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Time to get stimulated

JFAC reviewing how Magicvalley.com stimulus money for state could be used By Jared S. Hopkins

BOISE — If this were a movie it might be called, The Budget: Part Two.

Times-News writer

Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee began an unprecedented series of hearings Monday on how the federal stimulus could be used in Idaho, kicking off the second goround of budgeting in the 2009 Legislature that will precede a review by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Cathy Holland-Smith, the legislative budget director, gave an overview on the approximate \$1 billion scheduled to come to Idaho.

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

She said the federal government is giving less flexibility on using the funds than in the past. Infrastructure projects must use American companies unless a waiver is granted, and for education, annual reports must be submitted to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

"Our goal here this morning is to lay a foundation so there's a proper context for recommendations," said Holland-Smith, who leads a non-partisan staff of budget analysts.

co-chairwoman

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Micron cutting 2,000 jobs in Idaho

Will close plant due to decreased demand for its memory chips

By John Miller **Associated Press writer**

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc. said Monday it's eliminating 2,000 more jobs in Idaho and closing a manufacturing plant due to decreased demand for its memory chips.

The Boise-based company will cut 500 positions in the "near term," with the remaining positions stricken by August.

After that, Micron will employ just over 5,000 people in the state, down from more than 10,000 two years ago. Once Idaho's largest private employer, it will trail St. Luke's hospitals and Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which have some 7.500 workers here.

Micron, whose losses since 2007 exceed \$2.5 billion, is shuttering manufacturing operations in Boise, where it made specialty dynamic access memory, or DRAM, products from 200 mm silicon wafers. Like others in its industry, Micron has been hurt by oversupply and pricing pressure on chips used in personal computers and the slumping automobile industry.

'We remained hopeful that the demand for these products would stabilize in the marketplace," Chairman and CEO Steve Appleton said in a statement. "Unfortunately, a better environment has not materialized, and we are at a point where we wanted to let our employees and the community know in advance what will occur later this summer."

South Korea's Hynix Semiconductor has posted five consecutive quarterly losses, including nearly \$1 billion in the three months ending Dec. 31, while German memory-chip maker Qimonda AG filed for bankruptcy protection in January.

Hynix has said DRAM prices dropped 43 percent from the third quarter.

Micron's cuts come on top of a 15 percent companywide layoff announced last October, in which it eliminated about 3,000 of its 19,000 total positions. About 1,500 of those were in Boise, as it shut down the NAND flash memory plant it operated as part of a joint venture with Intel Corp.



ESPA plan presented to Legislature

Coiner rips water goals By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — The state continues to search for ways to fund the first phase of a plan to repair the Eastern Snake Plain Aguifer and could even benefit from some unexpect-

ed federal funding, state overcome. Idaho Water final versions of the plan water officials told a joint meeting of the House and Senate resource committees

on Monday. Funding the first phase of the plan to manage the Lake Erie-sized aquifer could require as much as \$100 million in its first 10 years — and Resource Board members, legislators and water officials have lauded the process as productive and healthy, and have warned that not funding the first year could harm the carefully negotiated project.

Most of the money was set to come from the state and remains the biggest hurdle to water users, but draft and

included federal money as a possible source. Department of Resources Director Dave Tuthill and Administrator Hal Anderson told legislators Monday that some funding may now come from the

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Economy making health care reform even harder for Obama

Health care costs to top \$8,000 per person By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A new government report on medical costs oaints a stark President Obama, who is

expected to call for a health care overhaul in a speech tonight to a

joint session of Congress.

Even before lawmakers start debating how care is delivered to the American people, the report shows the economy is making the job of reform harder.

Health care costs will top \$8,000 per person this year, consuming an ever-bigger slice of a shrinking economic pie, says the report by the Department of Health and Human Services, due out Tuesday.

As the recession cuts into tax

receipts, Medicare's giant hospital together mean that taxpayers will be trust fund is running out of cash more rapidly, and could become insolvent as early as 2016, the report said. That's three years sooner than previously forecast.

At the same time, the government's already large share of the nation's health care bill will keep

Programs such as Medicaid are expanding to take up some of the slack as more people lose job-based coverage. And baby boomers will soon start reaching 65 and signing up for Medicare. Those trends

responsible for more than half of the nation's health care bill by 2016 just seven years from now.

"The outlook for health spending during these difficult economic times is laden with formidable challenges," said the report by statisticians at HHS. It appears in the journal Health Affairs.

The health care cost forecast did not take into account recent legislation that expanded medical coverage for children of low income working

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Polynesian Benefit Dinner for Cindy Riedlinger Asher, 6 to 8 p.m., Paul Baptist Church, 25 N. Fourth St. E., Paul, freewill offering, donations toward medical expenses, 438-2677.

CHURCH EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Second Avenue and Bullion Street (behind Atkinson's Market), Hailey, \$3.50 per person and \$12 for families, 208-788-3547.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Agape Interfaith Ministry luncheon, with program: "Celebrate" (historical highlights of AIM) by Leona Patterson and music by Pastor Andy Morris, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Basque Center on University Avenue, Gooding, \$8 reservations only lunch, no fee for program only, 208-366-2974 or riveroads@msn.com.

Burley Rotary Club, noon, Burley Inn, 878-

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

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

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

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

EXHIBITS

"Cantabile," featuring the work of Chinese artist Andrew Lui, Gallery DeNovo, 320 First Ave. N., Suite 101, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., free admission, Gallerydenovo.com or 726-8180.

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

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

Opening reception for David Drake with "Evidence," 7 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

FAMILY

Free Bully Buster Program, to help students understand the effects of bullying and provide instruction in personal protection and violence reduction strategies led by Senior Instructor Brian Higgins, owner of Success Martial Arts, 4:30 p.m., 1300 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, blackbeltminds.com or 733-8910.

GOVERNMENT

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

Commission, 6 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.

Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., 366-7418.

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

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

Hagerman Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 191 State St. N., 837-6636. Cassia County School District meeting, 7 p.m., district office, 237 E. 19th St., 878-6600. Minidoka Memorial Hospital Board, 7 p.m., conference room, Minidoka Memorial Hospital,

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

436-0481.

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

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 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-

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 to 11

a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave., Burley, 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.

Local chapter of the Suicide Prevention Action Network meeting, for anyone interested in suicide prevention, 1:30 p.m., Canyon View Hospital west conference room, Twin Falls, 734-6760

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.

HEALTH FAIR

Buhl Community Health and Information Fair, includes dinner and entertainment sponsored in part by West End Head Start and the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Popplewell Elementary School, Buhl, no cost, 543-6682.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

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

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

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.

Health care

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parents, and added to the government's obligations.

The report "accelerates the day of reckoning," said economist John Palmer of the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

"It is bringing home more immediately the problematic dimensions of what we face," added Palmer, who has served as a trustee overseeing Social Security and Medicare finances. "The picture was bad enough 10 years from now, but the fact that everything is accelerating gives greater impetus to be concerned about

health reform."

The report found health care costs will average \$8,160 this year for every man, woman and child, an increase of \$356 per person from last year.

Meanwhile, the number of uninsured has risen to about 48 million, according to a new estimate by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The government statisticians estimated that health costs will reach \$13,100 per person in 2018, accounting for \$1 out of every \$5 spent in the economy.

Policy makers would like to slow the rate of increase

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in spending, but that has proven difficult, because American-style medicine care relies on intensive use of costly high-tech tests and procedures. In a separate report, also

due out Tuesday, private researchers looked at spending on medical conditions and found that the most costly were mental disorders — including Alzheimer's — and heart problems.

The White House says Obama believes that out-ofcontrol costs are the main obstacle to securing coverage for all.

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Dakley	82%	659
Salmon Falls	94%	739
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Go to Magicvalley.com to find a ski report at the Snow Center.

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

- Learn about your community and how to stay healthy at the Buhl Community Health and Information Fair that includes dinner and entertainment sponsored by West End Head Start and the Buhl **Chamber of Commerce** from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Popplewell Elementary School. It's free. • Eat pancakes at the
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Emmanuel Episcopal

Church, Second Avenue and Bullion Street in Hailey. Cost is \$3.50 per person and \$12 for families, 208-788-3547. Or eat more pancakes at **IHOP on Blue Lakes** Boulevard North in Twin Falls. You can get a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes in the restaurant's effort to raise money for Children's Miracle Network at the St. Luke's Children's Hospital. Eat up between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

• Feed your soul with art

at the opening reception for the sculpture of David Drake from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Jean B. King Gallery at the Herrett Center for the Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. There's no cost.

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.

Crushed

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normally would have compressed the garbage again. For a moment, he froze, not moving.

Martinez saw some movement in his mirror — someone was climbing down the side of his truck. It was Hernandez, who had managed to climb outside the truck but was bleeding profusely and vomiting blood from the stomach injury.

"God was telling me at that moment, 'You better save him. You don't have much time,'" said Martinez, a deeply religious Christian. "It was all an act of God."

An ambulance was called to the scene. While the two waited, Martinez prayed with the man, who could speak only Spanish.

Hernandez was taken by ambulance to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

At first, hospital privacy rules prevented Martinez from finding out more. Later in the week, Martinez got in touch with him through a family member who happened to be at the hospital

Learn about homelessness

What: Roundtable discussion about homelessness in southern Idaho and providing winter shelter to the homeless.

When: 1:30 p.m. today Where: KMVT community room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. To attend, RSVP to South Central Community Action Partnerships, 733-9351.

for surgery.

After visiting with the man, Martinez found out more. Jerome was a stop along the road to Portland, Hernandez's destination. Hernandez had hitchhiked along the interstate from Utah to Jerome. He fell asleep in the bin after drinking liquor to stay warm.

In their visit, Hernandez told him about how he tried to scramble out of the truck two times — and getting crushed with each failed attempt.

"He said, 'If I don't get out the third time, I'm done," Martinez said.

Kent Mahler, operations supervisor of Western Waste Services, said there have been past occasions involving homeless people in bins, but they usually pop out of the containers as the trucks arrive.

"In the early morning hours when the drivers are out and it's dark, you don't really expect somebody to climb out of the container," he said.

In November, a homeless man was found in a bale of recycled paper at Hamilton Manufacturing in Twin Falls. He had died from crushing injuries consistent with being compacted. The bale of paper had reportedly come from a recycling plant in Boise.

About a week after Martinez's visit to the hospital, a church pastor helped Hernandez get a bus ticket to Portland and Martinez put him up for a night in a motel. That's the last Martinez has seen of the man who almost died in his garbage truck.

"I just put him in God's hands," Martinez said.

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federal Natural Resources Conservation Service, separate of the recent federal stimulus.

It remains unclear how federal stimulus money may benefit the first phase. A list of projects submitted to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter could possibly result in stimulus money filtered down to the plan, and perhaps through the NRCS, Tuthill said after the meeting.

"We have made some progress. I think there are some things we can move ahead on fairly quickly," Anderson said. "There does appear to be some federal money, some federal assistance that we had not planned on."

Water officials have said they might also use money from the water board, or have it issue bonds to help

shore up the approximate \$3 million contribution from the state needed for the first vear. The rest of the \$7 million to \$10 million would come from water users, collection of which requires changes to state statutes. The first 10-year stage would affect only 200,000 to 300,000 acre-feet of water. Anderson said Monday

that about \$70,000 in funding is left over from last year's planning effort.

The Legislature, concerned about the rising number of delivery calls and water lawsuits, requested the plan several years ago. The plan lists a number of ways to put water back into the aquifer while addressing water shortages seen by users across its length.

"We have significant management issues in this aquifer," Tuthill told lawmakers. "There's just not enough water to go around." Meanwhile, Sen. Chuck

Coiner, R-Twin Falls, used Monday's meeting as a platform to express his skepticism of the plan's goals for recharge — a common thread for several years. "If all the stars line up you

might get 60,000 acre-feet in one year. But to say you're gonna get 100,000 feet, on average, is just beyond credulity," said Coiner, who sits on the board of the Twin Falls Canal Company, which itself supports the plan. "I can't fathom where the water is going to come from."

Anderson responded, "I would volunteer, if you would like to come over and spend some time with the technical folks, it might be helpful. I'd volunteer my staff."

responsibility," JFAC co-chair-

man Sen. Dean Cameron, R-

Rupert. "We're going to keep

pace with him so he doesn't

get too far out ahead of us in

making decisions and allow

us to do our job at the same."

stimulus panel" assembled by

Otter consists of former gov-

ernors Phil Batt, Cecil Andrus

and John Evans, and former

state budget chiefs Mike

Brassey, Brian Whitlock, Jeff

Malmen, and Marty Peterson

has extensive ties to the pri-

vate sector: Brassey, Whitlock,

Malmen and Peterson are

now all registered lobbyists in

Idaho. Although unregistered,

Meanwhile, the "executive

Budgeting

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Maxine Bell, R-Jerome — who was in Washington, D.C. over the weekend for a state government conference — said the requirements for how to use the money remain pretty restrictive.

"The strings are going to force us to be spending money that we shouldn't be spending in a downturn," she said. "The strings ... they say they won't enlarge, but if you expand or enlarge right now you're in trouble."

Among the provisions to the \$1 billion lawmakers learned about:

- \$201.7 million for education stabilization
- \$299 million for Medicaid through 2011 • \$181.2 million for high-
- ways and bridges.

The informational hearings will offer more details today with education and last through this week. Bell said state budgets will

remain lean, but perhaps the stimulus money can be used to fill in some much-needed holes. She said reducing public employee wages remains a possibility. Meanwhile, Otter's special

panel, appointed last week, is preparing to study the stimulus as well. Agencies must submit their proposals and Otter set a deadline for the advisory panel's recommendations of March 19. Otter's own recommendations then go to JFAC.

its final decisions through normal appropriations bills that still must be signed by Otter. Like normal approbations bills, he can veto them.

"The governor's doing his

CORRECTION

Incorrect completion date

The completion date for the College of Southern Idaho Health Sciences and Human Services building will be completed in 2010. The date was incorrect in a story published Sunday, Feb. 22.

The $\it Times-News$ regrets the error.

and Darrell Manning. Brassey said Monday he doesn't expect the panel to meet until after agencies submit their proposals, which are due March 4. The committee, however,

The Legislature will make

Andrus is an attorney for a

lobbying firm. And Evans' family owns D.L. Evans Bank. Senate Minority Leader Kate Kelly, D-Boise, who has pushed for ethics reform in Idaho, said she would prefer

said. "It's public process."

the panel held open meet-"It's public money," she

You don't say **Steve Crump**

The Idaho transsexual who saved lives

ven if you grew up in the Magic Valley, I'll bet you 50 cents you never heard of Dr. Alan L. Hart ...

He's the man most responsible for the establishment of the state tuberculosis hospital in Gooding, which operated from 1947 to 1976 ... A pioneering and crusading radiologist and epidemiologist, Hart took Idaho's tuberculosis prevention and treatment program from non-existent during the 1930s to among the best in the nation by the time he left Idaho in 1948 ...

He was also a transsexual; having had one of the first-ever sex-change operations ...

She was born Lucille Hart in Kansas in 1890, but dressed as a boy when growing up in Oregon and Indiana ... The Oregon Health & Science University, where she graduated in 1917, indexed her records internally as "Hart, Lucille (aka Robert L.), M.D."..

In 1917, Hart persuaded a colleague in Oregon to perform a sex-change operation ... He married Inez Stark the following year and set up a medical practice in Gardiner, Ore. ... Outed by a former colleague, Hart moved to Montana, New Mexico and Pennsylvania before he was hired by the Idaho Tuberculosis Association, and later became the state tuberculosis control officer ... TB was then a leading cause of death in the U.S. ... Throughout the Great Depression and World War II, Hart traveled extensively through rural Idaho, covering thousands of miles to lecture, conduct mass TB screenings, train new staff and treat patients ...

After the Methodist Church donated the former Gooding College campus to the state in 1941, Hart worked to make it a TB hospital, in part by moving barracks from a former prisoner of war camp in Paul ...

Hart was among the researchers who recognized the value of X-rays to diagnose TB ... Even rudimentary early X-ray machines could detect the disease before it became critical, often saving the patient's life ... It also meant sufferers could be identified and isolated from the population, greatly lessening the



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spread of the disease ... By the time antibiotics were introduced in the 1940s, doctors using Hart's techniques had cut the TB death toll to one-fiftieth ...

Hart went on to a highprofile clinical career at a TB hospital in Connecticut ... After World War II synthetic male hormones became available - making it possible for him to grow a beard and develop a deeper voice — making him more confident and his public appearances easier ...

His ashes were spread across the Puget Sound after his death in 1962 ...

"Each of us must take into account the raw material which heredity dealt us at birth and the opportunities we have had along the way," he once told a group of his graduate students, "and then work out for ourselves a sensible evaluation of our personalities and accomplishments" ...

Not a bad epitaph for anyone ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

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CSI increases tuition

By Ben Botkin Times-News writer

With state funding slipping, the College of Southern Idaho's board of trustees unanimously voted on Monday to increase tuition for students.

Tuition for summer and fall semester students will increase from \$95 per credit to \$100 per credit. The increase comes as state holdbacks are siphoning away more than \$700,000 in funding from the college with cuts expected to continue into next fiscal year.

"We're all about affordability and access and any time we have to raise tuition, it's a very difficult decision for us," said Jerry Beck, president of CSI.

