocolate female in need of her medications. REWARD!!!! PLEASE CALL 208-539-3390

LOST Boxer, female, 10 wks old, fawn colored, had an orange collar, white feet, black/white muzzle. Lost on 2/13 near Wells Fargo in Rupert. Comes to 'Abbie.' Reward! 208-431-8254

LOST Cat, in town Buhl. Big, black and white, neutered, male. Very loved. Help! Call 208-543-4551.

101 Lost and Found

LOST Chihuahua, "ROMEO", male, brown/white, blue collar with tags. Last seen Locust/Shoup. Mom & 3 small boys miss him. 420-3275 or 670-3298.

LOST iPod Touch on Pomerelle bus Sunday, Feb 8. Reward! No questions asked. 208-420-4462

LOST Lab, ivory/yellow in color, male, approx 5 yrs old, was wearing collar, lost in Eden area on 2/5. Answers to 'Chomper.' 208-825-5559

LOST Springer Spaniel female, wearing red collar, responds to Libby. Lost near Twin Falls High. 316-1432

107 Pregnancy Alternatives

Pregnant? Worried? Free Pregnancy Tests Confidential 208-734-7472

108 Professional Services

Bankruptcy & Debt Counseling Free 1/2 hr consultation 30 years experience Competitive Rates We are a debt relief agency We help people file for bankruptcy relief under the bankruptcy code. May, Sudweeks & Browning 733-7180

113 Child Care Services

NEEDED Child care for Young child in our home or yours in Jerome for our infant. Mon-Fri. Perfect candidate will have exp. w/children, be loving, patient & reliable. Refs & background check req. Serious inquiries only. 208-324-2683

EMPLOYMENT

200 Work Wanted

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0202 Clerical

CLERICAL Secretary, Part-time (29 hours) Must be bilingual, proficient in word processing and type at least 40 wpm. Send resume to glo@qwestoffice.net or P.O.Box 1407, Twin Falls, ID 83303

CLERICAL Secretary/Student Financial Aid Director.

Must have computer data entry, internet skills, willing to learn policies and procedures, good people skills. Wage DOE. Send resume to D&L Academy PO Box 361 Twin Falls, ID 83303

206 Drivers

DRIVER Looking for a part-time job working mornings & afternoons? We have the perfect job for you! Now hiring Bus Drivers Paid Training Western States Bus Call 208-733-8003

DRIVERS TOP GUN TRUCK DRIVING ACADEMY Class "A" CDL Instruction 735-6656

206 Drivers

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208 Farm

Classified Private Party Ads Requires pre-payment prior to publication. Major credit/debit cards, and cash accepted. 733-0931 ext. 2 Times-News

209 General

GENERAL City of Rocks, Maintenance Dept. Now hiring. 824-5519 ext. 103

GENERAL DISCOVERY

Day & Swing Shift Positions Available! No Sales Involved! Base Pay up to \$11.00 an Hour! All Paid Training! Flexible Scheduling - You Pick the Days you Want to Work! Shift Start Times Coincide with School Schedules! Bonuses Offered on Monthly Basis! Fun, Positive Work Environment! Great for First Time Job or Career! Please apply at 840 Meadows Dr #1 Twin Falls or please call (208) 735-6601 Walking distance from CSI!

GENERAL Laundry/Housekeeping Supervisor

Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center, an 86 bed skilled nursing facility is seeking a highly qualified, motivated, and energetic individual to direct our house-keeping department. Qualified individuals must have previous supervisory experience, 1 year long term care experience, and must have the ability to work well with others, as well as independently. This position is Full time, with a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package. Apply in person @ 2303 Parke Ave, Burley, ID

GENERAL Local Idaho business.

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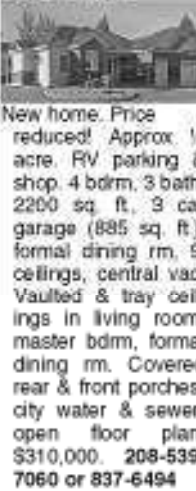
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TWIN FALLS



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FILER For sale by owner. 1971 Broadmore single wide, in a park. 840 sq. ft., 2 bdrm, 1 bath, AC/gas heat, all appls, 3 out-buildings, fenced area, very nice yard. \$13,000/offer. Owner will carry contract. 208-326-4503.

521 Manufactured Homes

WENDELL 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 1,620 sq. ft. living space. On foundation. City lot. 335 5th Ave West. First Federal Bank 208-733-4222 Ask for Shawna Dally or Esteban Martinez

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601 Furnished Homes

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HAZELTON Country home, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage. \$900 mo. \$800 deposit apply. 208-260-1378

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SUDOKU

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Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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6	9	5	8	1	7	3	4	2
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602 Unfurnished Homes

FILER Cute 3 bdrm, 1 bath house, large yard, sprinkler system, no smoking/pets, 1 year lease, \$650 month + \$500 deposit. 208-569-9220

FILER Quiet sub'd 3 bdrm, appls, RV parking, carport, \$850 mo. **TWIN FALLS** Close to CSI 3 bdrm, 2 bath, appls, garage, \$900. Newly refinished 1 bdr, appl, water/lawn care incl \$600 1", last, cleaning, one third utils. \$825 N. 2200 E. #C. 731-7218

FILER Ranch acre, new 1 bdrm cottage, carport, hardwood floors, new cabinets, horse corral avail, water/garbage incl. \$600 1", last, cleaning, one third utils. \$825 N. 2200 E. #C. 731-7218

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TWIN FALLS 2-3 bdrm homes and apartments, \$650-\$1500. Cutting Edge Properties & Mgmt. 208-539-4907

TWIN FALLS 2000 sq. ft., 4 bdrm, 2 bath home. No pets. \$950 month. Call 208-733-8980.

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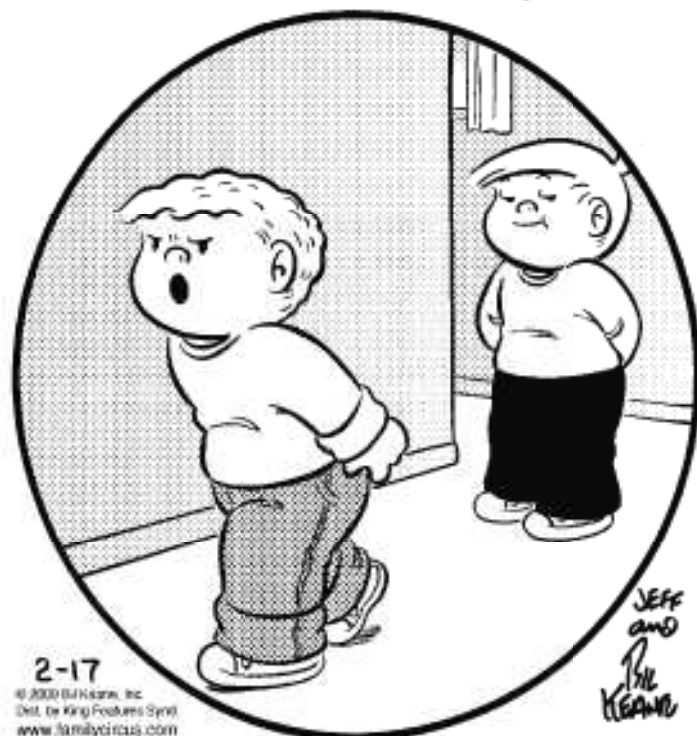
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Woman questions belief that there's no place like home

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible — or normal — for someone to lack the desire to travel? I am a 23-year-old female college graduate with a good job. I am involved in a serious relationship and still live with my parents because of financial constraints. I like to think my life is pretty normal.

When my friends graduated from college, they all backpacked through Europe before starting their jobs. I was content to stay home, relax and readjust to life off-campus. Now that my friends are accruing vacation time, they are planning all sorts of trips — cruises, vacations, road trips to visit old roommates, etc. None of this appeals to me.

I am a nervous traveler and tend to feel uncomfortable when I'm outside my "comfort zone." I'm not afraid to admit that I can be uptight, and I don't "roll with the punches" very well.

Last summer my boyfriend and I spent several weekends in a beach town about two hours away. I had a great time, although I was just as happy to go home at the end. I am not depressed or aloof. Give me an afternoon at the local mall or a movie rather than a weekend in Las Vegas. Am I weird? — **HOMEBODY**

DEAR HOMEBODY: Weird? No. However, because of your reluctance to step out of your "comfort zone," you are missing an opportunity to learn firsthand that this



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

country — and the world around you — is filled with wonderful people who would be worth knowing if you could only broaden your horizons. On this didn't bother you on some level, you would not have written me. A therapist who specializes in anxiety disorders could help you do that. I wish you good luck — and maybe even "bon voyage."