For full-time students taking 12 to 18 credits in the fall semester, the tuition will be \$1,200, up from \$1,140. For each additional credit beyond 18 credits, the

A federal parolee who was

living in Twin Falls before

going on the lam six years

ago has been nabbed in

Mexico, according to a Feb.

20 press release from the

United States Marshals

Scott David Steel allegedly

murdered a man camping in

Montana's Glacier National

Park in 1984. He was sen-

tenced to life in prison and

paroled after 16 years,

according to the release.

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WATCH: A video about the tuition increase.



tuition will be \$100.

The college received support from students for the proposal.

The Student Senate recently voted in favor of the tuition increase, recognizing the need to help the college during a tough economic period, said Yesica Flores, president of the senate.

Last year, college trustees changed the tuition structure, reducing the price per credit for part-time students from \$105 to \$95.

The college also changed full-time status for students from a minimum of 10 credits to 12 credits. As a result, the cost of full-time tuition increased in 2008 from \$1,050 per semester to \$1,140 per semester.

He absconded from post-

prison supervision, though,

in 2003 after living in Twin

Falls for about three years,

according to the press

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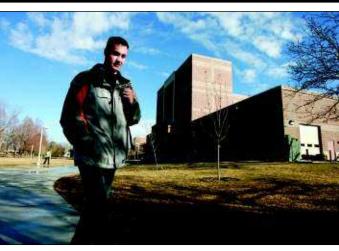
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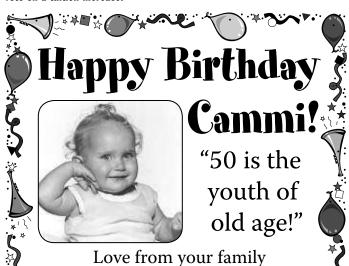
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College of Southern Idaho student Matthew Jacobson of Buhl, walks on the campus Monday afternoon. The CSI Board of Trustees met Monday night to vote on a tuition increase.



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TWIN FALLS COUNTY

Monday arraignments Joshua K. Peterson, 27, Gooding; driving without privileges, DUI; \$10,000 bond; pleaded not guilty; public defender appointed; pretrial April 7

Ruth A. Hunsaker, 46, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance: March 6 preliminary hearing; \$25,000 bond; public defender appointed

Jay A. Lewis, 30, Castleford; DUI, fail to purchase/invalid driver's

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Business

conomy Hearing Aid Clinic, located at 532 Blue Lakes Blvd. North, in the Lynwood Shopping Center is owned



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Giltner case returns to court

By Nate Poppino **Times-News writer**

JEROME — Once again, a Jerome County dairy is taking the county to court, seeking to avoid future problems with its neighbors.

Less than a year after the Idaho Supreme Court shot down an appeal by Giltner Dairy of a Jerome County comprehensive plan change, the dairy is again taking county officials to court over the same issue.

Both cases involve changes requested by the 93 Golf Ranch, adjusting its zoning from A-1 to A-2 — the latter a zone where land shifts from agricultural to urban uses.

Giltner first challenged an amendment to the comprehensive plan that indicated its neighbor would be consistent with the A-2 zoning. The 843acre dairy feared the change from A-1 to A-2 would allow the course to develop houses next to it, and lead to conflicts between residents and the dairy.

Supreme Court, which in allegedly was never validly March unanimously found that the plan did not authorize any actual development and therefore the dairy didn't have

standing to file for a review. The ruling was considered as possibly setting legal precedent at the time, and has been quoted in at least one subsequent case, a rezone in Camas County.

In December, the Jerome County commissioners approved an actual zoning change for 93 Golf Ranch, and the dairy filed a new case against the county, seeking judicial review of its second decision.

In an amended petition for review filed Jan. 12, Giltner's attorneys argued that the zoning change "negatively affected and aggrieved" the dairy's ability to operate in a number of ways, and will place two incompatible land uses right next to each other. They also wrote that the zoning change doesn't conform to the county's previously adopted com-

adopted or approved.

Giltner is asking the court to reverse the zoning decision and instruct the commissioners to deny the application, as well as for attorneys' fees and

The case is still in the early stages, and attorneys for the dairy and the county met Monday with county commissioners to sort out what should be included in the record of the case.

Giltner's attorneys haven't filed their opening briefs yet, but it seems likely that they may present similar arguments to the previous case. Attorney Davis VanderVelde deferred comment on the case to Terrence White, the dairy's other attorney. A phone message left for White was not returned Monday afternoon. Both attorneys work for Nampa firm White Peterson.

Deputy County Prosecutor Mike Seib is representing the county, and 93 Golf Ranch has prehensive plan, and that the intervened in the case, repre-That effort ended at the plan commissioners did cite sented by Gary Slette.

No new meningitis cases reported from January bus trip

Times-News

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A bus passenger who died of meningitis last month appears not to have infected anyone else during a trip through southern Idaho, according to state health officials.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare last month asked people who traveled on a Greyhound Bus on Jan. 11 from Salt Lake City to Boise to contact it because they might have been exposed to the disease. As many as 24 people could have been exposed.

Spokesman Tom Shanahan said Monday that his agency only received nine calls. As far as officials could tell, none of the callers had caught the disease. Two people from out of state — one from Oregon and one from Virginia — were

directed to those states' health departments, he said.

The bus departed Salt Lake City at 2 p.m. on Jan. 11 and arrived in Boise at 9:45 p.m., stopping in Burley, Twin Falls and Nampa as well before continuing to Portland. The one infected passenger, a Nevada resident, later died in a Salt Lake-area hospital.

The disease is relatively difficult to transmit personto-person. Information: 208-

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Jerome County clears way for impact-fee study

By Nate Poppino **Times-News writer**

JEROME — In a time of low revenue and rising need, more Magic Valley taxing districts are turning to impact fees as an answer.

Jerome County commissioners last week approved spending \$35,000, mostly in outside funds, for a consultant's input on whether the fees — charged to builders as a way to pay for growth might benefit growing areas of the county. Studies will also include a suggested fee amount, and will be done for five participating taxing districts: Jerome Rural Fire District, Jerome and Hillsdale highway districts, Jerome Recreation District and Jerome Ambulance District.

The county is using BBC Research & Consulting of Denver, the same firm that recently helped the city of Twin Falls put together its fees. Each agency is contributing \$7,000, though the county is picking up the tab for at least Hillsdale because that district couldn't spare the funds, said Commission

Chairman Charlie Howell. "We took it upon ourselves for the betterment of the whole county," he said.

Howell said he thinks it's "vital" to at least look at adopting the fees, citing as example the effects new developments have on already-battered county roads.

"We think it's a very wise and prudent thing to do," he

seem to agree. Though representatives of a couple of them were still learning about the proposal, others said the added income would help them maintain services while adequately preparing for future needs.

Many rural highway districts have said for months that they don't have the funding to keep up with their sprawling jurisdictions. LeRoy Lewis, road supervisor for the Jerome Highway District, said impact fees could help relieve possible congestion in growth areas.

"They considered it a need, and we agreed, since we have a hard time keeping up with some of the development,"

Lewis said of the county. Ken Sheldon, manager of

And the taxing districts Jerome County Paramedics, said his organization is essentially a "break-even service" and that a little extra money could help him replace old ambulances and keep medical equipment up to date. About two-thirds of its budget comes from patients and their insurance companies.

"The impact fees are what will give us those opportunities to not only grow when we need to, but just to maintain the quality of the equipment," Sheldon said.

Officials weren't sure how long the study will take, saying that will be worked out at a meeting with the consultants on March 4. Once completed, BBC's study will be given to the county commissioners to review.

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T.F. man arrested for rape, battery at party

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A 19-yearold Twin man was arrested Monday on charges of rape and batterv stemming from a party earlier in the morning.



Michael A. Loya, 19, is lodged at the Twin Falls County Jail on \$16,000 bond for both charges and was

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Twin Falls Police assert an 18-year-old woman was to the home Monday at raped after she drank alcohol — "jungle juice" — and

passed out. sex with the woman when records. she was unconscious or

unable to resist. River Drive confronted Loya, and then Loya allegedly tried to flee and struck someone in

records.

Police said they were called about 2:30 a.m.

Loya allegedly told police he thought he had consensu-Charges allege Loya had al sex, according to court

He has a preliminary hearing set for March 6 in the Other people at 927 Wood rape case. Loya on Monday pleaded not guilty to the battery allegation has a pretrial scheduled for April 7.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Wendell Centennial celebration is Saturday

The city of Wendell Centennial celebration will be held Saturday at the Magic Valley Portuguese Hall, 625 E. Ave. F, Wendell. A no-host bar will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner and entertainment beginning at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per person, \$45 per couple, or \$180 for a table of eight. Tickets can be purchased from: Sharon Cheney, 934-5135; Ilene Rounsefell, 536-5366; Sally's, 934-4412; or Package Shoppe, 536-1711.

The event is presented by Gooding County Historical Society.

Hagerman hosts Peavey presentation on the West

Remembering the West as It Changes will be presented by Diane Josephy Peavey at the monthly Hagerman Valley Historical Society

program held at 7 p.m. March 10 at the National Park Service at 221 N. State St., Hagerman. This prois gram



funded in part by the Idaho Humanities Council.

The public is invited to the free presentation. Refreshments will be served. Those attending will also have a chance to check out displays at the National Park Service building.

Diane Peavey and her husband, John, are owners/operators of the Flat Top Sheep Ranch northeast of Carey. She writes stories about life on the ranch and changing landscapes of the West, and addresses conflicts between ranching and

resource preservation. Her book, "Bitterbrush Country: Living on the Edge of the Land" is a mosaic of her essays.

Peavey was born in New York and is the daughter of Albin Josephy, a writer who focused his writings on the American West and the American Indians. The Peaveys were instrumental in starting the Wood River Valley's Trailing of the Sheep Festival, held each October. The festival was started in

Information: Milo Packer, program chairman, 837-

Area agencies to receive grants

The John William Jackson Fund announced it will award \$35,000 to several area organizations on March 4, continuing the fund's mission to advance academic scholarship, performing arts and outdoor sporting for Idaho youth.

The awards will be presented at the VengaWorks Venture Centers, 943 W. Overland Road, Meridian, at 6:30 p.m. March 4. The event is open to the pub-

Awards given in the Magic Valley area include:

The school districts of Kimberly, Shoshone and Wendell will be awarded \$1,000 each to purchase musical instruments for underprivileged elementary, middle school and junior high students.

To date, The John William Jackson Fund has awarded grants totaling more than \$120,000. The fund was established nine years ago in memory of John William Jackson, who lost his life in a climbing

accident in central Asia. Information: www.johnwilliamjacksonfund.org.



Layton Construction site Superintendent Rick Bair, left, points out North Canyon Medical Center site details to Assistant Project Manager Ryan Davis while the two work at the future site of the Gooding County Historical Society's museum.

Back on the job

building.

Construction resumes on Gooding hospital, museum

By Mary Hanson **Times-News correspondent**

Two delayed construction projects in Gooding are back on track, while another is ready to break ground as the Magic Valley town enjoys a small building boom.

North Canyon Medical Center, scheduled to open in January 2010, has overcome funding delays caused by a downturn in the economy. Backers of the 52,000 squarefoot hospital delayed selling \$30 million in bonds in

December, but in early February, Partners Healthcare, the hospital's governing nonprofit, signed

final contracts for funding.

According to Rick Bair, construction superintendent for Layton Construction, work will be in full swing by the middle to the end of March. The flow of building materials and infrastructure pipe, electric supplies and cement has resumed.

"We'll be bringing in plumbing crews, subcontractors, electricians and welders

starting next week." Bair said. Nearby, the Gooding County Historical Society's museum project has gained new life after receiving insurance money that reimbursed the society. Last winter, heavy snows collapsed the unfinished steel skeleton of the

"Right now, we've got most of the steel support structure up and we are taking a break to let the snow melt and the ground dry," Sharon Cheney, society president said, "Then the contractors will all be able to get in and finish the building. When they finish then we will be calling for volunteers to clean up and especially to move in."

The 6,000 square-foot

museum is built at a cost of \$150,000, paid through a variety of sources, including grants and public donations. Its opening date is not yet set.

Across U.S. Highway 46 to the east of North Canyon Medical Center, the South Central Public Health District will construct a 3,500 squarefoot facility that will break ground in March or April.

Also, the remolding continues at the Get Inn, located on U.S. Highway 26 north of the new museum site, where the registered historical building continues its conversion to a bead and breakfast.

Mary Hanson may be reached at 208-944-4421 or mhansonmbd@aol.com.

HOLLISTER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Hollister Elementary School announced its January Students of the Month. They are from left, top row: Aurora Fallis, fifth grade; Miguel Cervantes, fourth grade; Debbie Domingues, third grade; bottom row: Shad Newby, first grade; Ramon Cervantes, kindergarten; Adam Trowbridge, second grade.

Gooding Public Library has new books and videos

New items at Gooding Public Library include:

Adult fiction: "The Ladies Left Behind" by Jeffery Deaver, "The Associate" by John Grisham, "The Penguin Who Knew Too Much" by Donna Andrews, "Dark Light" by Jayne Castle, "Contagious" by Scott Sigler, "Zen and the Art of Vampires" by Katie MacAlister, "Old Man's War," and "Zoe's Tale" by John Scalzi, "Bones of the Dragon" by Margaret Weis, "The Virgin's Lover" by Philippa Gregory, "The Wizard Lord" by Lawrence Watt-Evans. "Extreme Measures" by Vince Flynn, "Running Hot" by Jayne Ann Krentz, "Plum Spooky" by Janet Evanovich, "Exposed" by Alex Kava, "The Charlemagne Pursuit" by Rerry, "The Berry, Explosionist" by Jenny Davidson, "The Manning

Grooms" by Debbie Macomber, "Devil of the Highlands," and "The Rogue Hunter" by Lynsay Sands, 'Something Sinful" Suzanne Enoch, "Arctic Drift" by Clive Cussler, "Revenge of Innocents" by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg, "From Dead to Worse" by Charlaine Harris, "Almost Dead" by Lisa Jackson, "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson.

Adult nonfiction: "Team of Rivals" by Doris Keans-Goodwin, "Home: A Memoir of my Early Years" by Julie Andrews, "Sea Trials: Cruising Vivace" by Myra Lenington, "Outliers: the Story of Success" Malcolm by Gladwell, "From Hormone Hell to Hormone Well" by C.W. Randolph, "I'd Rather be in Jarbidge" by Donald E. Mathias, "My Cat Spit McGee"

by Willie Morris, "Ski & Snow Country" by Ray Atkeson, "Field Guides" set by Roger Troy Peterson. Books on CD: "Angels and

Demons" by Dan Brown, "Zorro" by Isabel Allende. Videos: "Timecop,"

"Universal Soldier," "Street Fighter," "Nowhere to Run," "Maximum Risk: The Other Side of Safe," "Double Team," "Death Warrant," "Hard Target," Quest," "Double Impact," "Black Eagle," "Legionnaire."

There is a large section of exchange paperback books in the library. For public convenience, they also have a collection box for Campbell soup labels and Box Tops for Education to benefit local schools.

The next Youth Book Club will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. March 12 at the library.

Cause of spontaneous bruising needs to be identified

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 64-year-old male in reasonably good health for the life I have lived. But in the last five weeks or so, I have had three baseball-sized bruises on my thighs, midway up, for no apparent reason. The first was on the outside of my right thigh, and about two weeks later, one appeared on the inside of my left thigh. Now I have one on the inside of my right thigh. Do you have any idea as to the cause?

DEAR READER: Bruising is generally the result of injury — even minor trauma, such as hoisting a heavy box and resting it on your thighs. The process doesn't appear to



ASK DR. **GOTT** Dr. Peter Gott

cause damage, yet it can be extreme enough for blood to clot beneath the surface of the skin and result in a bruise.

Aspirin, Advil, naproxen, Motrin and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories can also cause contusions, as can physician-prescribed corticosteroids and prednisone.

Recap your activity prior to the first bruising. Did you lean into a porch railing, over the hood of a car to work on it or carry debris from your basement up a set of stairs? If so, you may have a harmless cause you can identify.

If you are on new medication, ask your physician whether it carries a side effect of bruising. If not and your bruising is spontaneous, speak with him or her about getting a blood workup. In this way, disorders such as von Willebrand's disease and hemophilia can be ruled out. These hereditary disorders are marked by slow blood clotting that can result in nosebleeds, excessive bleeding of the gums and more.

Another possibility is the aging process. As we get older, our bodies take longer to heal, from even minor injuries. We also tend to have thinner skin, which causes what were once trivial bumps and scrapes to turn into larger, more serious cuts, bruises and tears. If your health checks out (as I suspect it will), you may simply need to be more cautious and try to avoid getting hurt.

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 \$12 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

Be sure to mention the title. **DEAR DR. GOTT:** The lady who wrote about her gray hair having yellow tones might try Clairol Professional Shimmer Lights Original Conditioning Shampoo. The bottle I have is purple and so is the shampoo. I've had great success with highlighting my gray hair and recommend it.

DEAR READER: I understand there are a number of shampoos available that are directed toward highlighting dull or discolored gray hair. They may be somewhat

pricey compared to the vast supply of inexpensive products on store shelves, but if they do the trick and provide good results, I am sure they are worth the expense.

If you have trouble finding such products, check with a local hairdresser who might have something for sale from the shop or who can otherwise recommend a good alternative.

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

Back to 1997

Stock market indexes retreat to levels not seen since the 1990s

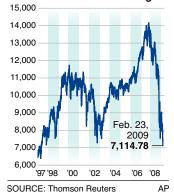
NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street has turned the clock back to 1997.

Investors unable to extinguish their worries about a recession that has no end in sight dumped stocks again Monday. The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 251 points to its lowest close since May 7, 1997, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index logged its lowest finish since April 11, 1997. It's as if the decade's dot-com surge, collapse and subsequent recovery never occurred.

The Dow is just over 100 points from 7,000. Both indexes have lost about half their value since hitting record highs in October 2007.

Backtracking

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 251 points Monday to its lowest level since 1997. Dow Jones industrial average



"People left and right are throwing in the towel," said Keith Springer, president of Capital Financial Advisory

Services.

Investors pounded most financial stocks even as government agencies led by the Treasury Department said they would launch a revamped bank rescue program this week. The plan includes the option of increasing government ownership in financial institutions without having to pour more taxpayer money into them.

Although the government has said it doesn't want to nationalize banks, many investors are clearly still concerned that this could be a possibility as banks continue to suffer severe losses because of the recession. They're also worried that banks' losses will keep escalating as the recession sends more borrowers into default.

"The biggest thing I see here is the incredible pessimism," Springer said. "The government is doing a lousy job of alleviating fears.'

The Treasury and other agencies issued a statement after The Wall Street Journal reported Citigroup is in talks for the government to boost its stake in the bank to as much as 40 percent. Analysts said the market, which initially rose on the statement, wanted more details of the government's plans.

"It's only a very partial picture of what we may get," said Quincy Krosby, chief investment strategist at The Hartford. "This proverbial lack of clarity is damaging market psychology."

Meanwhile, technology stocks fell after The Journal reported that Yahoo Inc.'s new chief executive plans to reorganize the company. But the selling came across the market as pessimism about the recession and its toll on companies deepened.

"There's no where to hide anymore," said Jim Herrick, director of equity trading at Baird & Co.

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Ginsburg returns to court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg returned to the Supreme Court bench



Monday, a little over two weeks after her second major bout with cancer prompted

questions

her

about

health and the possibility of a quick court vacancy for President Obama to fill.

A beaming Ginsburg walked into the marble courtroom with her eight male colleagues as Supreme Court Marshal Pamela Talkin began the traditional chant that announces the start of court: "Oyez. Oyez. Oyez ..."

Wearing her typical court dress consisting of a black robe and white lace collar, Ginsburg showed no ill effects from her recent pancreatic cancer surgery, leaning forward in her chair and tossing out challenging questions for lawyers in her soft hesitant voice.

"You are really saying you were wrong," she chided a lawyer for the Navajo Nation who seemed to be backing away from an earlier position his clients took.

During the arguments, Ginsburg looked the lawyers directly in the eyes, leaning forward scribbling notes with a pencil. She later began rocking slightly in her seat.

Ginsburg, 75, underwent surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York on Feb. 5 and returned to her home in Washington on Feb. 13.

Doctors gave her an encouraging prognosis after they removed a small malignant tumor from her pancreas and determined that the disease had not spread to her lymph nodes or other organs.

Obama vows to cut deficit

President pledges restraint on spending

WASHINGTON (AP) -Urging strict future restraint even as current spending soars, President Barack Obama pledged on Monday to dramatically slash the skyrocketing annual budget deficit as he started to dole out the record \$787 billion economic stimulus package he signed last week.

"If we confront this crisis without also confronting the deficits that helped cause it, we risk sinking into another crisis down the road," the president warned, promising to cut the yearly deficit in half by the end of his four-year term. "We cannot simply spend as we please and defer the consequences."

He said he would reinstitute a pay-as-you-go rule that calls for spending reductions to match increases and would shun what he said were the past



President Obama opens a White House economic conference on Monday in Washington.

tration — that's the figure Obama says he'll cut in half — and the stimulus law, coupled with rescue efforts for ailing automakers, the financial industry and beleaguered homeowners will raise this year's red ink to \$1.5

The administration hopes to trim the deficit by scaling back Iraq war spending, raising taxes on the wealthiest and streamlining govern-

"We are paying the price for these deficits right now," Obama said, estimating the country spends \$250 billion — one in every 10 dollars of taxpayer money — in interest on the national debt. "I refuse to leave our children with a debt that they cannot repay.'

As an example of a purchasing process "gone amok," the president said he had ordered a thorough review of his new fleet of Marine One helicopters, now far over budget.

He was asked about the fleet by former presidential rival John McCain at the end of the White House meeting.

"The helicopter I have now seems perfectly adequate to me," Obama said wryly to laughter. "Of course, I've never had a helicopter before. So, you know, maybe I've been deprived and I did-

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Calcium tied to lower cancer risk in older people

CHICAGO (AP) — A study in nearly half a million older men and women bolsters evidence that diets rich in calcium may help protect

against some cancers. The benefits were mostly associated with foods high in calcium, rather than calcium tablets.

Previous studies have produced conflicting results. The new research involved food questionnaires from participants and a follow-up check of records for cancer cases during the subsequent seven years. This research method is less rigorous than some previous but smaller studies.

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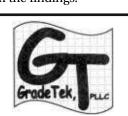
more than 50,000 cancers the new study presents powerful evidence favoring the idea that calcium may somehow keep cells from becomcancerous, University of North Carolina nutrition expert Anderson, who was not involved in the study.

The study was run jointly by the National Institutes of Health and AARP. The results appear in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.

National Cancer Institute researcher Yikyung Park, the

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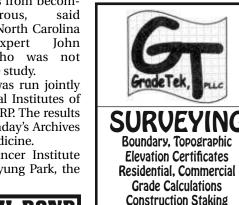
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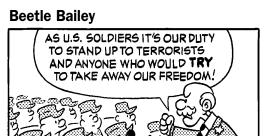
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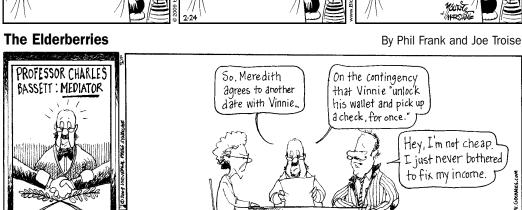
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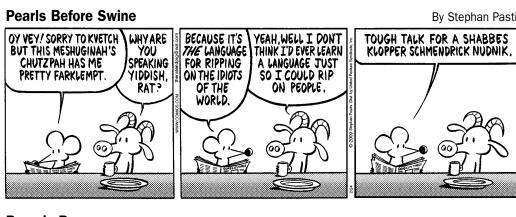




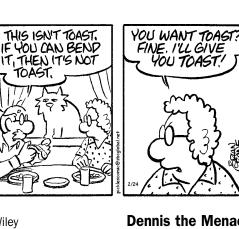




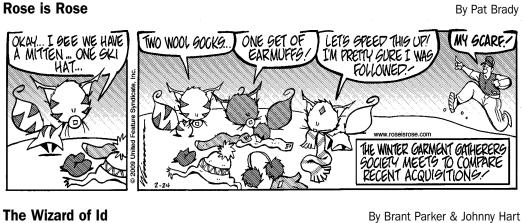


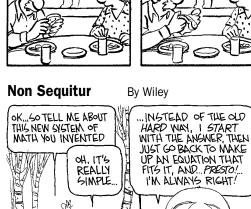












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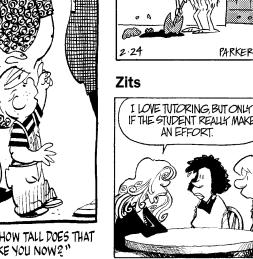
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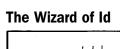












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"Although the stimulus program is a great first step, we want to impress on the president that it's only a first step."

— Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, a day before a governors' meeting with President Obama on the stimulus plan

EDITORIAL

EchoHawk's the right choice for the BIA

arry EchoHawk was one of the class acts of Idaho politics during the 1990s. Smart, socially conservative and steeped

in Idaho values, the former state attorney general had the political misfortune to run against Phil Batt for governor in 1994. In a poll

Our view:

Attorney

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General Larry

EchoHawk, a

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of the state's historians taken last year by the Times-News, Batt — a Republican — was ranked the third-best governor in Idaho history.

EchoHawk, a Democrat from Pocatello, moved to Utah in 1995 and became a law professor at Brigham Young University. Now he's widely expected to be appointed by President Obama to lead the troubled Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Department of Interior. If so, it's likely that he'll spend most of his tenure trying to repair the damage that fellow Idahoan Dirk Kempthorne did as secretary of interior during the Bush administration.

Kempthorne — a former Idaho governor and U.S. senator — presided over an agency that trafficked in corruption and flawed, politically motivated science.

At the same time, he did little to address the long-fester-

ing wounds cause by generations of mis-management of Indian Trust lands by the BIA, which has resulted in a massive class-action lawsuit still unresolved a dozen years after it was filed.

That lack of interest in proper management must

EchoHawk has the integrity and the knowledge of Native American law to set things right at the BIA.

In many ways, EchoHawk is the anti-Kempthorne. As U.S. senator, governor and secretary of the interior, Kempthorne never made a decision without calculating which way the wind was blowing politically. EchoHawk, an old-fashioned Mormon trial lawyer, just cared about getting it right.

The BIA needs him.

TIMES-NEWS

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U.S. financial collapse threatens real journalism

hen the federal government was deciding to spend hundreds of billions of dollars to revive the economy and bail out bankers, one ailing industry was being left to fend for itself: newspa-

Arguably, newspapers are as vital to American democracy as banks are to the American financial system. Yet the implosion of the news business is the most underreported story amid the great flood of bad economic news.



DAVID **HORSEY**

My newspaper is unlikely to exist in print format by the end of March. As unthinkable as it may be, Seattle could soon become the first large American city with no metro daily rolling off the presses. If so, it is unlikely to be last.

Metro dailies are struggling everywhere. In some cases, this situation has been exacerbated by the stupidity and avarice of newspaper owners. (Chief case in point: Chicago real estate mogul Sam Zell's leveraged buyout of the Tribune Co.) Most often, though, it is the unexpectedly rapid decline in advertising revenue that is killing off newspapers.

Many newspapers have come and gone over the years, but, for most of the 20th century, it didn't take a genius to make money in the news business. Publishers had a product that people were eager to read and, for advertisers who wanted to reach those people, newspapers were the only game in town.

Annual profits of 25 percent and higher were typical at many publications and those profits paid for the kind of expensive enterprise reporting that didn't necessarily sell newspapers but did keep watch on nefarious politicians, venal corporations, polluters of our environment and corrupters of our democracy.

Things began to change as newspaper readership declined and advertisers were lured away to the Internet. Everyone saw this happening and newspaper managers have been running in circles for the past decade trying to figure out what to do about it. What no one anticipated was the economic meltdown of 2008 that has now gotten everyone's attention, from the halls of the Capitol to the humblest American home. The onset of this recession knocked the newspaper industry from a not about somebody else;

precarious perch into a careening dive.

The question we all now face is this: Who will be the truth tellers in the future? Can the republic be protected by a cacophony of independent bloggers? Will online newspapers, if they come into being, have the resources to tackle the big, controversial and complex investigative stories? If metro newspapers and regional bureaus disappear, what new creation will arise, phoenix-like from the ashes of print journalism,

to take their place? Oddly enough, this journalistic calamity comes just when the news matters more than ever to Americans. Every report about the stimulus package working its way through Congress and every story about job losses and mortgage foreclosures now touches each resident of this country personally. It's

it's about you and me. Will you and I have money to retire? Will you and I have jobs next week or next year? Will our children be able to go to college or buy a house when the time comes? Will our 401(k) and mutual funds be worthless?

Given the vastly enhanced power of government and large business entities to project a selfserving, sanitized version of the truth, the need for credible sources of information has never been greater. I've got to believe that necessity will compel an inspired response to the financial collapse now threatening to permanently cripple American journalism.

I've got to believe it because the alternative is too frightening.

David Horsey is the editorial cartoonist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Write to him at davidhorsey@seattlepi.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kimberly residents thanked for recall support

I want to thank all of the Kimberly residents who participated in our recall petition. Due to your support, we were able to get 330-plus verified signatures. We realize that we were only able to reach a small portion of the households, but we appreciate the feedback that we received from you. By visiting with you individually, we were able to gain many suggestions for possible solutions to the city of Kimberly's issues.

Recently, the city of Kimberly has reported that the "recall petition has failed." All of the signatures on these petitions were verified in December through the Twin Falls County Election Department prior to submission. However, in the first part of February, a substantial number of the signatures have become void. Due to this and other discrepancies, we are cur-

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rently turning the matter over to the proper authorities for review.

Thanks again for all your support and for welcoming us into your homes. WAYNE SAYER

Kimberly

GOP politicians in Cassia **County are anti-wildlife**

This letter is in response to the front page article in the Times-News on Feb. 6 about the Fish and Game blaming the wolves for the decline of the big game herds.

But they cannot use that excuse in Cassia County where there are no wolves. The problem here is

Republican politicians who are anti-wildlife!

They see wildlife as an obstacle that stands in the way of their only concern money. Here are some examples that prove that fact:

Back when Cecil Andrus and John Evans were governors, our wildlife was flourishing and doing very good.

Now this one happens to be a coincidence but fact. In 1991 to 1992, we had a winter that just about wiped out the deer and, at the same time, the Republicans had a governor in Boise. Bad for the wildlife, but what luck for the Republican-managed Fish and Game agency. They will not let the herds

return to the historical levels that previously existed. The reason for this is because the Fish and Game (Republicans) are in bed with the public land grazers.

Fact is the Fish and Game commissioners and director are appointed by the governor and Legislature who are in power at the time -Republicans. What we need to do is return to the 1938 Sportsman Wildlife Council that will take politicians out of the picture. They did this because, back then, the elk and deer were practically exterminated due to overhunting and no controls on management.

The approval by the Cassia County commissioners of the Cotterell Ridge Wind Farm right in the middle of prime deer and sage grouse habitat. Again their main concern is money, not those pesky critters that have lived there for thousands of years.

By Bruce Tinsley

KEVIN LARSON **Burley**

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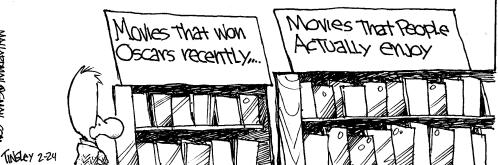






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Barney Little

HAZELTON — Barney Little, 60, formerly of Hazelton, passed away unex-

pectedly at his home in Thornton, Colo., on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009.

Born Dec. 30, 1948, in Fukuoka, Japan, to

Maj. David Lee Little and Valeda Pearl Brooks Little, Barney spent his childhood in Kansas, Washington and Elk Grove, Calif. He and his twin brother were inseparable; they graduated from Elk Grove Union High School in 1967 and Barney attended Merced Junior College in California. Barney dedicated his life to the dairy industry. In 1980, he went to work for Aurora Dairy Corp. at Holstein Farms in Jerome.

Barney's specialty was feed and farm operations. He was well known throughout the agricultural community as an expert in his field as well as devoted manager who valued the relationships he cultivated along the way. He was also a pioneer in the organic milk industry. In 1995, he was on the team Sunrise founded Organic Dairy that would eventually become Horizon Organic Dairy, now owned by Dean Foods. At the time of his death, he was the director of Farm Resource Develop-ment for Aurora Organic Dairy Corp., headquartered in Boulder, Colo.

As an excellent cowboy and avid outdoorsman, Barney's passions included team roping, hunting, golfing and fishing. His favorite hunting destination was Fairfield. In their free time, Barney and his wife, Rainbow, enjoyed playing Texas Hold 'em. Barney was well known for his sense of humor and ability to make light of any situation. His catch phrases will live on in infamy; he would always "bring joy." Barney married Caihong Little of Guandong, China, on Sept. 23, 2006, in Reno, Nev. Barney's life's joy was his family. He was a very proud father and always made time for his children.

He is survived by his son, Brand (Laura) Little of Colfax, Calif.; his daughters, Amber (Dan) Steeves of Citrus Heights, Calif., and Capt. Crystal Little, stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. He is also survived by two siblings, his identical twin brother, Brooks Little of Burley and sister, Val Little of Tucson, Ariz.; and two surviving aunts, Lela Beatrice Little Kinkade of Lewisburg. Tenn., and Sarah Valara Brooks Schoenfeldt of Nevada City, Calif. He is also survived by two grand-Chevenne daughters, Autumn Little and Aubrey Crystal Steeves.

A celebration of Barney Little's life will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Courtyard Marriott, 1450 Dry Creek Drive, Longmont, Colo.

Elizabeth (Beth) Peabody Miller

Elizabeth (Beth) Peabody Miller was born June 11, 1922. in Brookline, Mass. She died

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, in Twin Falls at the age of 86.