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of 10 years, "Simon," comes from a broken home. His mother left when he was quite young and as a result, his food choices are horrible. Simon is 30 now and eats only hamburgers, french fries, pizza and other fried or carb-loaded food. He includes absolutely no vegetables or lean protein in his diet.

I love my boyfriend and can't imagine spending my life with anyone else. I have tried to get him to consider other foods to no avail. I'm afraid that he is slowly killing himself. He has packed on some weight since we've been together. I wouldn't call him obese, but I see what's coming. He drinks only sugar-loaded soda

and hasn't seen a doctor since he was 18. I love all kinds of foods. What can I do to bring Simon over to my side?

— WORRIED ABOUT SIMON IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR WORRIED: Until your boyfriend is willing to face the fact that he has a problem, and is willing to do something about it, there is nothing you or I can do. Simon may eat the way he does because he has abandonment issues or because he never learned proper eating habits in the first place. But until he's willing to face up to what's eating him and change the way he is eating, nothing will change.

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and have been with my girlfriend for the last four years. I want to take a break and see what else is out there, but I don't know how to tell her without freaking her out and making her cry. Abby, how do I tell a girl who loves me that I want to take a break and see other people?

— TEEN IN MINNESOTA

DEAR TEEN: Do it in person and in plain English before you waste one more minute of her time. When you do, be sure to tell her that the reason has nothing to do with her and everything to do with you. Be prepared for the fact there may be tears. However, not every relationship is permanent, and breaking up is part of dating.

IF FEBRUARY 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Never put all of your eggs in one basket. Playtime might seem to be of the utmost importance during the next few weeks, but you could easily romanticize a friendship or end up disappointed by a relationship.

Wait until May or June to go forward with plans that involve groups, organizations or friendships. Your ambitions may build by leaps and bounds over the summer, and you should take care of all essential matters long before October. During that month your decision-making faculties could be out of kilter and you might overburden yourself with tasks that create complications.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Might makes right. Your take-charge attitude could draw the notice of those who hold the reins of power. The rewards could greatly further your situation, but be mindful of whose toes you are stepping on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Concentrate on the big catch. Focus on what is the most important issue and do not be distracted by insignificant matters. If you feel overwhelmed, take a time out and relieve some tension through exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Talk is not always cheap. A social conversation could reveal insights

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

into matters related to your work or business. This could allow you to better overcome obstacles that have been in your way. Keep ears open.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Skeletons should remain firmly locked in the closet. Stow the baggage that you've been carrying and move on. There's no point in dwelling in the past, as it could cloud your judgment and affect your future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An unseen fear is a fear that might not exist. Do not fret over matters over which you have no power. Focus on what you can do. Strive to set a good example. Use physical activities and exercise to clear your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look before you leap. You may find yourself attracted to an opposite. Beware: This opposite may not match any other aspect of your life and become a problem. Avoid moving too fast and foolishly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your love life could be heating up. In some cases, however, a high temperature is a sign that one is ailing. Be careful in social situations, as your actions could be miscon-

strued. Curl up with a book at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you want something done, do it yourself. There's no need to wait on outside assistance when you are quite capable of taking care of a matter yourself. You and a significant other could be at odds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Attack the day with new vigor. Get up on the right side of the bed; start off with some calisthenics and a hearty breakfast. Stick to the program and meet your challenges with a happy smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can be critical and easily find fault with someone's thinking, but this will not help matters. Be tolerant and mindful of others' feelings and just do your best. Be enthusiastic and go with the flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sometimes too much sugar just gives you cavities. Fun and social banter may make the day pleasant, but it doesn't get work done. Put socializing on hold and buckle down to finish your appointed tasks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't get lost in a daydream. You may find yourself longing to be somewhere else on some exciting adventure, but reality is where you are. Keep your feet on the ground and focus on taking care of business.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2009. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Feb. 17, 1909, Chiricahua Apache leader Geronimo (also known as Goyathlay, "One Who Yawns") died at Fort Sill, Okla., at age 79.

On this date: In 1801, the U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

In 1809, the Ohio legislature voted to establish Miami University in present-day Oxford. (The school opened in 1824.)

In 1864, during the Civil War, the Union ship USS Housatonic was rammed and sunk in Charleston Harbor, S.C., by the Confederate hand-cranked submarine HL Hunley, which also sank.

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not clear which side set the blaze.)

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, convened its

first meeting in Washington.

In 1904, the original two-act version of Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" was poorly received at its premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

In 1959, the United States launched Vanguard 2, a satellite which carried meteorological equipment.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in *Wesberry v. Sanders*, ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon departed on his historic trip to China.

Ten years ago: In a satellite-linked address to college campuses across the country, President Bill Clinton made his case for shoring up Social Security and Medicare. Israeli security guards shot and killed three Kurds who

had forced their way into the Israeli consulate in Berlin; the protesters were enraged by reports that Israel had aided in the arrest of Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan.

Five years ago: John Kerry won the Wisconsin Democratic presidential primary, with John Edwards placing second and Howard Dean coming in a distant third. Cingular Wireless agreed to pay nearly \$41 billion in cash to buy AT&T Wireless Services. Former Mexican president Jose Lopez Portillo died in Mexico City at age 83.

One year ago: President George W. Bush rejected proposed Democratic changes to his prized international AIDS relief program, issuing a challenge to Congress from Tanzania to "stop the squabbling" and renew it as is. Kosovo declared itself a nation in defiance of Serbia and Russia. Ryan Newman snapped an 81-race winless streak, giving car owner Roger Penske his first Daytona 500 victory. The East beat the Western Conference 134-128 in the NBA All-Star Game.

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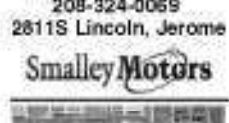
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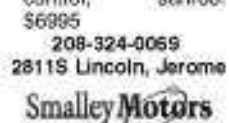
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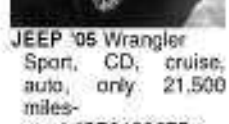
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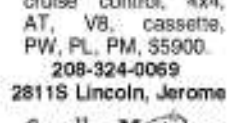
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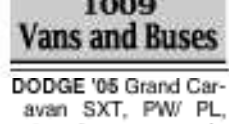
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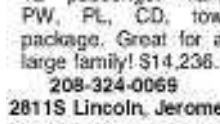
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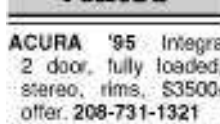


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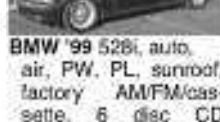
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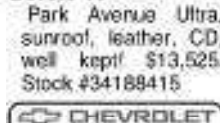
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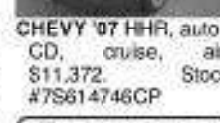
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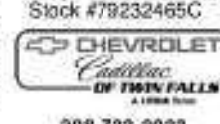
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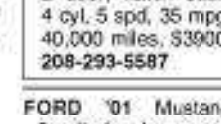
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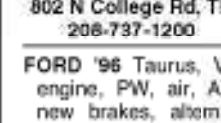
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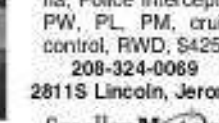


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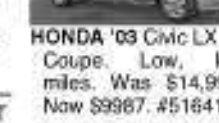
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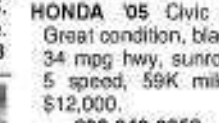
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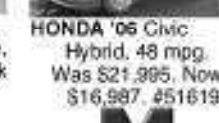
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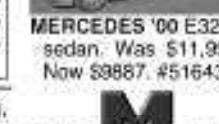
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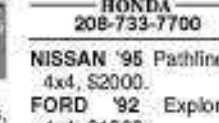
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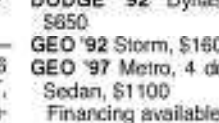
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For a bulletin editor, the art of extracting well-played deals from the players is like squeezing blood from a stone. An honorable exception at the Yeh Cup last year was Haig Tchamitch, who produced a deal where he had made a game on a misdefense. Later, he not only discovered that the contract could legitimately be brought home, but found someone who had actually played it right.

Of course, Antonio Sementa was not going to report the hand himself. As a winner of two world team titles and an individual title, he is supposed to get the routine hands right.