Beth was the first of four children born to Dean and Florence Peabody. Her

father was a civil engineering professor at MIT and Harvard while her mother marched with the Suffragettes in support of women's rights. Beth's youth was shaped by her rich experiences in Brookline, at the beloved family farm and on their outdoor travel adventures around the United States. She attended Swarthmore College in Philadelphia, receiving her bachelor's degree in math in less than three years in order to support the World War II war effort working in an MIT laboratory developing radar technology. After the war, she taught math at Swarthmore before being accepted to Stanford University California to continue her math studies. She went on to pursue her doctorate in math there. During that time, Beth traveled to Montana for a summer job at the Elkhorn guest ranch near Yellowstone Park. There she fell in love with a young cowboy, Robert (Bob) Miller, who was working his way through college as a horse wrangler. She left Stanford to marry her cowboy

Montana where she and Bob raised four children, Bill, Laurie, Stevia and Wendy. She spent the majority of her adult life there in the mountains near Bozeman, riding horses, leading pack trips, teaching in a one-room country school and passionately supporting a group of local and global environmental causes. After Bob's untimely death in a horse accident, Beth eventually moved to be closer to her children, finally settling in Wendell near her daughter, Stevia Webb. She was a volunteer tutor at Wendell Elementary School and, with her dog Pete, actively involved in daily chores and events at the Webb ranch.

Beth is survived by her brother, Dean Peabody of Media, Pa.; sister, Nancy McCaffrey of Boulder, Colo.; and her four children, William (Bill) Miller of Boise, Laurie Lusk of Seattle, Wash., Stevia Webb of Wendell and Wendy Wilcox and Warrenton, Va., as well as nine grandchildren. The family would like to thank Kathy Kerley, the staff of Creekside Residential Care Center in Jerome and the staff of the Alzheimer's Care Center at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation in Twin Falls for their respectful and loving care of our mother.

A celebration of her life is being planned for this summer in Idaho and in Montana.

Donations in Beth's honor may be made to Habitat for Humanity (www.habitat.org) or the Wilderness Society (www.wilderness.org).

DEATH NOTICES

Laura Dick

Laura Dick, 87, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. (Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Matthew J. Koutsky

FAIRFIELD — Matthew James Koutsky, 49, of Fairfield, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2009, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Fairfield LDS Church (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Andres Arteaga Vega

RUPERT — Andres Arteaga Vega, 25, of Topeka, Kan., and formerly of Rupert, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Roger D. Nass

Roger D. Nass, 76, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, at his home.

At his request, no service will be held (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Lena H. Bruns

EDEN — Lena H. Bruns, 93, of, Eden, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at a care facility in Twin Falls.

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

William A.D. Turner

HAZELTON — William Andrew Douglas "Doug" Turner, 79, of Hazelton, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Barton E. Sonner

BUHL - Barton "Bart" E. Sonner, 84, of Buhl, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009, at a Boise hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel in Meridian.

SERVICES

Mildred Virginia Andrus Wert of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Wendell LDS Church (Demarav's Wendell Chapel).

Allen Delbert Stroud of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Hollister LDS Church in Hollister (Salmon River Funeral Chapel in Salmon).

Theo Jerry Wickel of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Ormus Hubert Eames of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Anne Clark Heiner of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward-Spanish Branch Church, 806 G St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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Survey: More teens volunteer than work part time

By Donna Gordon Blankinship **Associated Press writer**

SEATTLE — American teens are setting an example for their parents through their volunteer work, according to a new poll by Harris Interactive.

The random national telephone survey released this week by the Federal Wavbased charity World Vision found that more teens volunteer to support a charitable cause — 56 percent — than have a part-time job — 39 percent.

Parents and guardians said 82 percent of the teens in their lives do something to support charitable causes, volunteering, including recruiting others to a cause, wearing a button or T-shirt or donating money.

Forty-six percent of the adults surveyed said they volunteer their time, but they also take credit for inspiring their children to volunteer.

The Harris Interactive poll the economic downturn, but Hammer, a junior who is was conducted in the United States between Jan. 29 and Feb. 2 among 2,003 adults.

Sara Johnson, a teacher who advises the student service club at a private high school in a suburb south of Chicago, says she's seen a resurgence of teen involvement in social causes since President Barack Obama was elected in November.

"I think that kids are realizing more and more how important it is," said Johnson, who teaches English at Illiana Christian, in Lansing, Ill., near the Indiana border.

Johnson, 29, said she saw a similar surge in involvement after Hurricane Katrina, and believes this generation of teens is more involved in charitable work than her generation was.

The Harris Interactive survey found a quarter of teens have become more involved in charitable causes or busy and some just aren't

the economy has also led to cuts in allowances, and has teens working more hours at a paying job.

and live on a ranch in

Unlike many public high schools across the nation, Illiana Christian does not require its students to clock public service hours. Senior Melissa Martin said some kids are too busy with other commitments like sports and music, but most of her classmates do volunteer.

"Our school shows a rare passion for service. It's something I'm really proud of," said Martin, who is editor of the school newspaper and chairs a group organizing a fundraiser for World Vision this coming weekend.

Ninety-five students at Illiana Christian have signed up to participate in a 30-hour fast in support of hungry children around the world.

Some of the school's more than 650 students are too organizations as a result of interested, said Suzanne

helping Martin plan the fundraiser. "Personally, I don't under-

stand why you wouldn't get involved if you can," Hammer said. "I think everybody should make a conscious effort to serve others."

Alynn Woodson, director of volunteer engagement at Habitat for Humanity International, said she has noticed a new enthusiasm among teen volunteers for the Atlanta-based organization, which has had a structured youth program since

"I've worked at Habitat for about eight years now. Over that time it's been great to see the increase in youth volunteering. But throughout that time, I've never seen it be quite so energetic as I'm seeing now," Woodson said Monday.

"Students are feeling very energized by this new president encouraging them to go out and serve," she added.

Idaho beer, wine tax hike hearing draws crowd

By John Miller Associated Press writer

BOISE — Melanie Krause, who started Cinder Winery in 2006 in Idaho's capital and now sells five varieties, told lawmakers Monday that a plan to triple the tax on wine to help pay for state substance abuse treatment could put her out of business.

The Common Interest, a government reform group pushing the bill, has won support from cities, law enforcement and alcohol and drug-treatment activists. The measure would raise the wine tax to \$1.56 a gallon from 45 cents, and the tax on beer to 52 cents a gallon from 15 cents.

Krause told the House Revenue and Taxation Committee that the increase would cost her startup winery

about \$7,000 over the next said. "The 20 percent of peofive years as she tries to wring a profit from her cabernet sauvignon, syrah voignier grapes.

Because Idaho's growing season is shorter than rival states like California, Krause said wines produced here already are more expensive.

very difficult for us to continue to exist," she said.

Krause was among more than 50 people who testified on the proposed increase. So many sought to speak that the committee scheduled a second day of hearings for Tuesday.

Keith Allred, head of The Common Interest, testified that responsible drinkers will spend just pennies more per pint or glass, all for worthwhile programs.

ple who consume 80 percent (of beer and wine) are more prone to abuse it and will pay more, and they should."

Idaho's beer tax is now the 37th highest in the nation and its wine tax 34th. If the bill passes, the beer tax would be the ninth highest "This bill is going to make it and the wine tax the seventh." Someone who drinks three beers a week currently pays \$2.18 a year for the tax, which under the bill would go to \$7.64. Drinkers of three weekly glasses of wine would pay \$9.52 a year, up from \$2.81.

"I'm shocked that everybody thinks this is a large increase," said Mike Larkin, of Cambridge, who favors the plan.

But Roger Batt, the Idaho Grape Growers and Wine "It's pocket change," Allred Producers lobbyist, said the

measure would hurt Idaho's nascent grape and wine industry.

'This is not the economic climate when Idaho should be generating revenue from pet projects," said Batt, who is among the beer and wine, restaurant, retail and convenience store representatives who are against the increase.

The bill also would no longer tax beer and wine based on volume, instead charging 7.8 percent of the wholesale price of beer and 4.5 percent of wine, to keep pace with inflation.

Idaho Ed Board to cut fall testing again BOISE (AP) — For the sec- in the third through eighth ing this year and plans to rein-

ond year in a row, the state Board of Education plans to scrap standardized testing for thousands of Idaho public school students in the fall.

The Idaho Standards Achievement Test in reading, math and language is used to determine if schools are meeting benchmarks under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The tests are still given in the spring to students

grades and to 10th graders, who must pass the ISAT to graduate. The education board

dumped the fall testing last year — in what was supposed to be a one-time action — and hoped to use the \$500,000 in savings to restore the ninth grade tests that were cut in

late 2007. But the board does not have one of those choices we had the money to restore fall test- to make," Browning said.

state the ISAT for high school freshman in 2010 have been put on hold until the economic turmoil subsides, board

waive the fall ISAT at a meeting in Boise on Thursday.

spokesman Mark Browning The board is expected to

'The fall test was important, it's still important, but it's

IRAQ

Three U.S. soldiers, interpreter killed

BAGHDAD — Three U.S. soldiers and an interpreter were killed Monday during fighting north of Baghdad, the military announced.

The combat took place in Diyala province, an area northeast of Baghdad that remains volatile despite an overall drop in violence nationwide.

The statement did not provide more details.

The attack came two weeks after a suicide car bomber struck a U.S. patrol in the northern city of Mosul, killing four American soldiers and an Iraqi interpreter in the deadliest single attack against U.S. forces in nine months.

At least 4,250 members of the U.S. military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Iraq's Interior Ministry, meanwhile, announced the arrest of a Shiite police gang accused of killing the Sunni vice president's sister in 2006 as part of a string of kidnappings and slayings.

Museum reopens **6** years after looting

BAGHDAD restored National Museum reopened Monday with a red-carpet gala in the heart of Baghdad nearly six years after looters carried away priceless antiquities as American troops largely stood by in the chaos of the city's fall to U.S. forces.

The ransacking of the museum became a symbol for critics of Washington's post-invasion strategy and its inability to maintain order as Saddam Hussein's police and military unraveled.

But Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, chose to look ahead. He called the reopening another milestone in Baghdad's slow return to stability after years of bloodshed.

"It was a dark age that Iraq passed through," the prime minister said at a dedication ceremony after walking down a red carpet into the museum. "This spot of civilization has had its share of destruction."

M E X I C O

Gunmen attack convoy, kill bodyguard

CIUDAD JUAREZ — Gunmen have attacked a convoy carrying the governor of a violence-wracked border state, killing one of his bodyguards and wounding two other agents.

It was not clear if the attackers were targeting Chihuahua Gov. Jose Reves Baeza, but he canceled a trip Monday to meet with federal officials in Mexico City about security problems in his state, where hundreds have died in drug-related violence in

recent months. Baeza said gunmen in two cars fired high-powered weapons Sunday night at a vehicle two cars behind his in a convoy in the state capital, Chihuahua city. The two wounded agents were in stable condition on Monday and one of the

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attackers was hospitalized with a gunshot to the head. The other attackers fled.

ENGLAND

Guantanamo detainee freed after 4 years

LONDON — The first Guantanamo detainee released since President Obama took office returned to Britain on Monday, saying his seven years of captivity and torture at an alleged CIA covert site in Morocco went beyond his "darkest nightmares."

Binyam Mohamed's allegations — including repeated beatings and having his genitals sliced by a scalpel — have sparked lawsuits that could

ensnare the American and British governments in protracted court battles.

— The Associated Press

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Farm bill changes unveiled

MILC increases cap on milk production; eligibility will look at farm and non-farm income

By Cindy Snyder Times-News correspondent

The 2008 Farm Bill may have been negotiated during better times in agriculture, but several provisions could prove key to crop and dairy producers now that the farm bill programs are being implemented in leaner times.

One of those programs is the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program that was reintroduced in the 2008 Farm Bill. Congress authorized the program through September

Both the payment rate and produc- drops to 34 percent.

tion cap were increased, plus a feed cost adjustment was added.

Tom Snow, who is serving as the county executive director for both Jerome and Twin Falls counties, expects a lot of interest in MILC since milk prices are below production costs on many Magic Valley dairies.

The Farm Service Agency calculates the per hundredweight rate on a monthly basis by subtracting the Boston Class I milk price for the month from the support price of \$16.94 per hundredweight. That difference is multiplied by 45 percent until September 2012, when the rate

Sign up deadlines are nearing

March 16: Deadline for multi-peril crop insurance coverage

June 1: Deadline to sign up for Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP)

In the past, payment was limited to 2.4 million pounds of milk on a fiscal year basis, the cap was increased to 2.99 million pounds.

But the \$16.94 per hundredweight support price is not set in stone, Snow said during a farm bill forum held in Twin Falls.

FSA is projected to pay enrolled producers a feed cost adjustment for February, but until the month ends

no one knows how much the payment will be.

Snow cautioned producers not to look for that check until April.

"We won't know the feed cost adjustment for almost two months," he explained.

Mike Quesnell, a dairy producer from Twin Falls County, asked if the feed cost adjustment would help producers who contracted feed last sum-

Snow said that the feed cost adjustment is determined each month on a national basis and is calculated from the price of feed ingredients used to create a 16 percent protein dairy

To counter criticism that producers with large off-farm incomes were

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AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

Local Angus breeder recognized in national report

BLISS — Sarah Marie Butler was recognized nationally by American Angus Association for having one registered Angus cow included in the Association's 2009 Pathfinder Report.

About 2,300 of the nearly 33,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, according to Bill Bowman, chief operating officer and director of performance programs of the Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph,

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production.

The report is published online at www.angus.org.

In related news, Spring Cove Ranch, also in Bliss, owns four bulls listed in the Spring 2009 Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association.

University of Idaho offers four new potato publications

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 calspubs@uidaho.edu.

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Magic Valley Mini Trucks opens doors in Jerome

By Blair Koch **Times-News correspondent**

JEROME — Even with a depressed agriculture market, Magic Valley Mini Trucks is finding that farmers, dairymen and ranchers are still making purchases.

They are just more conscious of the dollars they spend, said Brandon Eldredge, co-owner of Magic Valley Mini Trucks, which is located at 5421 U.S. Highway 30.

These are more of an investment and people are interested in them because they are different from what has been available around here for on-site work vehicles," he said. "Right now the market is such that people are watching their spending but they are still making purchases ... work has to continue.

The business recently opened its dealership and service shop, which sells imported "Keitora," or mini trucks as they are known in the U.S.

The around 10 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.

Eldredge said he and his uncle, Jordan Eldredge, set up shop at the recent Agri-Action show in Twin Falls. which led to a couple of sales and plenty of contact with prospective customers.

"I think we will help those in the ag industry a lot because these trucks are extremely versatile, durable and cost efficient," said Brandon Eldredge.

They are importing direct from



Photos by BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

A pair of Japanese Keitora sit in front of the newly opened Magic Valley Mini TruckS shop in Jerome. The vehicles are four-wheel drive and can be used for hauling equipment or used with optional post hole diggers and plow attachments, to name just a few of the extra implements avail-

Mitsubishi Motors.

Jordan Eldredge said he isn't surprised that people are looking at the minis for use on work sites.

"They are perfect, small and effi-Japan a variety of mini trucks from cient and so useful," he said. "On a \$5,400, can be outfitted with plows,

companies like Mazda, Suzuki and dairy it makes more sense to run a mini truck, which can get up toward 40 miles per gallon... then doing a job of that scale with a tractor that gets 8 miles per gallon."

The trucks, which start at about

augers or converted for spraying equipment. The trucks are powered by liquid cooled, two to four cylinder 660 cubic centimeter engines.

However, the trucks can only be

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Common annual crop gets a not-so-common treatment

Flaxseed offers niche business for Rupert couple

By Cindy Snyder

Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Sprinkling a little flaxseed on her oatmeal every morning has helped Mildred Meuleman gain control of her cholesterol levels.

Now she and her husband, Guy Meuleman, hope growing and processing flaxseed will be a viable business enterprise.

The Meulemans have raised about 15 acres of golden flaxseed on their Rupert farm for the past five years. Although the flower itself is blue, the seed can be different colors. Much of the flaxseed sold is brown, but the Meulemans chose a golden variety for its superior flavor.

They had to modify equipment — from planting to harvest — to accommodate the low-growing flaxseed.

"This has all been an experiment," Meuleman said.

But when it comes to processing and packing flaxseed, Meuleman

is in more familiar territory. The Meulemans have owned Snake River Seed, a custom grain

and seed cleaning business in Rupert, since 1973. But even so, they have had to modify equipment to handle the small, slippery flaxseed. After the flax was harvested in

mid-September, it was brought to Rupert and stored until December when Guy began cleaning and milling the flaxseed. It takes about three weeks to process the seed, which is stored until needed. The Meulemans package

flaxseed several times during the year to keep it fresh.

The flaxseed is packed into bright purple mylar bags that prevent light from reaching the seed, and then refrigerated until the product is shipped to one of about 15 outlets that stock Snake River Seed Golden Flaxseed.

Almost half of Meuleman's production is organic and the rest is labeled natural as the fields transition to organic.

Using surface irrigation rather than sprinkler irrigation means the seed is bright in color and free of seed borne diseases. Once at the mill, the seed is stored in plastic lined boxes that keep moisture

"This has all been an experiment."

Guy Meuleman, co-owner of **Snake River Seed**

and contaminants away from the

About 30 percent of the flaxseed is ground; the rest is sold as whole seed. Ground flaxseed is sold in 1 pound bags while the whole seed is available in 1.5 pound bags and 25 pound bulk sacks.