In five diamonds, Sementa won the friendly club lead with dummy's jack and rejected the idea of drawing only two rounds of trump before playing clubs. Had he done so, West would have ruffed in and then defeated the contract by leading a spade, with a heart winner to come. Instead, Sementa drew all the trumps and made the key play of leading a heart from dummy, relying on East to have a doubleton heart honor. (East was known to have four clubs and two diamonds, and presumably only five spades, since East-West had not bid.) West took the heart king and played back a spade. Now East could lead another spade, denuding North of side entries. But Sementa ruffed out the clubs, then played the heart ace, dropping the queen, and dummy was good.

Although this play might have led to extra undertricks, it was not only a good chance for the contract, but really the only chance.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay15072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@midspring.com.
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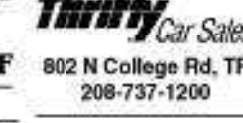
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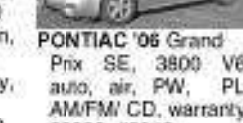
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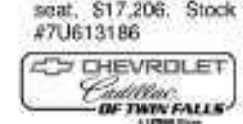


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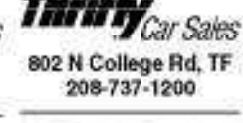
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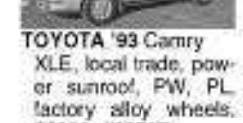
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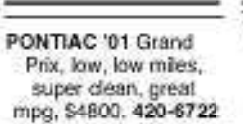


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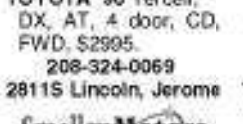


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Bruins aim 'four' region title

Program looks to regain conference
championship form, state berth

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The fastest way to a headache: try predicting the outcome of the Region Four-Five-Six boys basketball tournament.

Tonight, the Twin Falls boys basketball team hosts Skyline at Baun Gymnasium in the first round, after earning hosting rights by finishing third in conference play at 4-4. The Bruins' region record isn't the only place the number four is

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Region Four-Five-Six
tournament schedule.

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cropping up.

It'll take four straight victories for the Bruins to win the conference title. Plus, there are four opponents in the tournament, all of whom the Bruins split with during the regular season.

"Obviously, we can beat

anybody," Twin Falls coach Matt Harr said. "We beat the No. 1 seed (Madison) by 20 at our place, but we also let the No. 5 seed (Idaho Falls) beat us by 15 at their place. So, in a tournament like this, it's whoever's hot at the right time."

That concept of who's hot ties into the fourth instance for the number four: the Bruins haven't played consistently enough to string together four victories since December.

"One game, we play really

good," post Jon Pulsifer said, "and the next we come out thinking we're good and can't get beat. Then we learn, 'Wow, these guys can beat us.' It's pretty even in the conference."

Harr expressed similar sentiments about the team's mentality.

"Our biggest problem is that when our chips are down, we haven't showed our true character," Harr said. "Seems like when things go not so good,

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Twin Falls player
Marcus Jardine
(22) dribbles past a
Skyline defender
during a January
game at Baun
Gymnasium in Twin
Falls.

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1 down, 2 to go

Filer advances in SCIC tournament

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

FILER — Filer may have won the toss to be the No. 1 seed at the Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament, but the Wildcats would prefer to prove it on the court.

"We worked hard, and we came to play so we could win and play Kimberly at CSI," said senior Nathan Karel after Filer defeated No. 5 Gooding 57-46.

Gooding concentrated the defense on stopping the outside shooting of the Wildcats, which enabled senior Nathan Hughes to score almost at will in the paint.

"They weren't doubling down on me, and it left me open," said Hughes who ended with a game-high 24 points.

Bryce Beard posted 16 points and hit 6-of-6 free throws in the fourth quarter, freshman Ryan Karel added 10 points and Nathan Karel pulled down 10 boards.

The Senators seemed to be trying to get the offense going inside, but the combination of the Wildcat defense and pressure and the many easy shots missed by Gooding was costly. The outside shooters hesitated to shoot when the open shots appeared to be there. Gooding did have five 3-pointers, proving the Senators are capable of making points from the outside. Colton Knopp led the Senators with 16 points, making two treys and 8-of-10 at the line. Austin Basterrechea followed with nine points.

"Our shooters need to be ready to catch and shoot," said Gooding coach Max Piper. "And our defense didn't show up the first half. Hughes killed us, and they were 16-of-20 at the line. We just have to rebound and come ready to play against Wendell tomorrow night. We feel we can compete with any team in the conference."

Except for a couple ragged plays where the Wildcats went away from their strengths, Filer was in control the entire game. Gooding closed to within seven

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Filer defender Nathan Karel (32) and Gooding's Tommy McMurdie battle for control of a pass Monday during the third quarter of their game in Filer.

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Pirates look to continue momentum at SRC tourney

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

A divisional split and a realigned conference weren't enough to unseat the Hagerman Pirates.

For the second straight season, Hagerman's boys basketball team sits atop its conference standings. This time, however, the Pirates are the hottest team in the Snake River Conference, winners of 11 straight.

They also have the experience of reaching the Class 1A state championship game last March. And the reminder of sliding through the Magic Valley Southside Conference tournament last season, needing three opportunities to clinch a state tournament bid and doing so at the last possible opportunity.

With the dichotomy of results at hand, it's no wonder that head coach Kevin Cato reminds the team at any opportunity of what happened last year, a direct contradiction to the age-old saying that "last year is last year."

"We proved both ways that anything can happen," Cato said after Monday morning's practice. "I've been reminding the kids of that throughout the season."

Cato might have been unhappy with the practice on Monday, but he can't argue with the results. Hagerman opens up against Raft River, the last team to deal the Pirates a defeat. After that game, the team had a closed-door meeting and vowed to redouble its efforts, and defensive linchpin Morgan Knight returned from an ankle injury.

"It's not about the statistics for me, the big thing I like to bring is intensity," Knight said. "The rest of the team has plenty of talent to take care of the rest."

Said senior post Tanner Owen: "It's like he's our wild-man on defense."

Cato noted the players' willingness to pick things up as being just as instrumental as Knight's return.

"Morgan brings good defense, and he takes care of the basketball. We're instantly better with him on the floor," Cato said. "But the guys also decided to take more ownership in the success of this team. They didn't want to let events be dictated to them anymore."

For their part, the players — led by Knight, Owen and 3-point marksman Jake Emerson, who Cato called instrumental to the team's success — remember the loss against Raft River and have vowed to make it 12 in a

Jerome boys lead with in GBW tourney

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

INSIDE

Full schedules for each District
IV boys basketball tournament.

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The Jerome boys basketball team breezed through its Great Basin Conference West regular season schedule unscathed, but the district's postseason tournament probably won't be a walk in the park.

The Tigers found that out in their final league game at Minico.

"That was a definite eye-opener for everybody," said Jerome guard Kameron Pearce of the Tigers' escape from Rupert with a 62-56 overtime win on Feb. 6. "Minico gave us a scare, but we're going to practice hard and be ready for (districts). We just wanted it on our home floor and now it is, so we're in good shape."

Jerome (18-2) takes the No. 1 seed and home-court advantage into tonight's tourney opener against Wood River (2-16). The Tigers are undefeated (11-0) on their home floor this season after losing just twice there last year.

Pearce said the Tigers play with more intensity at home than on the road, which perhaps contributed to their near-upset at Minico.

"That's always been the case with us. We always come out on fire at home and on the road we struggle a little bit, but we're working at



Jerome guard
Kameron Pearce
(20) drives past
Twin Falls guard
Braden Box last
Friday in Jerome.

Times-News file photo

it. Every state game is a road game, so we've got to be ready for that," Pearce said.

Jerome has been successful this season by causing

match up problems for its opponents. The Tigers boast a solid guard line with Pearce and Logan Parker. Kevin Williams has been key in the

post, but he will be challenged by Burley's and Minico's bigs.

The Bobcats' Kyle Hepworth leads the conference with 22.1 points per game but was held in check in two games against Jerome, scoring 10 and 11 points.

"Kyle has carried the team a couple times on his shoulders, but the games that we've won, we've always had two or three guys in double figures. And we definitely need that now that it's district tournament time because Kyle is going to have a lot of pressure on him defensively," said Burley coach Jack Bagley.

Players such as Bill Blauer, A.J. Hunter, Karch Hinckley and Alex Greener have each

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Boys basketball District IV tournaments

Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament

High seed hosts Tuesday, Feb. 17

Game 1: Skyline (9-11) at Twin Falls (13-7), 7 p.m.
Game 2: Idaho Falls (7-13) at Madison (13-7), 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 19
Game 3: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 7 p.m.
Game 4: Winner 1 at Highland (11-9), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 21
Game 5: Winner 3 vs. Loser 4, 7 p.m.
Game 6: Winner 2 vs. Winner 4, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 24
Game 7: Winner 5 vs. Loser 6, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 26
Game 8: Championship, Winner 6 vs. Winner 7, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 27
Game 9: Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m.
 * Champion and runner-up will receive berths to state tournament, March 5-7 at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Class 4A Great Basin Conference West Division Tournament

High seed hosts Tuesday, Feb. 17

Game 1: Wood River (2-16) at Jerome (18-2), 7 p.m.
Game 2: Minico (8-12) at Burley (9-11), 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 19
Game 3: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 7 p.m.
Game 4: Winner 1 vs. Winner 2, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 21
Game 5: Winner 3 vs. Loser 4, 7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 23
Game 6: Championship, Winner 4 vs. Winner 5, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 24
Game 7: Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m.
 * Champion and runner up advance to the District IV-V playoff on Thursday, Feb. 26. The winner of the District IV-V runner-up crossover will advance to state play-in at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, against the District VI runner-up at Highland High School in Pocatello. State tournament is March 5-7 at Borah High School in Boise.

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament

Monday, Feb. 16

Game 1: Filer 57, Gooding 46
Game 2: Buhl 49, Wendell 42
Tuesday, Feb. 17
Game 3: Gooding (1-18) vs. Wendell (7-14), 6 p.m., at Kimberly
Game 4: Buhl (5-16) at Kimberly (13-5), 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 18
Game 5: Winner 3 vs. Loser 4, 5:30 p.m., at CSI
Game 6: Filer (14-5) vs. Winner 4, 7 p.m., at CSI
Monday, Feb. 23
Game 7: Winner 5 vs. Loser 6, 7 p.m. (high seed host)

Class 2A Canyon Conference Tournament

High seed hosts Monday, Feb. 16

Game 1: Glens Ferry 68, Valley 48
Wednesday, Feb. 18
Game 2: Glens Ferry (16-5) at Declo (15-5), 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 24
Game 3: Valley (9-12) vs. Loser 2, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 26
Game 4: Championship, Winner 2 vs. Winner 3, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 27
Game 5: Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m.
 * Champion receives berth to state tournament, March 5-7 at Capital High School in Boise.

Class 1A Division I Snake River Conference Tournament

At Shoshone Play-in game Saturday, Feb. 14

Hansen 52, Lighthouse Christian 44 (Lighthouse Christian eliminated)
**Tournament
Tuesday, Feb. 17**
Game 1: Hagerman (17-3) vs. Raft River (9-10), 3 p.m.
Game 2: Castletford (9-10) vs. Challis (4-16), 4:30 p.m.
Game 3: Sho-Ban (15-4) vs. Hansen (10-11), 6 p.m.
Game 4: Shoshone (13-7) vs. Oakley (8-10), 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 18
Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 3 p.m.
Game 6: Loser 3 vs. Loser 4, 4:30 p.m.
Game 7: Winner 1 vs. Winner 2, 6 p.m.
Game 8: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 24
Game 9: Winner 5 vs. Loser 8, 4:30 p.m.
Game 10: Winner 6 vs. Loser 7, 6 p.m.
Game 11: Championship, winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25
Game 12: Winner 9 vs. Winner 10, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 26
Game 13: Second place, Winner 12 vs. Loser 11, 7:30 p.m.
 * Champion and second place gets state tournament berth. Third place advances to play-in game at 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, at Glens Ferry, against the third-place team from District III. State tournament is March 5-7 at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Class 1A Division II Northside Conference Tournament

At Carey Tuesday, Feb. 24

Game 1: Dietrich (13-6) or Murtaugh (11-6) vs. Community School (4-14), 3:30 p.m.
Game 2: Dietrich (13-6) or Murtaugh (11-6) vs. Bliss (5-11), 5 p.m.
Game 3: Carey (16-3) vs. Camas County (3-17), 6:30 p.m.
Game 4: Richfield (15-3) vs. Magic Valley Christian (0-18), 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25
Game 5: Loser 2 vs. Loser 4, 6:30 p.m.
Game 6: Loser 1 vs. Loser 3, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 26
Game 7: Winner 2 vs. Winner 4, 6:30 p.m.
Game 8: Winner 1 vs. Winner 3, 8 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 27
Game 9: Winner 5 vs. Loser 8, 6:30 p.m.
Game 10: Winner 6 vs. Loser 7, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 28
Game 11: Third place, Winner 9 vs. Winner 10, 6:30 p.m.
Game 12: Championship, Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 8 p.m.
 * Champion, second-place and third-place teams all receive berths to state tournament, March 5-7 at Caldwell High School.

No. 4 Pittsburgh beats No. 1 Connecticut 76-68

HARTFORD, Conn. — DeJuan Blair had 22 points and 23 rebounds and Levance Fields scored all 10 of his points in the final 3:09 as No. 4 Pittsburgh beat No. 1 Connecticut 76-68 on Monday night, the Panthers' first win ever over a top-ranked team.

Fields missed his first seven shots from the field but the senior guard gave the Panthers (24-2, 11-2 Big East) the lead for good with a 3-pointer with 3:09 left that made it 64-61. He added another 3 with 2:21 left to make it 67-61, and he added four free throws in the final minute.

A.J. Price had 18 points for the Huskies (24-2, 12-2), who started their third week at No. 1 earlier Monday and had their 13-game winning streak ended.

Sam Young had 25 points for Pittsburgh, which lost all 13 games it had played against No. 1 teams, the last three against Connecticut.

TEXAS A&M 81, TEXAS 66

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Chinemelu Elonu and Bryan Davis scored 15 points apiece to lead Texas A&M to an 81-66 win over Texas on Monday night to break a three-game losing streak.



Connecticut's Stanley Robinson attempts to block the shot of Pittsburgh's DeJuan Blair as Jermaine Dixon (3) looks on Monday during the first half in Hartford, Conn.

AP photo

The Aggies (18-8, 4-7 Big 12) led by as many as 19 points in the second half before Texas went on a 16-1 run to get back in the game.

Texas (17-8, 6-5) cut the deficit to 61-57 before the Aggies scored seven straight points to stretch their lead back to double-digits with about five minutes left.

The Aggies made nine free throws after that to secure the victory.

Gary Johnson led the Longhorns with 17 points, but had to sit for large parts of the second half because of foul trouble.

Donald Sloan added 14 points for the Aggies, who hadn't won since Jan. 31.

Women's Top 25

**NO. 7 DUKE 62,
NO. 13 TENNESSEE 54**
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. —

Jasmine Thomas scored 19 points and No. 7 Duke beat No. 13 Tennessee 62-54, the Blue Devils' third straight win in Knoxville.

Duke (21-3) joins only Texas and Louisiana Tech as teams that have won three straight games on the Lady Volunteers' home court. The Blue Devils also won in 2004 and 2007.

The Longhorns did it between 1983 and 1988, and the Lady Techsters managed the feat between 1981 and 1986.

The game marked the end of the six-game series between the two perennial powerhouses, a series in which the home team has only one once. The Blue Devils now lead the series 6-5, including games at neutral sites.

Duke led 28-26 at halftime, but Tennessee's Alicia Manning hit 3-pointer and Alex Fuller sank a jumper to tie the game at 28.

The Blue Devils responded with a 16-0 run through an 8-minute drought by the Lady Vols (18-7). Free throws by Bridgette Mitchell with 8:51 left gave Duke a 44-28 lead — its largest of the game.

Tennessee used free throws to slowly chip away at the margin, and Angie Bjorklund's 3-pointer with 48

seconds left trimmed Duke's lead to 58-54.

The Lady Vols began fouling the Blue Devils but couldn't manage to pull in defensive rebounds on the missed shots.

Chante Black added 18 points for Duke, which shot 41.8 percent and outrebounded the Lady Vols 49-36.

Briana Bass led Tennessee, which shot a season-low 32.1 percent with 14 points, and Kelley Cain added 10.

NO. 22 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 87, SOUTHERN UTAH 42

BROOKINGS, S.D. — Jennifer Warkentien scored 19 points and South Dakota State jumped out to a huge early lead and coasted to its 11th straight victory.

SDSU (25-2, 14-1 Summit League) extended its lead in the conference to one and a half games over idle Oakland, Mich.

The Jackrabbits led 43-18 at the break after holding the Thunderbirds (8-17, 4-10) to 31 percent shooting and forcing 15 turnovers.

Ketty Cornemann scored 14 points for the Jackrabbits.