The Meulemans have focused their marketing efforts on natural and health stores as well as the Internet.

Flaxseed's distinctive blue bloom is fairly common in gardens across southern Idaho, but the Meulemans' are among the first to produce, package and market the seed as a consumer product.

After five production seasons, Guy is still learning how to grow flaxseed. He's already planning to change row spacing this year to make irrigating across the entire



checks flaxseed at his mill in Rupert. He has modified an old clipper mill for flaxseed. The entire cleaning and milling process is automated and is controlled from one site.

For the Times-News

CINDY SNYDER/

furrow more uniform. Yields in 2008 were around 1,000

crop could yield as much as 1,500 pounds per acre as he continues to pounds per acre, but he thinks the modify his production practices.

Growers benefit from improved varieties of potatoes, wheat, and beans

For the Times-News

University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, or CALS, breeders have released six new varieties of potatoes, wheat, and beans since fall 2008. They include:

Classic Russet: A high-yielding, earlymaturing russet potato with attractive tubers and outstanding culinary qualities that could replace the Russet Norkotah

Alpine Russet: A late-season russet potato that can be successfully processed out of long-term storage, like Russet Burbank, but that exceeds it in yields and

Clearwater Russet: a late-maturing russet potato with a high percentage of U.S. No. 1s, resistance to low-temperature sweetening, and exceptional processing

UICF-Lambert: A soft white winter wheat that performs much like Lambert a UI variety released in the 1990s-and that offers the highest level of tolerance to imazamox currently available to wheat producers

VCW 54 and VCW 55: Two dry beans derived from the scarlet runner bean that CALS breeder Shree Singh intends for worldwide use in transferring white mold resistance to different market classes

CALS Agronomist Jeff Stark, who coordinates the Tri-State Potato Variety Program, calls the trio of new russets "definite improvements over what's available."

Midwest dairy farmers say West will suffer most because of feed costs

Shipping costs may offset difference

Times-News staff and wire reports

Western dairy states such as Idaho and California could be worse off than their Midwestern counterparts, according to dairymen in the upper-midwest.

In California, hundreds of thousands of dairy cows are being sent to slaughter because farmers cannot afford to feed them. Idaho dairymen are doing the same albeit at a much slower rate than California.

"They're going to be the first ones hurt because they buy most of their feed," said Jerry Messer, chairman of the Midwest Dairy Association. "Most of the dairy farmers in the Upper Midwest raise their own

The price dairy farmers are get-

ting for their milk is about half what it was last summer. Industry officials point to a variety of reasons, from the economic downturn to a big drop in exports. And while milk prices were dropping, farmers saw a dramatic rise in feed grain costs last

The industry in the Upper Midwest was somewhat cushioned because it has smaller dairies that typically grow most of their own

However, most dairies in the region still buy some supplemental feed, and not all dairies produce their own hay and grain. Stanton, N.D., dairyman Ole Johnson is one who doesn't.

"We're being more aggressive on our culling, getting rid of more cows that are lower in production," he

Messer said even those farmers who buy their hay are better off than dairymen in California.

'We're closer to the source of

good alfalfa," he said. Messer said that while alfalfa costs up to \$300 a ton in California, "it's \$110 to \$200 in North Dakota.'

North Dakota has experienced one of its harshest winters in recent memory, and Johnson said the available supply of quality hay is dwindling.

"No one told the cows to stop eating," he joked.

Johnson said Upper Midwest farmers also have to deal with milk shipping costs that are double what they are in California, because the milk has to be hauled farther.

Messer and Johnson said that while the Upper Midwest dairy situation might not be as desperate as in California, farmers still are suffer-

"We tend to hang on a little more up here; we tend to be more diversified," Messer said. "But if the economy stays like it is and the consumer doesn't return to our product ... it's



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benefitting from the farm bill at taxpayer expense, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has changed both adjusted gross income (AGI) levels and also which entities are eligible for payment.

"Everyone has to certify that they are eligible for payments on an adjusted gross income basis," Snow said.

In the past, producers with an AGI of less than \$2.5 million from nonfarm and farm sources were eligible. Now producers with an off-farm AGI over \$500,000 on a threeyear average basis are not eligible for payments through MILC or DCP. Farm income is limited to \$750,000 or less on a threeyear average basis.

Each member in an entity must provide labor and management to the farming operation to be eligible for program payments; in the past passive members were eligible for payment.

In related news, producers who wish to participate in the Direct and Countercyclical Payment (DCP) Program need to be enrolled by June 1.

The forms are new this year, and FSA officials say more time will be needed to complete the forms.

Horse Monthly **MARCH 2009 SCHEDULE** Disclaimer: The dates and times of events listed below may change.

Silver Spurs Equestrian Team, welcome new members. Join the fun of riding with your family in local parades, drills, & trail riding. Next *meeting will be held March 19th at 7 pm, Jerome Fairgrounds.* For more information contact: Charlene Royce (208)539-5804, Luann Studer 731-4311, or Rochelle Shank 731-9812.

Filer Junior Riding Club, are seeking more members (ages 8-18) for 2009. Contact Karen Stoker at 308-3377 or Rick Schulz 308-4552.

Magic Valley Miniature Horse Club, Welcomes Registered, Nonregistered and Long Ears (under 38 inches) horse owners. For more Information, contact: Debbie Emery 326-3951 or Stacy Storrer 732-

Grass Roots Cutters, which is an equestrian cutting club centrally located in Twin Falls. Membership information, location details & Entry forms visit www.grassrootcutters.com.

Every Saturday (12:00 -2 pm) Magic Valley Pony Club meetings at the Southwind Ranch in Jerome, Idaho www.ponyclub.org or call 324-1496 for more details.

Tuesday & Thursday (6pm-8pm) College of Southern Idaho Equestrian Team holds meetings at the CSI Expo Center or at the Arrow E Arena when the CSI Expo Center is being used for other events. www.ihsainc.com or call 324-1496 for more details.

Every Sunday (10am) The Idaho Regulators (part of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association) have practice at Danny Mechams. Any one interested in Riding and shooting can call Kent Spaulding Second Monday of each Month (7 pm) Magic Valley Reined Cowhorse

Association meetings at Travelers Oasis Eden, ID. Contact Mike Zebarth (208) 423-9055 for more details.

Thursday Evenings (7pm) Jackpot Ranch Sorting & Practice Copus Cove Arena, Buhl, ID. Call 543-6695 or 731-6635.

Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1—(Time Onlys at 6pm & race at 7:30pm) Jackpot Barrel Racing, Shu-Fly Arena; in Gooding, ID. Entry

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March 2, 9, 23, & 30 (Time Onlys at 6pm & race at 7:00pm) Arrow E Arena, Twin Falls, ID. Barrel Racing. Public is welcome. Must have at least 10 racers. Information from www.arrowearena.com

Feb. 28 & March 1 (Time Onlys at 11am & race at 1:30pm) Spring Fling Race. Two-Day Race with \$1,000 added & Awards, Shu-Fly Arena; Gooding, ID. AW & Sage-land Co-approved. Open 4D Races with Sr., 17 & under, novice classes & Pole Bending & Breakaway.Pre-Entry forms available at www.shuflyarena.com or Call - Lana Parker @ 208-536-2772.

March 6 & 7 - Western State University Rodeo, Ogden, UT.

March 6 (5 pm-9 pm) Blue Ribbon Training Presents: Beginners Clinic by Paul Butler located at the Billingsly Creek Park (Indoor Arena) in Hagerman, ID. Participants Wanted & must pre-register (Limited to 10 Riders) for more information or to pre-register contact Charlene Royce (208)539-5804, Luann Studer (208) 731-4311 or Rochelle Shank (208) 731-9812 Silver Spurs Equestrian Team.

March 7 & 8 or March 14th & 15th (9 am-4 pm) Blue Ribbon Training Presents: Horsemanship/Reining Clinic by Paul Butler located at the Billingsly Creek Park (Indoor Arena) in Hagerman, ID. Participants Wanted & must pre-register (Limited to 20 Riders) for more information or to pre-register contact Charlene Royce (208)539-5804, Luann Studer (208) 731-4311 or Rochelle Shank (208) 731-9812 Silver Spurs Equestrian Team. Due to the large volume for this clinic we are having a second clinic available March

March 7 & 8 –33rd Annual Winning Ways Barrel & Pole Clinic, Shu-Fly Arena; Lana & Kali Jo Parker- Instructed (PARKER PRO RODÉO HORSES) in Gooding, ID. Entry forms available at www. shuflyarena.com or Call - Lana Parker @ 208-536-2772

March 10 (6:30 pm) High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Meeting will meet at the home of Chris & Jerry Dickard of Kimberly, ID. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. with meeting at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 539-7766 or 324-4754.

March 12, 13 & 14-CSI Champions Rodeo School, Eldon Evans Expo Center in Twin Falls, ID.

March 14 (11am check in-Rodeo starts at noon) Idaho Little Buckaroo Rodeo, Youth Rodeo Series available to youth ages 16 and under. Held at the Rocky Mountain Events Center (old Simper Barn) in Rupert, Idaho. Entry's due by March 7th. For more information visit www.littlebuckaroorodeo.com.



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March 20 & 21–6th District High School Rodeo; Eldon Evans Expo Center in Twin Falls, ID.

March 21 & 22 – 3rd Annual Terri Wood Gates - Norma Wood Barrel Racing and Horsemanship Clinic, Shu-Fly Arena; in Gooding, ID. Registration forms due on or before March 6th-LIMITED TO FIRST 22 RIDERS. Entry forms & rates for riders & spectators are available at www.shuflyarena.com or Call - Lana Parker @ 208-536-2772 March 26 & 7 – Rocky Mountain Regional Rode #2; Heber City, UT.

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March 27 (6 pm) Twin Falls Livestock Comm. Co. Horse Sale (Schedule: tack, registered horses, & grade horses)

April 3 & 4 – 33rd Annual CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo; Eldon Evans Expo Center in Twin Falls, ID.

April 11 (11am check in – Rodeo starts at noon) Idaho Little Buckaroo *Rodeo*, Youth Rodeo Series available to youth ages 16 and under. Held at the Rocky Mountain Events Center (old Simper Barn) in Rupert, Idaho. Entry's due by April 4th. For more information visit www.littlebuckaroorodeo.com.

April 11 – Easter Egg Race. Open 4D Races with Sr., 17 & under, novice classes & Pole Bending & Breakaway. Pre-Entry forms available at www.shuflyarena.com or Call - Lana Parker @ 208-



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Fastenal	.70f	16	29.68	-2.51	-14.8	Valhi	.40		12.20	57	+14.0
Heinz	1.66	11	31.97	59	-15.0	WalMart	.95	14	48.88	-1.14	-12.8
HewlettP	.32	9	29.28	-1.96	-19.3	WashFed	.20m	19	10.86	48	-27.4
HomeDp	.90	11	18.71	75	-18.7	WellsFargo	1.36	15	11.03	+.12	-62.6
Idacorp	1.20	12	25.08	+.83	-14.8	ZionBcp	.16m		8.67	33	-64.6

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

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

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

Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly

Constitution and the state of t Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ... mark.

Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family. Sell: Net asset value, or price at which fund could be sold. Chg: Daily net change in the NAV.

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

xw — Without warrants. **Dividend Footnotes:** a — Also extra or extras. b — Annual rate plus stock dividend. c — Liquidating dividend. e — Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f – Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i – Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. j – Paid this year, dividend ontitted, deferred or on action taken at last meeting. k – Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m – Annual rate, reduced on last declaraissue with dividends in arrears. m – Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p – Init div, annual rate unknown. r – Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos plus stock dividend. t – Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x – Ex-dividend or ex-rights. y – Ex-dividend and sales in full. z – Sales in full. y – In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.
• Most active stocks above must be worth \$1 and gainers/losers \$2.

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

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

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CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile

Barrels: \$1,2100. — .0600: Blocks: \$1,2500. —

POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) — USDA — Major potato markets FOB shipping points Friday. Russet Burbanks Idaho 50-lb cartons 70 count; 100

count.
Baled 5-10 film bags (non Size A).
Russets Norkotahs Wisconsin 50-lb cartons 11.5012.00; 100 count 10.00.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A) 8.50-9.00.
Russet Norkotahs Washington 50-lb cartons 70 count
12.00; 100 count 10.00.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A) 6.00.
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Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A).
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10.00. Round Reds 50-lb cartons Size A Minnesota N.

Baled 5-10 lb film bags Size A 9.75-10.25.

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count. Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A).

Mo. takes control of grain shipping business

By Alan Scher Zagier **Associated Press writer**

COLUMBIA, Mo. — A northeast Missouri trucking company and grain elevator has had its license suspended and owes area farmers and other sellers at least \$1 million, state regulators allege in court records.

An Audrain County circuit judge on Friday granted a petition by the Missouri Department of Agriculture freezing the assets of T.J. Gieseker Farms and Trucking of Martinsburg.

Attorney General Chris Koster, who represented the state agency, said the family-owned business has assets of less than \$1 million but more than \$2 million in debts.

"A grain elevator is like a bank," Koster said "Customers Monday. entrust their grain to these companies with understanding and legal guarantee that their assets

will be protected."
Cathy Gieseker, the owner and sole employee of the business, did not return a telephone call seeking comment Monday. A relative said she was hospitalized and referred questions to the agriculture department.

A routine audit revealed financial irregularities connected to the business, said J. Chris Klenklen, administrator of grain regulatory services for the Agriculture Department.

"A great number of farmers were concerned about getting paid," Klenklen said. "She owed a lot more money than what she was telling us."

Trucks

Continued from Agribusiness 1

However, the trucks can only be used on private property.

'There is a whole set of federal standards, in terms of safety equipment and other specifications. Imported vehicles have to meet the same specifications that passenger vehicles have to meet," said Idaho Department of Transportation Communications Specialist Mel Coulter. "We are not able to license these for use on U.S. highways or even for use on public land. They can only be used on private property."

Eldredges said business has been steady and promising.

He said they are quickly moving through their first shipment of about 40 trucks and have 160 various makes and models purchased and ready for shipment from southern California.

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COMMODITY PRICES

Rangen

Dairy Block Close Change Average price \$1.306 +.100 **Barrel** Average price \$1.276 +.077 **Butter** Average price \$1.103 Whey protein concentrate Average price \$.54 Class III milk Average price \$10.78 Class IV milk Average price \$9.59

Market trends: Milk production is steady to slightly higher in the Midwest, California, the Pacific Northwest and the East although the increase in the Northeast still generated less milk than January last year.

Small grain

Soft white wheat

Rangen	N/A	N/
Ogden	\$4.48	_
Pocatello	\$4.65	_
Burley	\$4.15	_
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Livestock

Lambs and hogs

Edillog dild 11050		
Feeder lambs	Low \$89	High \$94
Fat lambs	Low \$94	High \$106
Breeding ewes	Low \$24	High \$30
Fat hogs	Low \$38	High \$45

Feed

N/A

N/A

N/A

Corn (Per 100 pounds) Dairy Feed Supply N/A Land O'Lakes N/A

Barley (Per 100 pounds)

Rangen	N/A	N/A			
Ogden	\$6.55	+2.07			
Pocatello	\$5.85	_			
Burley	\$5.50	_			
Twin Falls	\$6.40	_			
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N/A

Market trends: Local barley prices were mixed, ranging from 50 cents higher to 50 cents lower this week. USDA reported a total of 3.9 TMT in export sales for Canada last week. However, there were no reported barley export shipments for last week.

Hay (Mid/Ton)

Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low N/A	High N/A				
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$115	High \$120				
Alfalfa(Fair)	Low N/A	High N/A				
Market trande: Compared to last wook						

Market trends: Compared to last week, Premium and Good hay steady to weak in a light test. Demand slow as most dairies and exporters adjust to lower commodity prices. Demand light and supplies moderate as most interests out of hay or shipping previously contracted hay.

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

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

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

Colorado ranchers pray for death of 'death' tax

DENVER — Land-rich but cash poor, Western ranchers are lobbying Washington to exempt them from the estate tax, which can force heirs to sell their inheritance often to real estate developers — to pay the duty within a nine-month dead-

Washington might be listening, according to the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, which represents 12,000 beef producers in an industry that generates \$16 billion a year, making it the state's third largest. "The current administration is lending a favorable ear toward agriculture on this issue," insists executive director Terry Fankhauser.

In 2009, the federal government requires heirs of an estate worth more than \$3.5 million — if owned by an individual - and \$7 million, if owned by a couple, to pay a tax on up to 45 percent of the estate's appraised value over the exemption.

Fankhauser said an average ranch operation with 200 to 300 head of cattle would easily break through that \$3.5 million threshold.

The tax is set to disappear in 2010, but in 2011, any estate worth more than \$1 million for an individual will be taxed up to a maximum of 55 percent over the exemption. Ranchers hope President Barack Obama's administration will reinstate the tax exemption for ranches worth less than \$3.5 million.

North Dakota's 2008 crop estimated at nearly \$6.6B

BISMARCK, N.D. — The value of North Dakota crop production last year nearly equaled the record set in 2007, despite tumbling commodity prices toward the end of 2008.

The Agriculture Department estimated the total value of all crops in the state last year at \$6.59 billion, down just 1 percent from the record 2007 total of \$6.65 billion.

The small drop is not surprising given that some farmers were able to contract early last year for high prices before the commoditv markets went into a nosedive, said Dwight Aakre, a farm management specialist with the North Dakota State University Extension Service.

North Dakota farmers last year also produced 5 percent more bushels of two major crops — spring wheat and corn. Corn production in the state set a record.

Nebraska program offers young ranchers aid, loans

CALLAWAY, Neb. — The 100-Cow Program, which is confined to Nebraska, offers hopeful ranchers low-interest, government loans of up to \$300,000 if they complete a ranch management course.

Besides teaching students the best way to raise livestock, it teaches them how to run a ranch as a successful business. And participants must complete a business plan to present

FIND MORE AGRICULTURAL AND BUSINESS

U.S. Agriculture Department's Farm Service Agency, which lends the money.

Industry experts say it could be a template for the rest of the country.

High land prices, poor planning for the transfer of ranchland from one generation to another, the allure of city lights and other factors have slowly been draining Nebraska and other agricultural states of ranchers — and the cattle they raise. The iconic image of young men riding the range on horseback is mostly a myth now — graybeards in their 60s and 70s are the fastest-growing segment of the ranching popu-

Agriculture futures trade mostly gain on the CBOT

CHICAGO — Agriculture futures mostly rose Monday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for March delivery dropped 8.25 cents to \$5.105 a bushel, while March corn added 1.5 cents to \$3.5175 a bushel. May oats gained 8.5 cents to \$1.685 a bushel, while March soybeans traded up 10.25 cents to \$8.7275 a bushel.

Meanwhile, beef and pork futures were mixed on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

April live cattle added 0.50 cent to 83.92 cents a pound, but April feeder cattle lost 0.15 cent to 89.67 cents a pound. April lean hogs climbed 0.27 cent to 58.22 cents a pound, while May pork bellies slid 0.80 cent to 75.65 cents a pound.

COMMODITY REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Feb	Live cattle	81.40	80.50	81.10	+ .43
Apr Mar	Live cattle Feeder cattle	84.30	83.10 87.60	83.93 88.75	+ .50
Apr	Feeder cattle	89.00 90.40	88.95	89.68	+ .38 15
May	Feeder cattle	92.30	90.65	91.73	+ .08
Apr	Lean hogs	58.60	58.00	58.23	+ .28
May	Lean hogs	69.70	69.00	69.60	+ .10
Feb	Pork belly	77.40	77.40	77.40	+ 1.50
Mar	Pork belly	74.65	72.25	72.25	- 1.00
Mar	Wheat	522.50	509.50	510.50	- 8.75
May	Wheat	535.00	521.00	521.50	- 9.00
Mar	KC Wheat	560.00	548.00	548.25	- 8.00
May	KC Wheat	568.00	556.00	556.75	- 6.75
Mar	MPS Wheat	634.50	617.50	617.50	- 7.25
May	MPS Wheat	614.75	602.25	602.50	- 2.75
Mar	Corn	357.00	349.75	351.75	+ 1.50
May Mar	Corn Soybeans	366.50 878.25	358.50 861.50	360.75 872.75	+ 1.75
Mav	Sovbeans	881.00	865.00	876.00	+ 10.25
Feb	BFP Milk	XX.XX	XX.XX	9.28	T 12.75
Mar	BFP Milk	XX.XX	XX.XX	10.23	17
Apr	BFP Milk	10.35	10.35	10.35	13
May	BFP Milk	10.96	10.85	10.86	08
Jun	BFP Milk	XX.XX	XX.XX	11.49	09
Mar	Sugar	12.90	12.67	12.68	03
May	Sugar	13.24	12.98	12.99	07
Mar	B-Pound	1.4660	1.4361	1.4486	+ .0048
Jun	B-Pound	1.4641	1.4369	1.4475	+ .0042
Mar	J-Yen	1.0784	1.0532	1.0575	0156
Jun Mar	J-Yen	1.0804 1.2989	1.0566 1.2695	1.0596 1.2712	0158 0124
Jun	Euro-currency Euro-currency	1.2983	1.2700	1.2712	0124
Mar	Canada dollar	.8095	.7962	.7989	0126
Jun	Canada dollar	.8068	.7976	.7995	0017
Mar	U.S. dollar	87.50	85.81	87.48	78
Feb	Comex gold	996.5	980.0	995.5	- 6.3
Apr	Comex gold	999.6	976.2	996.4	- 5.8
Mar	Comex silver	14.60	14.07	14.48	02
May	Comex silver	14.64	14.10	14.51	03
Mar	Treasury bond	128.01	126.05	127.30	+ .10
Jun	Treasury bond	126.27	124.32	126.23	+ .09
Mar	Coffee Coffee	111.85 114.35	109.80	110.85 113.15	+ 1.95 + 1.95
May			111.45		
Mar	Cocoa Cocoa	1774 1746	1714 1690	1716 1692	- 70 - 70
May Mar	Cotton	44.24	42.52	42.66	37
May	Cotton	45.25	43.71	43.91	19
Apr	Crude oil	41.49	37.87	38.00	- 2.03
Mar	Unleaded gas	1.0988	1.0250	1.0395	0351
Mar	Heating oil	1.2318	1.1635	1.1725	0242
Mar	Natural gas	4.159	4.010	4.103	+ .097
	Quotat	ions from	Sinclair &	Co.	

733-6013 or (800) 635-0821 BEANS

Valley Beans Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers

desiring more recent price information should contact Pintos, no quote, new crop; great northerns, no quote; pinks, no quote, new crop; small reds, no quote, new crop. Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Feb. 18.

Prices current rep. 18.

Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Pintos, \$37.\$38; great northerns, not established; small whites, not established; small reds, Ltd. \$38.\$40; small reds, Ltd. \$38.\$40. Quotes current Feb. 18.

GRAINS

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

Soft white wheat ask harley ask oats ask corn ask (Lb percent moisture). Prices are given daily by Rangens in Buhl, Prices current Feb. 18.

Barley, \$7.00 (48-lb. minimum) spot delivery in Twin Falls and Gooding; corn, no quote (Twin Falls only). Prices quoted by Land O'Lakes Inc. in Twin Falls. Prices current Feb. 18.

Intermountain Grain
POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Idaho Farm Bureau
Intermountain Grain and Livestock Report on Monday.
POCATELLO — White wheat 4.42 (up 2); 11.5 percent
winter 4.47 (down 1); 14 percent spring 6.40 (down 3); barley 5.80 (steady); BURLEY — White wheat 4.35 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 4.60 (down 3); 14 percent spring 6.27 (down 3); barley 5.50 (steady);

OGDEN — White wheat 4.36 (down 9); 11.5 percent winter 4.89 (down 1); 14 percent spring 6.60 (up 2);

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May	MPS Wheat	614.75	602.25	602.50	- 2.75
Mar	Corn	357.00	349.75	351.75	+ 1.50
May	Corn	366.50	358.50	360.75	+ 1.75
Mar	Soybeans	878.25	861.50	872.75	+ 10.25
May	Soybeans	881.00	865.00	876.00	+ 12.75
Feb	BFP Milk	XX.XX	XX.XX	9.28	- 12.70
Mar	BFP Milk	XX.XX	XX.XX	10.23	17
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Mar	Coffee	111.85	109.80	110.85	+ 1.95
May	Coffee	114.35	111.45	113.15	+ 1.95
Mar	Cocoa	1774	1714	1716	- 70
May	Cocoa	1746	1690	1692	- 70
Mar	Cotton	44.24	42.52	42.66	37
May	Cotton	45.25	43.71	43.91	19
Apr	Crude oil	41.49	37.87	38.00	- 2.03
Mar	Unleaded gas	1.0988	1.0250	1.0395	0351

Intermountain Livestock
LIVESTOCK AUCTION — Burley Livestock Market on
Thursday Utility and commercial cows 38.00-45.00;
canner and cutters 32.00-37.00; heavy feeder steers
80.00-93.00; light feeder steers 90.00-122.00;
stocker steers 108.00-125.00; heavy holstein feeder
steers 48.00-62.60; light holstein feeder steers
45.00-55.00; heavy feeder heifers 75.00-85.25; light
feeder heifers 83.50-100.00; stocker heifers 92.50115.00; slaughter bulls 49.00-62.50; Remarks: Light
calves and feeders steady.

LIVESTOCK

METALS/MONEY

Key exchange rates NEW YORK (AP) — Key currency exchange rates Monday, compared with late Friday in New York: Dollar vs: Exch. Rate Pvs Day Yen 94.60 93.10 Euro \$1.2713 \$1.2841 Pound \$1.4486 \$1.4442 Swiss franc 1.1671 1.158

Swiss franc 1.1671 Canadian dollar 1.2516 Mexican peso 14.9415

Gold
By The Associated Press
Selected world gold prices, Monday.
London morning fixing: \$987.00 off \$2.00.
London afternoon fixing: \$985.75 off \$3.25.
NY Handy & Harman: \$985.75 off \$3.25.
NY Engelhard: \$988.08 off \$3.25.
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NEW YORK (AP) — Handy & Harman silver Monday \$14.515 off \$0.045. H&H fabricated \$17.418 off \$0.054. H&H fabricated \$17,418 off \$0.054. The morning bullion price for silver in London \$14.360 up \$0.080. Engelhard \$14.390 off \$0.100. Engelhard fabricated \$17.268 off \$0.120. NY Merc silver spot month Monday \$14.448 off

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Nonferrous metals} \\ \textbf{NEW YORK (AP)} \longrightarrow \textbf{Spot nonferrous metal prices} \end{array}$

Aluminum -\$0.5900 per lb., N.Y. Merc spot Mon. Copper \$1.4345 N.Y. Merc spot Mon. Lead - \$1029.00 metric ton, London Metal Exch

FUEL REPORT

Fuel prices in south-central Idaho remained mostly unchanged compared to the previous week.

The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in the region was \$1.82, while the average price for diesel was about \$2.18 per gallon.

The national average for regular-grade gasoline was \$1.91, while the Idaho average was \$1.82, according to the AAA Fuel Gauge

Oil for April delivery fell 4 percent, or \$1.59, to settle at \$38.44 a barrel. Gasoline futures fell 3.5 cents to \$1.0395 and heating oil fell 2.5 cents to \$1.1714 a gallon.

Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Maverik Country Store, 120 Sixth Ave. W.: \$1.77
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$1.75
- Burley: Maverik Country Store, 701 Overland Ave..: \$1.73

Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Phillips 66, 1612 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.: \$2.17
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$2.13
- Burley: Maverik Country Store, 701 Overland Ave.: \$2.15

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

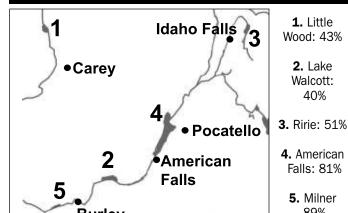
RESERVOIR LEVELS

1. Little

2. Lake

Walcott:

40%



89% Burley **NEWS AT MAGICVALLEY.COM** See the full reservoir report at: www.waterdistrict1.com Agribusiness 4 Tuesday, February 24, 2009 Times-News, Twin Falls, Idaho

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a few rain showers in the area. Highs near 50.

Tonight: A chance of rain, mixing with or changing to snow. Lows 30 to 35.

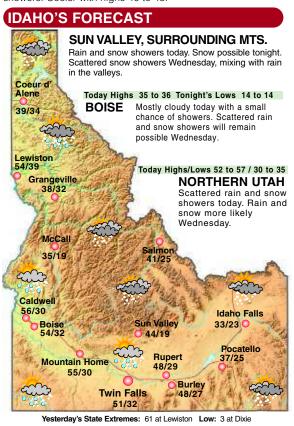
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers. Cooler with highs 42 to 47.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a few rain showers in the area. Highs 45 to 50.

Tonight: A chance of rain, mixing with and changing to snow. Lows 25 to 30

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers. Cooler with highs 40 to 45.



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

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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

Try not to become a person of success

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Tonight Today



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46 / 31

Wednesday

Scattered snow



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A chance of rain and snow showers 45 / 30

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Mostly cloudy and a

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Saturday Idaho Falls

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Yesterday's Weather

High 51 ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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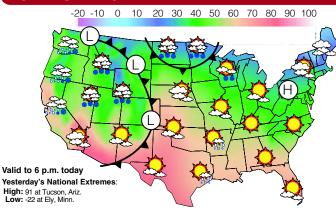
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Meth makers leave behind a toxic trail at U.S. motels

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Methamphetamine "cooks" are secretly converting hundreds of motel and hotel rooms into covert drug labs — leaving behind a toxic mess for unsuspecting customers and housekeeping

They are places where

drug-makers can go unnoticed, mixing the chemicals needed for the highly addictive stimulant in a matter of hours before slipping out the next morning. The dangerous contaminants can lurk on countertops, carpets and bathtubs, and chemical odors that might be a warning clue to those who follow can be masked by tobacco smoke and other scents.

Motels can be an attractive alternative for drug makers seeking to avoid a police raid on their own homes.

"They can seize the trailer or seize your house but they can't seize a motel room,' said Dr. Sullivan Smith, director of emergency services at Cookeville Regional Medical Center in north-central

Tennessee. U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration records obtained by The Associated Press show that states reported finding evidence of drugmaking in 1,789 motel and hotel rooms in the past five years — and that's just those the authorities found.

Some cleanup professionals hired to make the travelers' havens livable again say



AP photo

East Ridge investigator Josh Creel adjusts a quarantine notice on a motel room door at the Cascade Motel on on Thursday in Chattanooga, Tenn. Meth manufacturers used the room as a lab recently, causing concern for future occupants

most of their work is done on wearing hazmat suits don't properties where a meth lab was discovered long after the

The number of clandestine labs that are never found is difficult to pin down. There was a slight uptick in hotel and motel lab busts reported to the Drug Enforcement Administration in 2008 from the previous year, with 149 in 2006, 87 in 2007 and 127 in 2008. The tally was 461 in 2005 and 965 in 2004, before there were restrictions on purchasing over-the-counter decongestants often used as ingredients. The DEA count is based

on states that reported labs. The toxins can linger for days if meth lab hygienists from cigarette smoking."

clean living areas. The cleanups cost anywhere from \$2,000 to \$20,000. Even short-term exposure to vapors and residue where the drug is smoked or cooked can cause eye and skin irritation, vomiting, rashes, asthma problems and other respiratory issues.

"It probably happens all the time," said John Martyny, a National Jewish Medical and Research Center associate professor who is also an industrial hygienist and meth researcher. "The difficulty is, how do you make that attribution? You might think it is

Battle over UBS secret accounts to take months

MIAMI (AP) — A federal judge decided Monday it will take months to determine if and when the Internal Revenue Service will learn the identities of 52,000 wealthy Americans who have secret accounts at Swiss bank

U.S. District Judge Alan S.

Gold set a July 13 hearing on the IRS lawsuit, unless an agreement is reached first. UBS claims that turning over the account names would violate Swiss privacy law and jeopardize the bank's license to stay in business.

"Such violations would

expose these (UBS) employees to substantial prison terms, as well as fines, penalties and other sanctions," the UBS lawyers said in a court

filing last week. "There is simply no reason to have, nor equity in having, such an expedited process

New England suffers from storms

Central Maine Power and

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) - A winter storm blew through northern New England on Monday, dumping 2 feet of snow in spots, forcing hundreds of schools to cancel classes and leaving tens of thousands of homes and businesses without power.

customers in wet, heavy snow snapped utility poles.

The Maine Emergency Management Agency said about 15 warming shelters had been set up around the Bangor Hydro Electric urged residents who lacked power to prepare for the possibility that it might not be restored until Wednesday.

Lows for early Tuesday were forecast in the single digits in northern Maine and about 20 degrees in the south, the National Weather Service said.

Gov. John Baldacci declared a state of emergency extending the hours that power crews can work to restore electricity.

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Baldacci, who was in

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Spring's forecast is bright and sunny

By Kim Cook **For The Associated Press**

It's a pretty outlook for spring 2009 on the home decor front. The color palette includes fresh blues, saucy pinks and upbeat yellows, as well as a veritable laundry line of clean whites.

Patterns are playful or romantic. It's the season of renewal, and a great time to fluff up the feathers in the

Louise Smith, color and design manager for Dulux, points out, "This is the year to go wild and express yourself. Since fewer people will be moving, the onus is on personalization and reinvention."

So if vou've never been brave enough to dip your toes in the color pool, now's the time to get wet. Never been a flower child? You may reconsider when you see the new floral motifs. The mood-enhancing benefits of a re-styled living space cannot be underestimated.

Yellow is such a happy hue, and so rightthis-minute. Look for it in dishes, furniture, soft furnishings, even trash bins: Vipp's Yellow Cab stepcan may be made in Copenhagen, but the vibe is totally New

Spring in the city is evoked in Blissliving Home's contemporary bedding ensemble, "Off the Park," which pairs a black and white print with bright yellow. Designer Mei Xu notes the color's "cheerful, optimistic tone. It has the power to bring a smile to your face."

Conran USA continues to support international craftwork with the ceramics of south African designers Philippa and Werner du Toit. Their pitchers and cake

stands are embossed with tribal fabric textures, then washed in soft yellow. They're quirky, rustic and charming.