Caitlyn Sears had 13 points and Dani Hosking 11 for Southern Utah.

— The Associated Press

NBA to resume with Bryant harboring title hopes

PHOENIX (AP) — Their triumphant reunion complete, Shaquille O'Neal revealed that Kobe Bryant let him keep the All-Star MVP trophy they shared.

Bryant doesn't need it. He's got his eyes on a much bigger prize.

His Los Angeles Lakers bring the best record in the league into the second half of the season, giving Bryant a realistic chance to finally win a championship without O'Neal.

"We hit the ground off and running," Bryant said after leading the West to a 146-119 victory over the East on Sunday. "It was a fun weekend. As soon as I leave this podium, it is time to get back down to business. Looking forward to it."

O'Neal headed off to a more uncertain future. His Phoenix Suns fired coach Terry Porter on Monday, and were expected to remain busy dismantling their team before Thursday's trade deadline.

Amare Stoudemire, O'Neal's All-Star teammate, is the most prominent name atop the rumor mill. But as last year proved, it's not necessarily the biggest stars that make the biggest difference.

The final piece to a championship puzzle began to take shape during the All-Star break, when Boston's Big Three used its trip to

Porter confirms he's out as Suns coach

PHOENIX (AP) — Terry Porter says he's been dismissed as coach of the Phoenix Suns.

Porter told The Associated Press on Monday morning that he was informed of the decision in a Sunday night meeting with Suns general manager Steve Kerr.

"I'm going to wait a few days to gather my thoughts before I say anything," Porter said.

Assistant coach Alvin Gentry replaces Porter. The Suns have not yet made an announcement concerning their coaching situation.

Porter was four months into his first season of a three-year, \$6 million contract he signed when he replaced Mike D'Antoni, who left after four highly successful seasons to coach the New York Knicks.

Porter's dismissal was first reported by The Arizona Republic on its Web site Sunday.

New Orleans to put a full-court press on P.J. Brown.

Brown eventually agreed to join Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen in Boston, and became a key reserve on the team that won the Celtics' 17th NBA championship.

Plenty of eyes will be on Boston to see if the Celtics can make a similar upgrade this season.

"I see Boston maybe going to get somebody before it's all said and done and helping their bench out," Cleveland All-Star LeBron James said.

The Celtics could be motivated to make a move after failing a pair of high-profile tests before the break in home losses to the Lakers and San Antonio Spurs.

They've been linked to Stephon Marbury, the banished Knicks guard who is trying to secure his escape from New York. Or, they could decide to stick with what they have — which isn't bad. Boston's 44-11 record was just percentage points behind the Lakers' 42-10 mark for best in the league.

"I think we have the pieces necessary to win another championship," said Pierce, the MVP of last season's NBA finals. "Teams are always looking to improve. If there is a way to do it, they will do it. If not, I think we are still one of the best teams in the NBA."

James' Cavaliers, neck-and-neck with the Celtics in the East, also might consider a move, as could any other title hopeful hoping there's one more part available to separate itself from the pack.

Filer

Continued from Sports 1 points several times but were not able to get any closer.

"Gooding is tough, and they are pretty athletic," said Filer coach Alex Wells. "They (Gooding) were so concerned about our shooters that Hughes was making the plays. We play hard on defense every night."

Wells also had good words for his freshman point guard, Ryan Karel.

"Except for a couple of mistakes, Ryan stayed composed and kept us in our offense. He did a good

job for his first district game."

Gooding will face No. 3 Wendell at 6 p.m. tonight at Kimberly, and Filer will play the winner of tonight's Kimberly-Buhl game on Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho.

BUHL 49, WENDELL 42

A slow start doomed the Wendell boys, who lost to Buhl 49-42 Monday in the first round of the SCIC tournament. The Trojans scored only a dozen points during the first half but were able to get within four late in the game.

"We got some good looks, but we weren't making them," Wendell coach Ryon Jarvis said. "The kids played a valiant second half and never did quit."

Nathan Ormond led the Trojans with 15 points. J.D. Leckenby paced the game with a 23-point, 11-rebound double-double for the Indians. Nick Hamilton also scored in double figures with 10 points.

The Trojans (7-14) will face Gooding at 6 p.m. tonight in Kimberly. Buhl will play Kimberly following the elimination game.

Filer 57, Gooding 46

Gooding 7 10 9 20 — 48
Filer 12 13 9 23 — 57
COACHING (46)

Devin McCool 6, Justin Parke 5, Austin Basterchea 9, Colton Knopp 16, Tyler Rex 8, Justin Jensen 2. Totals 16 9-15 46.

FILER (57)

Bryce Beard 16, Scott Sabrosky 2, Nathan Hughes 24, Terrell Bailey 5, Ryan Karel 10. Totals 20 16-20 57.

3-point goals: Gooding 5 (McCool 2, Knopp 2, Parke), Filer 1 (Bailey). Total fouls: Gooding 17, Filer 14. Fouled out: Gooding, McMurdie. Technical fouls: none.

Buhl 49, Wendell 42

Buhl 11 12 15 — 49
Wendell 7 5 14 16 — 40
BUHL (49)

Eric Sengvanhpheng 4, Nathan Romans 6, J.D. Leckenby 23, Garrett Schiltz 3, Gabe Jacobson 1, Nick Hamilton 10, Tyler Montgomery 2. Totals 20 8-13 49.

WENDELL (42)

Keith Mowrey 4, Nolan Stouder 7, Cody Prince 2, John Campbell 8, Nathan Ormond 15, Gary Koopman 6. Totals 15 11-17 42.

3-point goals: Buhl 1 (Schiltz); Wendell 1 (Mowrey). Total fouls: Buhl 14; Wendell 16. Fouled out: Wendell, Jordan Lancaster. Technical fouls: none.

Pilot boys advance to face Declo

Times-News

Gabe Arevalo sank seven 3-pointers on his way to 23 points in helping the Glens Ferry boys defeat Valley 68-48 at home Monday in the opening round of the Canyon Conference tournament.

Three other Pilots scored in double figures, including Mike Crane (15), Ross Arellano (15) and Justin Solosabal (12). Matt Garr and Montana Barlow led the Vikings with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

"It was good to get that first win in the conference tournament," Glens Ferry coach Jeremiah Johnston said. "The guys played hard. It seemed like every time we'd get a lead, Valley would close out. We got the upper hand in the end."

The Pilots (16-5) will face Declo at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, hoping to defeat the Hornets for the first time this season. The loser of that match will play Valley next week in an elimination game.

Glens Ferry 68, Valley 48
Valley 8 16 12 13 — 48
Glens Ferry 23 9 22 14 — 68
VALLEY (48)
Matt Garr 16, Brogen Reed 5, Daniel Burns 4, Juan Zambrano 8, Montana Barlow 13, Jacob Milesell 2. Totals 20 4-9 48.
GLENS FERRY (68)
Mike Crane 15, Ross Arellano 15, Gabe Arevalo 23, Johnny Popoca 3, Justin Solosabal 12. Totals 27 5-17 68.
3-point goals: Valley 4 (Garr 2, Barlow 2); Glens Ferry 9 (Arevalo 7, Arellano, Popoca). Total fouls: Valley 13; Glens Ferry 10. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Jerome

Continued from Sports 1 stepped up at different times for the Bobcats this season. Their performance will determine the length of Burley's postseason run.

After splitting regular season meetings with Minico, the No. 2-seeded Bobcats are happy to host their rivals in the first round.

"Us and Minico are so evenly matched this year that having home court is a huge difference," Bagley said.

Like Burley, the Spartans have had an up-and-down year but are playing their best basketball right now.

"It's been a funny year," said Minico coach Mike Graefe. "We started off real

strong and surprised even ourselves. Then we came back to reality to where I kind of thought we would be and struggled with all the new players we had on varsity. We have good players, and they're learning to play together and play hard every night, so hopefully that will pay off."

Minico has a good mix of veteran leaders and talented youth. As the season has progressed, Graefe has given the underclassmen more opportunities, which has given the Spartans a spark. Seniors Tyson Crane and Kalen Knopp will need plenty of help from the juniors and sophomores to keep their dream of a state tournament

berth alive.

And don't count out Wood River. Despite their record, the Wolverines won't be taken lightly.

"I look for Wood River to beat somebody, and I just hope it's not us," Graefe said.

John Radford's squad has the arduous task of opening the tournament at Jerome. For the Wolverines to score an upset this week, seniors Bryan Tidwell, Michale Bruner, Clive Hope III and Greg Wakefield need to get hot.