We'll see white as another dominant color, either crisp and pure or vanillatinged. Gather a group of snowy vases, fill them with white blooms, and place on a textured runner. Pull off all the dark drapes and hang white cotton or silk; the light will pour in, awakening

Garnet Hill has the Angie lamp, a curvy little number in soft tones accented with barrel shades in on-trend motifs like black and white ironwork, white-on-white bubbles, or orange and green zinnias.

Florals are blooming on casual dinnerware, wall art and soft furnishings. Some are feminine, painterly prints

while others are bold, contemporary graphics. Xu says her Kew Gardens bedding ensemble, which has a green and white trellis pattern as its centerpiece, was inspired by her visit to one of the royal British gardens.

"I wanted to translate that happy memory into an uplifting design that would bring home the essence of spring,

Over at Homegoods, there are sweet little footed bowls in robin's egg blue, as well as a creamy lacquered chest hand painted with chrysanthe-

Indeed, as befits the season, garden themes dominate. Wrought iron and trellis motifs are a new twist, and a

departure from the ubiquitous damasks of the past couple of seasons. Lattice patterns are versatile; they can evoke either English Garden traditional or Palm Beach

For something really different, look to ModernDose's new pouf festooned with dozens of laser-cut wool blooms. While it may look like Grandma's Sunday-best hat, you have permission to sit on it.

Spring's the perfect time to change out a few accessories and introduce some new hues; without spending a great deal, a room can look refreshed and invigorated in no time. Target has inexpensive yet appealing floral throw pillows and wall art, as well as a pretty filigreed votive holder in grass green, white or deep pink. Perfect for the patio, when the nights begin to warm.

AP Photo/Carl **Garnet Hill's \$168** Angle **Table Lamps in** lime, turquoise or white.

The Philippa and Werner du Toit's glazed stoneware cake stand, \$99, by Conran USA.

> Blissliving Home's Off the Park Bedding Collection, \$50-\$295.

AP Photo/Conran USA The Vipp's 2009 **Limited Edition Yellow Cab Pedal** Bin, \$349, by Conran USA.

AP Photo/Blissliving Home The Garden Party **Bedding Collection,** \$65-\$295, by **Blissliving Home.**



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Floral Bowl by

HomeGoods.



AP Photo/Target Target's \$19.99 **Turquoise Floral** Pillow.



Economic downturn brings out do-it-yourselfers

By Kevin Cowherd The Baltimore Sun

On a freezing Saturday morning, a handful of people braved the weather to watch Stephanie Kirchner give a clinic on tiling at the Home Depot in Cockeysville, Md.

At a small demonstration area in the middle of the store, surrounded by buckets and wet saws and mixing compounds, Kirchner ticked off the pros and cons of three types of tile: ceramic, porcelain and natural stone.

While natural stone, the priciest of the three, is the Taj Mahal of the tile world, even that has a few negatives, she

"It's very beautiful but more difficult to install," Kirchner said. "It needs lots of treat-

The Baltimore Sun photo by Chiaki Kawajiri Janelle Johnson tries tile laying at a Home Depot clinic in Cockeysville,

Md., as Larry Bracey watches.

ments. Also it's difficult to Upperco, who had just bought a condo in Bethany Looking on with rapt atten- Beach, Del., and was interest-

tion was Mary Sturm of ed in fixing up its two bath-

Before you start do-it-yourselfing

Katie and Gene Hamilton, who write a do-it-yourself syndicated column and have written a number of books on DIY projects, offer these insights:

Do-It-Yourselfers' Mistakes:

- Scheduling a big project before a holiday or family event.
- Tackling too large a project. • Neglecting to prepare family members for the inconvenience
- (no electricity means no hair dryer).
- Not budgeting enough money to eat out.
- · Losing their sense of humor. Don't Do This at Home:
- · Install drywall — Install roofing on a two-story house
- Take on plumbing projects that require a building permit

With more consumers feel-"In order to afford the ing the effects of the economcondo and do the (repair) ic downturn, the popularity of clinics and classes in home work, too, I have to do some of the work myself," said repair and home maintenance seems to be on the rise.

"What (we're) getting is a lot more of the do-it-yourselfers," said Corrie Grammer, specialty manager at the Home Depot.

He recalled a conversation a few days earlier with a couple who planned to install laminate in a powder room in their home.

"They said: 'If times were better, we'd have somebody else do it," Grammer said.

Instead, he continued, "they bought all the products they needed from start to finish" and headed off to plunge into their project.

Home Depot, the country's largest home-improvement retailer, offers free clinics on a variety of subjects: energy efficiency in the home, tiling

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How to efficiently banish those lingering odors

DEAR JIM: I have an energy efficient house which is fairly airtight. I installed new windows and doors. Now the indoor air does not seem as fresh as it used to, and odors linger. How can I get more fresh air indoors efficiently? – Teresa S.

DEAR TERESA: Although installing new windows and doors is good for energy efficiency and reducing your utility bills year-round, it can lead to some indoor air quality issues from a lack of fresh air infiltration. There are efficient ways to solve these problems, and you are certainly better off with the new windows and doors.

The same problem sometimes happens when a new furnace, which uses sealed combustion, is installed. The old furnace drew its combustion air from inside the house. This caused outdoor air to be drawn in through cracks and gaps in the exterior. This did waste energy, but made the indoor air fresher. Excessive wintertime window



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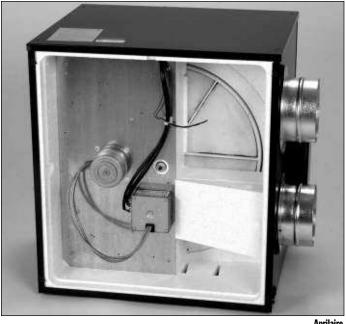
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condensation is often the first thing noticed when a house is made more airtight.

The most energy efficient method to solve your indoor air quality problems is to install a fresh air heat recovery ventilator system.

These systems also provide the best comfort because they can be set to automatically sense when and how much fresh air is needed for good indoor air quality.

The basic design is simple. Incoming fresh air and outgoing stale air pass each other in a heat exchanger. The two air flow paths are kept separate, but they transfer heat and/or moisture between them as they pass each other.



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The design of ERV unit uses a rotating heat exchanger to transfer both heat and moisture between two air flows.

During the winter, the outgoing stale indoor air is warm and the incoming fresh air is cold. When they pass each other, the cold outdoor air is warmed by the

outgoing indoor air. This saves the majority of the heat from the stale air. During the summer, the outgoing cool stale air precools the incoming warm fresh air to recover

the energy used for air-conditioning.

If you live in an area where high or low humidity is an issue, select a heat recovery ventilation system which also transfers the moisture in the air. These systems are referred to as ERVs. These are particularly effective during summer when you do not want to add humid air to your home.

Most systems are designed with their own ducting system. They often draw indoor air from the kitchen and bathrooms. This is where most moisture and odors are created. The fresh outdoor air vents can be located in other commonly used

A less expensive, but also less efficient, system uses a damper to allow outdoor air into the furnace duct system. There are automatic controls available to improve efficiency somewhat. Another option is to just open two windows for a couple of minutes twice a day. Heat content of the lost air is not tremendous.

DEAR JIM: I installed a new range hood two years

ago and it works fine. Sometimes when there is a strong wind outdoors, I can feel a draft coming from it. Did I install it wrong, and how can I stop the draft? — Liz H.

DEAR LIZ: The range hood should have a flapper in the duct stub which attaches to the duct. The flapper may be jammed in the open position. You may have to remove the range hood from the cabinet to check it.

The flappers do not seal perfectly. If it is working properly, check the vent outlet on the roof. There may be some unique situation, perhaps a location near a chimney, which directs the wind into the vent. Try a different vent cap.

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For the record: Keep documents about anything and everything

By Andrea F. Siegel The Baltimore Sun

Before Steve Sheldon and Brenda Neuman-Sheldon moved into their new home, they knew where to buy the bags that fit the central vacuum and when the warranty for reglazing the bathtub would expire.

They knew when and where every appliance was purchased, thanks to notes on each manual. They knew how to reach the handyman and the electrician who'd previously worked on the Pikesville, Md., house. They knew that Monday was trash pickup day and how old the

window treatments were. That's because the sellers prepared a fat green binder with that information for the couple when they bought the

house a year and a half ago. "It was one of the best gifts anybody ever gave me," said

Neuman-Sheldon. "When we walked into this house, we knew where everything came from and where everything was," she said. "When you move to an area, you don't know whom to

The binder holds plastic sleeves with an alphabetical list of resources, product information and warranties. With it came a small box of labeled keys.

In contrast, Neuman-Sheldon said, when she and her husband sold their previous house, "we basically handed over our

List of records to include in house bible

Looking to organize your home information in a house file or house bible? The advantage is having a one-stop reference source when you need it now, and then later, having information to pass along to a new homeowner. Here are some items to include:

- Names and phone numbers of repair workers, landscapers, painters and insurance
- · Color names and makers of your paints (or paint chips) and wallpapers.
- Appliance and product model numbers, sales and servicing information with warranties.
- Measurements of rooms, counters and windows, plus a
- · Details about remodeling projects.
- A drawing showing the location and names of bulbs and perennials.
- Convenience telephone numbers, such as for the lawn service and pizza deliv-

junk drawer."

What the couple got at their new house is known informally as a house bible or house file — an organized source of house information. It helps homeowners with record-keeping and with getting ready to sell, and later assists new owners.

Previous owners Jeff and Debbie Waranch maintained a detailed house file. From that, Debbie Waranch said, she pulled the binder together for Sheldon and Neuman-Sheldon. Her file included names of reliable contractors, repair dates, service contracts and warranties.

"My friends, if they needed somebody, they knew where to call," she said.

Once the sale was set, Debbie Waranch plucked out what she thought would help the buyers and bought a binder in the color associated with cash and ecology.

After they settled in, Sheldon and Neuman-Sheldon hired the handyman and electrician, both of whom remembered the house, and updated the binder when they bought new appliances.

"Whoever gets this house from us will get this (book)," Neuman-Sheldon said.

House books that organcouple's real estate agent, Suzie Tiplitz, of Coldwell Banker in Roland Park, Md.

Agents often encourage sellers to give buyers relevant house information the time of the sale. It may be a pile of papers or a folder with strictly the basics of the house and appliance information. Or it can include everything from decorating details to neighborhood resources and

Karen Cobb said in an e-mail.

meltdown of the past few

months, Cobb said Lowe's

hasn't seen a dramatic shift in

the types of projects people

Back at the Home Depot,

Sturm wandered away from

the clinic to walk up and

are undertaking.

But despite the economic

Being able to provide a potential buyer with useful information culled from a house file may give a seller an edge, several agents said. Potential buyers' questions can be answered with documentation.

Many basics - new windows or a kitchen-remodeling date — are in a sales listing or provided at an open house or a showing. The records, plus a home inspection, come later, allowing the buyer a closer look.

The buyer really wants to get one with the house first," said Creig Northrop, who leads a Long & Foster team based in Clarksville, Md. "First, you've got to get the buyer interested.'

A plat, which shows the placement of what's on the lot and the orientation of the house; a group of photos showing trees and shrubs in bloom; key features; and, if meaningful, something on the house's history, also may be among basics, he said. ized are uncommon, said the The interested buyer, however, may want more informa-

> "Some people will do remodeling pictures, before after." and Northrop said, which offers a behindthe-scenes peek for the curious. They also give homeowners a sense of being part of the history of the house, he said. They show such things as materials and workmanship that went into the job.

down Aisle 7 looking at vari-

She sounded optimistic

"I think I can do this," she

about being able to handle

the tiling of her condo bath-

said. "You have to start some-

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Keeping rodents out of your tomatoes

By Scott Aker **Special to The Washington**

Q. I read about using repellents on tomatoes, namely hot pepper wax and blood meal, to keep rodents from eating them as they turn red. Will these products affect the taste of the tomatoes? Also, my tomato plants were afflicted with fungal disease last year, and I wonder if it will carry over in the soil for this year's

A. In spite of its name, hot pepper wax doesn't have an odor or flavor. Blood meal does have an odor, but it won't permeate the fruit, and if some is lying on the fruit at harvest time, it can be easily washed off.

Tomato diseases are notorious for lingering year to year in the soil. In commercial production, growers allow fields to lie fallow or plant unrelated crops for four or five years before planting tomatoes in the same ground. In areas where land is at a premium, soil is sometimes fumigated or solarized so tomatoes may be grown year after year.

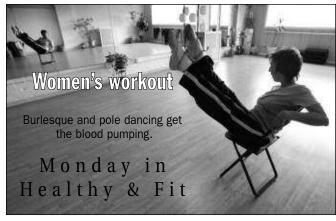
If possible, move tomatoes every year. You can even incorporate them in a perennial garden or flower beds for a few years. Large containers are another option. Don't grow other crops in the nightshade family in your tomato beds. Peppers, eggplant, ground cherries, tomatillos and potatoes are subject to many of the same diseases as tomatoes and will allow them to persist.

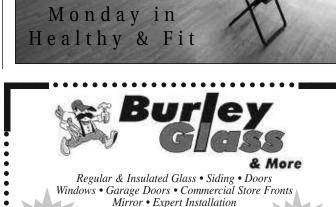
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floors and walls, closet organization and hanging drywall one month; painting, tiling, small-bath updates and installing interior lighting in another.

while corporate And spokeswoman Jennifer King said, "We don't track attendance of regular clinics," she added, "I definitely think we see an increase in people doing projects themselves or inquiring about projects they can do."

King said Home Depot's "do-it-herself workshops," started in 2003 for women do-it-yourselfers, have also

See

"We wanted to give women an environment where they could feel comfortable asking questions ... and learning with other women," she said. "It's

Lowe's, Home Depot's chief big-box rival, does not offer in-store clinics, but does offer an extensive online library of home-improvement topics for customers to tap into.

"Our customers have said they prefer having information online so they can have it easily available as they plan their own DIY projects or do research for projects they plan

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How to turn a corner or a closet into a home office

By Terri Sapienza **The Washington Post**

More than 20 million people work from home at least once a week, according to the latest figures from Bureau of Labor Statistics. Wireless technology has made this easy at a time when a struggling economy has forced many people to spend more time at home.

If you work at home full time or just require a place to sort mail, pay bills and check your e-mail, having a dedicated space to get the job done is essential.

"Even if people are downsizing, they want a room for an office. People who didn't have a computer 10 years ago have them now," says Nancy Itteilag, a real estate agent with Long & Foster in Washington.

Tim Burch, the president of Burch Builders Group in Warrenton, Va., says almost every home his company builds now includes an office. In older homes, remodeling jobs have included conversions of loft spaces, rooms over the garage, basements, spare bedrooms and even dining rooms into places where homeowners can park their computers.

"More and more people need a home base," says Arlington, Va., designer Melissa Broffman, "and that little communication center in the kitchen is not going to cut it."

For a time, the typical home office was a builtdesk area in the kitchen. Once on everyone's renovation wish list, the kitchen desk is falling out of favor, experts say. The spaces end up being too small and easily cluttered. "You're always going to find a need for a calendar or computer in the kitchen, but you get so much traffic in there, and it doesn't always make the kitchen look its best," Broffman says. "People want to get away and get a quieter environment in which to work.'

But what if you're short on



No spare room for an office? Consider converting a closet into one like this suggestion from the Container Store.

unused pocket of space that can be fitted with shelves, cabinets, (electrical) power and a chair," says Amy Gardner, a D.C. architect. She converted a bedroom closet in her Washington apartment into her work space. She removed the clothing rod and installed shelves and a countertop that flips down as needed.

"I just pull up a chair, and I have a home office," she

She also removed the closet door and replaced it with a bookshelf on wheels that's connected to a ceiling track. When she wants to close up spare rooms? Look for "an her office, she simply slides organization store and mak-

the bookshelf in front of it. (For the non-architects among us, keeping the door works, too. So does installing a curtain rod to hang a pretty panel in place of a door.)

Broffman likes to paint a closet's interior walls and any installed shelving the same color, or hang wallpaper in the back of the closet for a more custom look. If you're considering converting your closet, she says, be sure you have a place for files, a phone line if needed, a lamp, electrical outlets and an adequate power supply. For those on a budget, she suggests brainstorming at an



From Chris Plantan

Think outside the storage box for supplies. Chris Plantan of Russell+Hazel uses a leather jewelry box to organize pens, stamps, stationery and more.

ing it a smaller-scale DIY supplies.

project. Chris Plantan, founder and owner of Russell+Hazel company paper Minneapolis, says she and her husband struggled with where to create a home office. They finally decided to use their dining room, but adjustments had to be made. For example, an old farm table, which they used for dining, had an uneven top that made it unsuitable for writing. Rather than replace the table, they simply put a piece of glass on top, transforming the table into a functional desk. "There are so many ways you can create a home office without having an 'office,'" Plantan says. "Just open up your mind a little."

Plantan also likes to think beyond boxes for storage. She uses jars and trays to hold supplies. For her home, she bought a large leather jewelry box from Pottery Barn and filled it with office

the Russell+Hazel office, an old glass pastry case from a bakery holds printer paper and other supplies.

Whether you have an entire room, a converted closet or a tiny nook carved out of a corner, the basic essentials for any well-run office are the same, says Peggy Hackett, a professional organizer and founder of Come to Order Consulting in the District of Columbia. You need a desk, a comfortable chair, storage, paper and pen, and proper lighting. 'You don't have to spend a lot," says Hackett.