"I feel like we have enough talent to surprise some people," Tidwell said. "We're pretty athletic, we just need to get our pieces together and come out and play our best ball."

Four

Continued from Sports 1 we turn it into bad instead of saying, 'Hey, that's part of the game. You've gotta stick with 32 minutes and play hard.' I think it's an attitude adjustment more than anything else."

The Bruins still have many aspects in their favor. Pulsifer keeps providing a strong presence in the post. His average has dropped below his usual double-double, but he's still contributing 16.5 points and 8.8 rebounds per game. Even if opponents find a way to take him out of the game, Harr said that the depth of this year's squad can be a factor.

"The difference is that we've got other kids, four or

five kids on the bench that we can put in and feel comfortable with," Harr said. "We haven't had that luxury the last couple of years."

Jake Hanchey is averaging nearly nine points per game, with Marcus Jardine and Russell Crane contributing almost eight per. Jardine is also grabbing five boards per game. Overall, the Bruins are hitting 39.7 percent of their field goals and 60.2 percent of their free throws.

"The key is just getting to that championship game," Harr said. "We want to get to the state tournament. We need to make a run at it. I think we're playing pretty good basketball right now."

SCOREBOARD

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NASCAR Sprint Cup Leaders

Through Feb. 15

Points	Pts	Pts
1. Matt Kenseth, 190.	20	190
2. Kevin Harvick, 170.	18	170
3. AJ Allmendinger, 165.	17	165
4. Clint Bowyer, 160.	16	160
5. Elliott Sadler, 160.	16	160
6. David Ragan, 150.	15	150
7. Tony Stewart, 147.	14	147
8. Michael Waltrip, 146.	14	146
9. Reed Sorenson, 138.	13	138
10. Martin Truex Jr., 135.	13	135
11. Kurt Busch, 134.	13	134
12. Jeff Gordon, 129.	12	129
13. David Reutimann, 127.	12	127
14. Juan Pablo Montoya, 121.	11	121
15. Mark Martin, 120.	11	120
16. Casey Mears, 118.	11	118
17. Marcos Ambrose, 112.	10	112
18. Carl Edwards, 104.	9	104
19. John Andretti, 106.	9	106
20. Greg Biffle, 103.	9	103

BASKETBALL

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W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	44	11	.800	—
Philadelphia	24	29	.453	15
New Jersey	24	29	.453	19
New York	21	31	.404	21½
Toronto	21	34	.382	23

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	38	13	.745	—
Miami	31	21	.596	7½
Atlanta	28	24	.538	10½
Charlotte	21	31	.404	17½
Washington	11	42	.208	28

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	40	11	.784	—
Detroit	27	24	.529	13
Milwaukee	23	29	.443	16
Chicago	23	30	.434	18
Indiana	21	33	.389	20½

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	35	16	.686	—
Houston	32	21	.604	4
New Orleans	30	20	.600	4½
Dallas	31	21	.596	4½
Memphis	15	37	.288	20½

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	36	17	.679	—
Portland	32	20	.615	3½
Utah	30	23	.566	6
Minnesota	24	29	.450	18
Oklahoma City	13	40	.245	23

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	42	10	.808	—
Phoenix	28	23	.549	13½
Golden State	19	35	.352	24
L.A. Clippers	13	40	.245	29½
Sacramento	11	43	.204	32

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	35	16	.686	—
Houston	32	21	.604	4
New Orleans	30	20	.600	4½
Dallas	31	21	.596	4½
Memphis	15	37	.288	20½

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FAR WEST

W	L	Pts	Pts
1. Connecticut (66)	24-1	1,794	1
2. Oklahoma (4)	25-1	1,709	2
3. North Carolina (2)	23-2	1,676	3
4. Pittsburgh	23-2	1,589	4
5. Memphis	22-3	1,465	8
6. Michigan St.	20-4	1,443	9
7. Louisville	19-5	1,280	5
8. Wake Forest	19-4	1,217	7
9. Duke	20-5	1,048	6
10. Marquette	21-4	1,045	10
11. Wisconsin	22-4	1,041	17
12. Villanova	20-5	983	13
13. Clemson	20-4	939	12
14. Arizona St.	20-5	830	18
15. Kansas	20-5	651	16
16. Xavier	21-4	646	14
17. Gonzaga	19-5	599	19
18. Illinois	21-5	588	22
19. Purdue	4-19	582	20
20. UCLA	19-6	473	11
21. Butler	22-3	373	15
22. Washington	19-6	334	—
23. LSU	21-4	294	—
24. Syracuse	19-7	207	23
25. Dayton	22-3	194	—

USA Today/ESPN Top 25

W	L	Pts	Pts
1. Connecticut (30)	24-1	774	1
2. Oklahoma (1)	25-1	739	2
3. North Carolina	23-2	711	3
4. Pittsburgh	23-2	689	4
5. Michigan St.	20-4	634	9
6. Memphis	22-3	618	10
7. Louisville	19-5	508	7
8. Wake Forest	19-4	489	8
9. Duke	20-5	468	5
10. Missouri	22-4	429	19
11. Marquette	21-4	409	12
11. Arizona St.	20-5	409	18
13. Clemson	20-4	393	11
14. Villanova	20-5	377	13
15. UCLA	19-6	324	6
16. Illinois	21-5	294	20
17. Xavier	21-4	278	14
18. Kansas	20-5	268	16
19. Washington	19-6	224	24
20. Gonzaga	19-5	191	21
21. Purdue	4-19	176	23
22. Butler	22-3	162	15
23. Utah St.	24-2	121	17
24. LSU	21-4	114	NR
25. Syracuse	19-7	74	22

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Utah St.	12	1	923	24	923
Nevada	8	4	667	15	667
Boise St.	7	4	636	17	7,008
New Mexico St.	7	5	583	13	520
Idaho	5	6	455	11	458
Hawaii	4	6	333	13	458
UCLA	4	3	310	10	436
Louisiana Tech	4	8	333	10	405
Fresno St.	2	9	182	10	385

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Weber St.	11	1	917	17	8,680
Montana	10	3	769	16	9,640
Portland St.	8	6	615	9	654
Montana St.	6	6	500	12	522
N. Colorado	6	6	500	12	444
Idaho St.	6	6	500	9	346
E. Washington	5	9	357	11	423
N. Arizona	4	9	308	7	292
Sacramento St.	112	0	77	22	977

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Utah	9	2	818	18	7,720
San Diego St.	8	3	727	18	6,750
BYU	7	3	700	19	5,792
New Mexico	7	3	700	16	6,440
UNLV	7	4	636	19	6,760
TCU	4	7	364	13	520
Wyoming	3	7	300	14	583
Colorado St.	3	8	273	8	320
Air Force	0	11	0	915	376

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Washington	10	3	769	19	6,760
Arizona St.	9	4	692	20	5,800
California	8	4	667	19	6,760
UCLA	8	4	667	13	760
Arizona	8	6	615	18	6,692
Southern Cal	6	6	500	15	6,625
Washington St.	5	8	385	13	520
Oregon St.	5	8	385	11	458
Stanford	4	8	333	15	6,652
Oregon	0	13	0	619	240

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
SLCC	9	2	818	22	3,880
NIC	8	3	727	23	3,885
Mercer	6	5	545	19	7,731
CEU	5	6	455	19	6,760
Snow	5	6	455	18	6,692
CNCC	0	11	0	11,000	—

W	L	Pts	Pts
1. Connecticut (45)	25-0	1,125	1

GAME PLAN

LOCAL	TV SCHEDULE
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL 7:30 p.m. Bliss at Richfield Murtaugh at Dietrich Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six tournament See Sports 2 Class 4A District IV tournament See Sports 2 Class 3A District IV tournament See Sports 2 Class 1A Div. I District IV tournament, Shoshone See Sports 2 HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING Class 2A District IV meet, at Valley	CYCLING 5 p.m. VERSUS — Tour of California, stage 3, San Jose to Modesto, Calif. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 7 p.m. ESPN — Michigan St. at Purdue 7:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Maryland at Clemson 9 p.m. ESPN — Kentucky at Vanderbilt NHL HOCKEY 7 p.m. VERSUS — Buffalo at Toronto

Rank	Points	YTD	Money
1. Kenny Perry	666	\$1,427,368	
2. Zach Johnson	647	\$1,278,850	
3. Nick Watney	645	\$1,157,836	
4. Dustin Johnson	624	\$1,324,691	
5. Geoff Ogilvy	624	\$1,236,237	
6. Pat Peurel	557	\$964,306	
7. Charley Hoffman	486	\$961,883	
8. Mike Weir	463	\$954,600	
9. David Tomp	410	\$775,693	
10. Davis Love III	322	\$598,266	
11. J.J. Trahan	281	\$589,675	
12. John Merrick	314	\$575,058	
13. John Rollins	301	\$584,460	

Rank	Points	YTD	Money
1. Angela Stanford	1	\$180,000	
2. Michelle Wie	1	\$108,332	
3. Angela Park	1	\$69,690	
3. Na Yeon Choi	1	\$69,690	
5. Ai Miyazato	1	\$44,484	
5. Yani Tseng	1	\$44,484	
7. Brittany Lang	1	\$29,755	
7. Cristie Kerr	1	\$29,755	
7. Sarah Lee	1	\$29,755	
10. Natalie Gulbis	1	\$20,948	
10. Jee Young Lee	1	\$20,948	
10. Eun-Hee Ji	1	\$20,948	
10. Jane Park	1	\$20,948	
19. Momoko Ueda	1	\$29,120	
15. Candie Kung	1	\$15,539	
15. Stephanie Louden	1	\$15,539	
15. Paula Creamer	1	\$15,539	
15. Johanna Mundy	1	\$15,539	
15. Vicki Hurst	1	\$15,539	
19. Stacy Lewis	1	\$12,930	
19. Miyoung So	1	\$12,930	
19. Hee-Won Han	1	\$12,930	
19. Stephanie Louden	1	\$12,930	
23. Kristy McPherson	1	\$11,536	
23. Janice Moodie	1	\$11,536	
25. Laura Diaz	1	\$9,905	
25. Pat Hurst	1	\$9,905	
25. Mia Morkie	1	\$9,905	
25. Meaghan Francella	1	\$9,905	
25. Morgan Pressel	1	\$9,905	
25. Kyeong Bae	1	\$9,905	
31. Wendy Ward	1	\$7,617	
31. Jin Young Pak	1	\$7,617	
31. Nicole Lott	1	\$7,617	
31. Kris Tamulis	1	\$7,617	
31. Suzann Pettersen	1	\$7,617	
31. Grace Park	1	\$7,617	
31. Juli Inkster	1	\$7,617	
38. Russy Gulyanamitta	1	\$5,597	
38. Moira Dunn	1	\$5,597	
38. Nicole Casale	1	\$5,597	
38. Sarah Jane Smith	1	\$5,597	
38. Sun Young Yoo	1	\$5,597	
38. Hee Young Park	1	\$5,597	
46. Guilia Sergas	1	\$4,507	
46. Allison Fouch	1	\$4,507	
46. In-Kyung Kim	1	\$4,507	
49. Shanshan Feng	1	\$3,914	
49. Heather Young	1	\$3,914	
49. Christina Kim	1	\$3,914	
49. Kelli Kuehne	1	\$3,914	
49. Shingo Oyama	1	\$3,914	

Rank	Points	YTD	Money
1. Dustin Johnson (500)	65-69-67-201	15	
Mike Weir (300)	67-69-69-205	11	
Retief Goosen (190)	68-64-74-206	10	
Bob Estes (123)	68-72-67-207	9	
Mark Calcavecchia (123)	67-69-71-207	9	
D.J. Trahan (89)	67-73-68-208	8	
Kevin Chappell (0)	68-72-68-208	8	
Bill Lunde (89)	67-70-71-208	8	
Chris Stroud (89)	69-69-70-208	8	
Sean O'hair (68)	71-68-70-209	7	
Shigeki Maruyama (68)	68-72-67-207	9	
Mark Brooks (68)	68-69-72-209	7	
Kenny Perry (68)	71-70-68-209	7	
Vaughan Taylor (54)	66-75-69-210	6	
Charley Hoffman (54)	66-70-74-210	6	
Ted Purdy (54)	68-72-70-210	6	
Jason Day (54)	67-75-68-210	6	
Spencer Levin (54)	71-70-69-210	6	
Charlie Wi (54)	68-69-73-210	6	
Matt Kuchar (54)	71-71-68-210	6	
Kevin Stadler (54)	71-71-68-210	6	
Derek Sather (44)	71-71-69-211	6	
Nick Watney (44)	75-69-67-211	5	
Y.E. Yang (44)	69-70-72-211		

Johnson wins Pebble without hitting a final shot

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Dustin Johnson walked out the door and into the rain Monday morning, still expecting to show up on the first tee with a four-shot lead to play the final round at Pebble Beach.

He won not with a big drive or a clutch putt, rather a phone call.

"It was Michael Letzig, one of my buddies out here," Johnson said. "I was walking out the door to go have breakfast. He called to congratulate me and I didn't know what he was talking about."

Some 40 hours after hitting his last shot of the tournament, Johnson won the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am when rain washed out the final round for the second straight day.

Pebble Beach received nearly 1½ inches of rain, enough to create a tiny river in one fairway and produce puddles on most of the greens. It was the first rain-shortened tournament on the PGA Tour in nearly three years, and the first 54-hole event at Pebble Beach since the late Payne Stewart also hit the winning shot on Saturday in 1999.

And it was historic for at least one reason.

"I've never won a tournament in tennis shoes," said Johnson, who came to the course to collect his trophy, thank the rain-soaked volunteers and grasp the timing of his great week, even if he only got in three rounds.

The victory was the second in his last nine starts, and it

puts him in the conversation with a growing cast of rising stars. The 24-year-old Johnson joins Anthony Kim as the only players under 25 with multiple PGA Tour victories.

He moved up to No. 45 in the world, putting him into the 64-man field at the Accenture Match Play Championship next week. More importantly — at least for a guy who grew up less than an hour away from Augusta National — it earned Johnson a trip to the Masters. He has had a few offers to play the course, but each time turned it down.

"I just really wanted to be in the tournament before I went and played it," he said.

Johnson finished at 15-under 201 and earned \$1.098

million. The winning round came at Poppy Hills on Saturday, when Johnson overpowered the five par 5s with birdies on all of them — he had three eagle attempts — and shot a 67. That gave him a four-shot lead over Mike Weir, who would have been playing in the final group at Pebble for the second time in four years.

None of this would have seemed possible to Johnson eight years ago.

According to a story published two weeks ago in Golf World magazine, Johnson was suspended from his high school golf team for skipping classes as he struggled to cope with his parents' divorce.

Then came an incident that nearly cost him much more.

Intimidated by Steve Gillian, a menacing older brother of one of his friends, Johnson was among five kids involved in the break-in of a house, where someone took a gun. Johnson says he stayed in the car during the burglary, but he was there. According to appellate court documents, Johnson then was persuaded, reluctantly, to buy bullets for the gun.

Later that month in 2001, Gillian was charged with murder after shooting the victim multiple times in the head. Because of the loose connection to the crime, Johnson had to pay restitution for the theft and agree to testify at the murder trial.

Gillian is serving life without parole.

"I always knew I wanted to

play on the PGA Tour," Johnson said. "Eight years ago, however long ago that was, I couldn't see myself being here. But after I got through all that stuff, I went on to play golf at Coastal Carolina. And coach (Allen) Terrell helped me a bunch."

The victory at Pebble comes nearly three weeks after the Probation, Pardon and Parole Services Board of South Carolina granted Johnson a full pardon relating to his guilty plea in the second-degree burglary case.

And with his second tour victory, Johnson is ready to see how far he can go.

It took Johnson only 36 starts to record his second tour victory, compared with 42 tournaments for Kim and 87 for Camilo Villegas.

Hoffman, Burrell, Ibanez getting used to new homes

By The Associated Press

Trevor Hoffman, Pat Burrell and Raul Ibanez started to settle in with their new teams Monday while Mike Hampton left Houston Astros camp to get treatment for a minor irregularity in his heartbeat.

The upcoming World Baseball Classic also lost one of the sport's biggest stars when St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols said he will not play for the Dominican Republic because of insurance issues.

Hampton returned to Houston to be examined by team physician Dr. Jim Muntz before undergoing a procedure to correct the heartbeat with an electrical current. The Astros hope to have him back in camp Thursday.

"From what I understand, it's not an uncommon condition and it's not an uncommon procedure he's going to go through," general manager Ed Wade said in Kissimmee, Fla. "Other than travel time back and forth between here and Houston, we don't expect him to miss any time."

The 36-year-old Hampton has had a hard time staying healthy the past four years. He missed most of 2005 with five stints on the disabled list, then was out all of 2006 (elbow surgery) and all of 2007 (torn flexor tendon). He has 141 career victories, but just eight in the past four years.

Closer Jose Valverde, last year's NL saves leader, went to the hospital because of an inflamed right forearm that was diagnosed as an infection from an apparent insect bite. He was given antibiotics and isn't expected to be sidelined by the injury.

"It was a little bit of concern earlier today. Apparently he's going to be OK," Astros manager Cecil Cooper said. "We did have a couple scares, but it looks like everybody is going to be fine."

Pujols' health isn't a concern but the Cardinals star said Monday he's skipping the WBC because "the insurance does not want to cover" him to play. He made the comments during a conference call with Dominican



Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Trevor Hoffman throws Sunday during spring training in Phoenix.

baseball officials.

Pujols, the NL MVP who hit .357 with 37 home runs and 116 RBIs last season, had elbow surgery in October.

Hoffman, meanwhile, is using his early arrival at spring training this year to get to know his new teammates and surroundings with the Milwaukee Brewers.

While the career saves leader is excited about the opportunity after signing a \$6 million contract with the Brewers this winter, he admits he still isn't over the sting of how his long tenure with the Padres ended.

"It's not that I'm disconnected from San Diego. I'm disconnected from the Padres," Hoffman said in Phoenix. "I'm not seeing the same people every day. I'm seeing new people. As much as that three, four months ago didn't seem as much of a reality as it is today, time keeps moving and the game moves on. It doesn't sit for anybody. You kind of have to — like it or not — move on with it. ... I'm still trying to get

used to it."

After spending most of the past decade as an everyday outfielder with the Philadelphia Phillies, Burrell is expected to be the primary designated hitter for Tampa Bay this season.

"I can't lie, it's different. Different faces, different everything," Burrell, three months removed from helping the Phillies beat the Rays in the World Series, said Monday. "But change is good. I'm really looking forward to getting this thing started."

Burrell signed a \$16 million, two-year contract in January after not being offered a new deal in Philadelphia, where he hit .257 with 251 homers and 827 RBIs over parts of nine seasons.

He reported to spring training in Port Charlotte, Fla., in advance of Wednesday's first full-squad workout and is getting a feel for his new surroundings and teammates.

"Fortunately everybody's got their names on their back," said Burrell, who batted .250 with 33 homers and

86 RBIs in his final season with the Phillies.

Ibanez was Philadelphia's only major offseason acquisition after winning the World Series. He signed a \$31.5 million, three-year contract to replace left fielder Burrell.

"Growing up as a kid, I watched this team with Mike Schmidt, Larry Bowa, (Garry) Maddox, Pete Rose," Ibanez said in Clearwater, Fla. "It's kind of neat for me to put on the red shoes and the pants and think I'm a part of something, a tradition that's been there for a long time and goes beyond any of us in the clubhouse."

The 36-year-old Ibanez hit .293 last season with 43 doubles, 23 home runs and 110 RBIs for the Seattle Mariners. He's one of five major league outfielders to drive in at least 100 runs in each of the past three seasons, joining Bobby Abreu, Carlos Beltran, Magglio Ordonez and Carlos Lee.

"He's a good hitter, a good contact hitter," manager Charlie Manuel said. "He's going to put the ball in play hard. He makes good contact."

At Goodyear, Ariz., Indians first baseman Ryan Garko and second baseman Josh Barfield found themselves in a strange place — the outfield grass.

With manager Eric Wedge looking for ways to keep Garko's bat in the lineup and Barfield trying to win a utility spot, both got in some work catching flyballs on Monday. Wedge said he'll limit the speed-impaired Garko to left field but will let Barfield have a try at all three outfield spots.

With Grady Sizemore playing in next month's World Baseball Classic, the Indians need a backup in center field and Barfield could fill that role.

"He looks pretty comfortable out there," Wedge said.

Also Monday, Ryan Ludwick and the Cardinals agreed to a \$3.7 million, one-year contract, avoiding an arbitration hearing that was scheduled for Tuesday.

"For me, it's not about the money, it's about being here," Ludwick said before the deal was finalized.

Kenseth adds to his racing legacy

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Daytona 500 winner Matt Kenseth sampled the champagne in Victory Lane, posed for a few photos, then got on a plane and went home.

It wasn't that he couldn't be bothered to celebrate; Kenseth needed a winning wardrobe.

The winner of NASCAR's biggest race is obligated to a whirlwind of promotional activities leading up to the next Sunday's race at Auto Club Speedway in California.

"I wasn't prepared, kind of on purpose," a weary but smiling Kenseth said Monday. "One year, I was kind of thinking, 'Well, you win at this place and they don't let you go home afterward. You're gone all week. I'll bring some clothes down here.' That was, I think, the worst 500 I've ever had."

"So I told (wife) Katie, 'If that happens, I'll worry about it then.' So I had to worry about it last night."

When he arrived back in Charlotte, N.C., he did some quick packing, grabbed a little — very little — shuteye in his own bed and was back on his plane at 5 a.m. to return to Daytona for the traditional early morning induction of the winner's car into the Daytona 500 Experience, just outside the track.

Team owner Jack Roush, whose Roush Fenway Racing team fields five Cup cars, said he was particularly happy for Kenseth, who gave the owner his first 500 victory.

"Hopefully, Matt will get all the credit he deserves for driving the car," Roush said.

"He's an incredible driver, as good in this business as I've ever seen, as I believe there's ever been."

When fans debate the top drivers in Cup, Kenseth is often left out. He was, at best, picked as a dark horse to win this year's 500. But, when the rains came Sunday, ending the race with 48 of the 200 laps remaining, it was Kenseth who joined the ranks of winners in The Great American Race.

And he showed plenty of emotion, stepping from his No. 17 Ford with tears in his eyes and a catch in his voice.

"Winning cures a lot of things," said Kenseth, whose last Cup victory came in the 2007 season finale at Homestead. "It makes you feel a lot better about things and kind of gets the spring back in your step."

Sometime soon, Kenseth will find time to celebrate the 17th Cup victory of his career.

But, first, those obligations, including an appearance Monday night on the "Late Show with David Letterman."

"My dad used to watch Letterman a lot and I used to watch it a lot," said Kenseth, who's done the Top 10 list twice but never met the host.

"You just do the top 10 list, he walks by and shakes your hand and leaves," he said. "So, this time, I think I get to sit down and talk to him. I'm not sure, but that would be neat."

The new Daytona 500 winner deserves his moment in the spotlight — if he can stay awake long enough to enjoy it.



Matt Kenseth celebrates in victory lane Sunday after winning the rain-shortened NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

AP photo

Taylor, McAlister latest vets to be cut

The Associated Press

Fred Taylor and Chris McAlister, two former Pro Bowlers, fell victim Monday to the NFL's annual purge of high-salaried veterans.

The 33-year-old Taylor, Jacksonville's all-time leading rusher, was cut after 11 seasons as the team continued its offseason makeover. He was due to make \$6 million next season.

The 31-year-old McAlister, a three-time Pro Bowler, was cut by Baltimore after 10 seasons. He was scheduled to make \$8 million in 2009.

In another move, the Cincinnati Bengals designated kicker Shayne Graham as their franchise player, leaving

three key starters, wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh, running back Cedric Benson and left tackle Stacy Andrews who will become free agents on Feb. 27. Graham is guaranteed a salary of \$2.483 million next season if he doesn't negotiate a long-term deal.

Taylor has 11,271 yards rushing and is the 16th leading rusher in NFL history. He had wanted to finish his career with the team. He made his first Pro Bowl in 2007 after running for 1,202 yards and a career-best 5.4 yards a carry.

But he finished with just 556 yards last season and averaged a career-low 3.9 yards per carry behind an injury-riddled offensive line

as Maurice Jones-Drew took over his starting spot. He spent the final three games of the season on injured reserve after tearing ligaments in his left thumb as Jacksonville finished 5-11 after reaching the second round of the playoffs in 2007.

"We felt like the best thing for this football team is what it has to be about," said coach Jack Del Rio, who last week cut cornerback Drayton Florence and wide receiver Jerry Porter, high-priced free agents a year ago who failed to live up to expectations. "We feel good about the talented group of backs that we have ... and as you work through it, it's difficult to come up with a role that's going to be accept-

able for everybody.

"It makes it awkward. It makes it difficult. We came to an agreement on what the best course of action was as a football team."

McAlister, who started for Baltimore's Super Bowl winner in 2001, ranks third on the Ravens' career list with 26 interceptions and scored seven touchdowns for Baltimore — including a 107-yard return of a missed field goal.

He started five games last season before being benched and was placed on injured reserve with an injury to his right knee on Nov. 11. McAlister finished the season with three interceptions and 19 tackles.

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