For storage, she prefers simple colored boxes because they "allow you to hide your work," she says, "to put it away so it's not out there for people to see." Her favorite storage item is a plastic file crate with wheels. "It holds letter and legal hanging files, it's portable and it's inexpensive.'

A common mistake people

Three cures for clutter

So, you've set up an organized office space. Here's how to keep it that way:

Get a handle on mail.

"When you get it, go through it immediately," says Peggy Hackett, a professional organizer in the District of Columbia. Pull out the junk mail and put it in the recycling bin. Take bills out of their mailing envelopes, put them together with their return envelopes, and then place them on a spot on a desk just for bills. "Doing this every day is best, but if that's not possible, choose a designated day to go through your mail, and stick to it."

 Keep up with filing. "We tend to let filing pile up, and at some point it's going to get overwhelming," Hackett says. "If you work from home, pick a designated day to do administrative stuff. If you can't do a whole admin day, then take a couple of hours, but take the time to do it." Don't go more than a week without filing or going through mail.

• Buy a shredder. This is important, Hackett says. Shred new credit card offers and anything with personal information on it.

make when setting up a home office area, says Hackett, is to overlook vertical space, where tall bookcases or hanging shelves can provide extra storage. "People tend to go horizontal instead of vertical, which uses a lot of space and can get junky," she says. "Using vertical space makes a space look cleaner, neater and less cluttered."

And as is the case with everything in the home, keeping things uncluttered is

"An office space doesn't have to be large or grand," says Plantan, "just wellthought-out and organized.

"And make sure your technology works."

Common energy problems and solutions

By Jura Koncius

The Washington Post

An energy audit is a positive step toward making your home run more efficiently. If you follow the auditor's advice, you can waste less energy and save money on utility bills.

asked Matthew We Cooper, president of PEG, an energy audit firm, to list five of the most common problems encountered by his water heaters. Solution: auditors and how to fix Maintain according to manthem.

1. Air leaks occurring around the house through electrical outlets; plumbing, heating and cooling pipes; and wall cavities. Solution: sealing or caulking.

2. Leaky windows or doors. Solution: sealing or weather-

stripping.

ufacturer's instructions and have them routinely serviced by a professional. 4. Lack of adequate attic

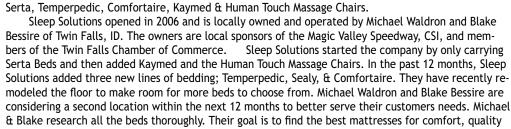
insulation. Solution: Install batt or precut insulation or have insulation blown in by a professional.

5. Air leakage from the attic access door. Solution: **3. Improper** maintenance *Have the door properly fitted* of furnaces, boilers and and insulated.

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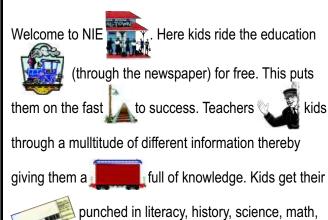
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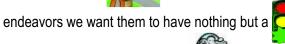
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NOTICE OF MEETING TO NOMINATE A GROWER MEMBER OF THE IDAHO POTATO COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 2:00 PM at the Shilo Inn. 780 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls, Idaho, nominations for one grower member of the Idaho Potato Commission may be made by qualified commercial potato growers residing in District No. 1, which includes Oneida, Franklin, Bear Lake, Caribou, Bannock, Power, Bingham, Bonneville, Teton, Madison, Jefferson, Fremont, Clark, Butte, Custer, and Lemhi counties. Said growers may nominate three qualified growers for the vacancy from whom one will be appointed to the Commission by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO NOMINATE A PROCESSOR MEMBER OF THE IDAHO POTATO COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 2:00 PM at the Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls, Idaho, nominations for one processor member of the Idaho Potato Commission may be made by qualified potato processors residing in the State of Idaho. Said processors may nominate three qualified processors for the vacancy from whom one will be appointed to the Commission by Governor C.L. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the under-"Butch" Otter.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO NOMINATE A PACKER/SHIPPER MEMBER OF THE IDAHO POTATO COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday. March 4, 2009 at 2:00 PM at the Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls, Idaho, nominations for one packer/shipper member of the Idaho Potato Commission may be made by qualified packer/shippers residing in the State of Idaho. Said packer/shippers may nominate three qualified packer/shippers for the vacancy from whom one will be appointed to the Commission by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Dated: February 6, 2009 /s/Frank W. Muir President/CEO Idaho Potato Commission

PUBLISH: February 10 and 24, 2009

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, LLCan Idaho

limited liability company, 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 SUBDITIONAL PHEASANT MEADOWS SUBDITIONAL IDAHO, PHASE 1, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, PAGE 5. reage or a more p ular 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 JOLES, JR. AND MELISSA JOLES, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELEC-TRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR OWNIT MORTGAGE SOLU-TIONS, 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 11/17/2006. 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, LLCan Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 as Agent 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 holders rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COL-LECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OB-TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-POSE. 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

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AD FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Division of Public Works, State of Idaho, at 502 N 4th St, Boise, Idaho until 2:00 PM, local time on March 12, 2009, for DPW Project 08095, Lighting, Physical Education Building, College of Southem idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho. Further information, including information regarding Pre-Bid Conference, availability of documents for review and bid bond requirements, is at http://adm.idaho.gov/pubworks/dpwconstprojects.htm or contact Innovative Engineering PH: (208) 234-4567

Estimated Cost: \$60,000

Robert Unrau, Senior Project Manager, Division of Public Works

PUBLISH: February 24 and March 3, 2009

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 2009-0157 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of. JANE C. SIREN.

Deceased.

signed has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the firm of Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, 156 2nd Avenue West, P. O. Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0525, and filed with the Court. DATED this 18th day of February, 2009

CHARLES JENSEN

PUBLISH: Feb 24, March 3 and 10, 2009

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, TITLE-FACT, 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 8957'00' East 282.00 feet; THENCE North 0"07'37" West 140.00 feet

HENCE 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 PARCEL NO. 3: Section 7: A parcel of land in Lot 2, being more specifically described as follows: COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of said \$1/2SE1/4;

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; HENCE 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 2421'15" 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 895700' West to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

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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,

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 toreclosure 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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Case No. CV-2008-0000393

TRUST,

Plaintiff,

CHRIS E. ROBERTS,

Defendant

PARCEL NO. 1:

SENSEN of Section 2:

South 11"44'08" East 18.91 feet;

South 02"36'53" East 36.87 feet:

of Highway U.S. 30;

South 02"07"33" West 141.60 feet.

North 00°45'18" West 161.61 feet;

South 04"24'37" West 22.00 feet;

South 03"49'32" East 57.65 feet;

South 11"55'36" East 66.92 feet;

PARCEL NO. 2:

Idaho

52'36" East 541.08 feet;

Gooding County, Idaho.

Shaun Gough, Sheriff

Gooding County, Idaho /s/Sheriff

PARCEL NO. 4:

South 89°52'36" East 541.08 feet;

South 0'06'17" East 605.00 feet;

DATED this 11th day of February, 2009.

PUBLISH: February 17, 24 and March 3, 2009

available in your area.

Idaho

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

interest thereon and my fees and costs.

Idaho, and is described as follows, to-wit:

and being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;



JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING

JEAN E. RANKIN, individually, and as Trustee of the JEAN E. RANKIN

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 18" 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,

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

The property directed to be sold is situate in Gooding County, State of

Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the Boise Meridian, Gooding County,

Section 2: A parcel of land located in the El/sSE¼ more particularly

described as follows: COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of said

THENCE North 00°06'13" West along the East boundary of the SE% of

THENCE North 89°53'32" West along the North boundary of the SENSEN

THENCE along the center of the irrigation ditch on the following courses:

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 SE's SE's 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 SENSEN

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

THENCE Northwesterly along the arc of the curve left for a distance of

THENCE leaving the fence line and parallel with the North boundary of the

THENCE along the center of the irrigation ditch on the following courses:

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 unmar-ried man, dated December 19, 2007, recorded December 26, 2007, as

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,

ldaho; 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

Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the Boise Meridian, Gooding County,

THENCE Northerly along the Westerly boundary of said S1/2SE1/4 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'

THENCE Easterly along the Northerly boundary of said S%SE% South 89°

THENCE Southerly parallel with the Westerly boundary of said S%SE%

THENCE Southerly parallel with the Westerly boundary of said SI/sSEI/s

THENCE Westerly parallel with the Northerly boundary of said SV:SEI4

The East 160 feet of Reserved Block 66, HAGERMAN TOWNSITE,

Together with any tenements, hereditaments, improvements, structures,

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 Court-

house 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

North 89"52"36" West 541.08 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Section 1: Part of the SI/sSEI/ more particularly described as follows:

SENSEN of Section 2 on a bearing of South 89"53"32" East for a distance

THENCE along an existing tence line on the following courses: North 00"33"52" West 87.58 feet;

of 308.39 feet to a point in the center of an irrigation ditch;

Instrument No. 224660, Gooding County records

the Westerly boundary of the before described parcel.

West 605.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said S1/2SE1/4

buildings, or appurtenances appertaining thereto.

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;

of Section 2 for a distance of 946.88 feet to the center of an irrigation ditch

Section 2 for a distance of 1,318.47 feet to the Northeast corner of the







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 DEAL-ING WITH SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPER-TY, as Grantor/Trustor, in which CitiFinancial, Inc. is named as Beneficiary and FIRST AMERI-CAN 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 8/15/2008 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 \$93,142,81 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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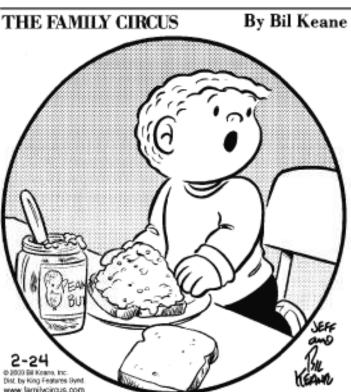
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Dear

Abby

Jeanne

Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to 'Solo in Florida" (Dec. 26) saddened me. The writer, a confirmed bachelor, wrote about not wanting to be a role model for a 14year-boy, "Kyle," who became attached to him at church.

While I agree that the boy's parents have placed an unfair burden on this man, I'm sorry you didn't remind him how few people have the chance to positively impact the lives of others, particularly the lives of young children. Although "Solo" does not intend to have children of his own, he does have a chance to pass on something of equal value - his wisdom and life experience.

Please remind "Solo" a bachelor is still a member of a community, and it takes a village to raise a

> — HUMANIST IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEAR HUMANIST: Your point is well stated, and many readers agreed with you. However, "Solo in Florida" said he loves his freedom, has no desire to be a mentor, and may not possess the temperament to be one. While it is clear that "Kyle" is lacking something in his life, it is not Solo's responsibility to provide it. And Kyle's parents should not be pressing him into service. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My son fits "Kyle's" description. He is intelligent, articulate, has few friends and looks to adults in our community for conversation and friendship. I'm sure he has annoyed more than one person at church, school

IF FEBRUARY 24 IS YOUR

BIRTHDAY: The year to come is

likely to teach you that practice

makes perfect, so concentrate on

doing things right as often as

possible and put your best foot

forward on every occasion. The

month of May could present you

with challenges if you do not

remember to repay favors and

honor your commitments. Take

advantage of extremely helpful

stars in October when good for-

tune may arrive in the form of a

helpful person or an advanta-

geous opportunity. If you have

always done your best, you may

be rewarded with higher level of

responsibility that enhances

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Look for the silver lining. No

matter how dark things seem to

be, or actually are, focus on seek-

ing out the possibilities. Even the

worst problems or circum-

stances can be turned to your

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put

your values in perspective with

your philosophy. Money is merely

a tool to use. The person who

seems to think that money will do

everything may be suspected of

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put

your money where your mouth

is. Act quickly on recent informa-

doing everything for money.

your reputation.



or in other activities.

My son has Asperger's syndrome, a high-functioning form of autism. As a rule, individuals with Asperger's are very literal and lack the ability to read vocal inflections, body language and gestures. They frequently misinterpret conversations and situations.

If a diagnosis proves my hunch, Kyle's family should look to someone who works with individuals with autism who can teach him the tools he needs to communicate with others - including "Solo" — without violating social boundaries. Everyone will be happier for the effort.

- MOM OF ASPIES

IN MINNESOTA DEAR ABBY: It is possible that Kyle may be dealing with gay issues. Quite often, and especially in families involved in church, there are few if any role models for a teen who thinks he (or she) is gay. It may be that this man's kindness and the fact that he is unattached would make him the closest candidate for a role model.

> - CURTIS IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: Because Kyle's mother is asking "Solo" to share meals with them in an effort to

"control" the boy, she seems to feel that this approach has merit. Solo could tell her that while he is honored her son has chosen him as a mentor, he does not wish to take on that commitment, and suggest that she contact Big Brothers to find someone who

> — JANE IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: Perhaps "Solo in Florida" should become a little less "solo" at church a few times. If he arranged to arrive with and sit between or among some other adults there, he might be able to put a little distance between himself and the boy.

> — GRAMMY IN HAWAII

DEAR ABBY: Male teens who behave like Kyle often suffer from undiagnosed depression. ADD/ADHD and may be at risk for drug abuse or suicide. Involving the spiritual adviser is a good first step in helping the boy. Kyle needs a psychiatric evaluation, the family needs counseling, and his parents could benefit from some parenting classes.

> - ADVOCATE IN GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Just a few words and a friendly smile can often do far more than one can ever imagine for a person who seems starved for attention. Even if "Solo" doesn't do anything to help that boy, I hope he at least will NOT do anything to offend or hurt

— DELAWARE READER

► HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

knowledge. and Opportunity only knocks once and you don't want to look back in regret over a lost chance to profit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The day of the new moon may offer you a chance to begin a fresh line of study. Go to the library or power up the computer to find what interests you. You have little choice of subject with the TV.

LEO (July 23-Aug. Boundless enthusiasm is a catalyst that makes even the wildest ideas seem possible. The sky is the limit, so let your genius wander where it may. Concentrate on finalizing your latest wheeling and

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The iew Moon in your opposite sign may focus your interests on partners, relationships, and companionship for the upcoming month. You may realize your true wealth is in your home and family.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are batting a thousand where money or love is concerned. Everyone feels more alluring and attractive when the cash is flowing

in. Concentrate on making shrewd investments and love will follow:

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Where there's a will, there's a way. You can make sound investments if you act quickly. Wind up your business affairs early, so you are free for a night of enchantment with a special someone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you are on the right path you won't have any problem getting directions. Today is a great day to let a special someone ride shotgun to help you read that confusing roadmap.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be sure to share your wealth as well as your opinion. Put the final touches on contracts and finalize changes to financial matters. Soft lights and music will put everyone in the mood for togetherness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It is not as hard to earn money as it is to spend it well. Today you would be wise to focus on ma sound financial decisions that will give you the free time to think about how to spend it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will sleep like a baby if your conscience is clear. Today's new moon in your sign may make the beginning of new habits or attitudes. Anything is possible if you remain sincere and honest with others.

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2009. There are 310

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24, 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

On this date:

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued a papal bull, or edict, outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.)

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1821, Mexican rebels proclaimed the Plan de Iguala, their declaration of independence from

In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.

In 1920, the German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform. In 1942, the Voice of America

went on the air for the first time. In 1946, Argentinian men went TODAY IN HISTORY

to the polls to elect Juan D. Peron their president.

In 1983, a congressional commission released a report condemning the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II as a "grave injustice."

In 1988, in a ruling that expanded legal protections for parody and satire, the Supreme Court unanimously overturned a \$150,000 award that the Rev. Jerry Falwell had won against Hustler magazine and publisher Larry Flynt.

In 1989, a state funeral was held in Japan for Emperor Hirohito, who had died the month before at

Ten years ago: The Senate voted by a lopsided 91-8 margin to approve the package that would give the military a 4.8 percent pay raise on Jan. 1, 2000. (The raise was included in the fiscal 2000 defense bill later signed by President Bill Clinton.) Lauryn Hill won five Grammys, including album of the year and best new artist, on the strength of her solo debut album, "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill."

Five years ago: Democrat John Kerry defeated John Edwards by large margins in Utah and Idaho and also won in Hawaii, where Edwards ran third behind Dennis Kucinich. Former President George W. Bush urged approval of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriages. A 6.5-magnitude earthquake devastated an isolated region of northern Morocco, killing more than 600 people. Character actor John Randolph died in Hollywood at

One year ago: "No Country for Old Men" won the Academy Award for best picture, best director and best screenplay adaption for Joel and Ethan Coen and best supporting actor for Javier Bardem; Daniel Day-Lewis won best actor for "There Will Be Blood," while Marion Cotillard was named best actress for "La Vie en Rose." A suicide bomber struck Shiite Muslim pilgrims south of Baghdad, killing at least 56 people. Cuba's parliament named Raul Castro president, ending nearly 50 years of rule by his brother Fidel. Ralph Nader announced a fresh bid for the White House on NBC's "Meet the

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That will cover most of the bases, but not all. Let's see what else you might do. The point is that once you assume that East has the heart king, then if trumps are 3 -1 or better, there is actually a 100 percent line for the contract.

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♠ A Q 8 2

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EAST ♠ 7 3 ▼ K 10 7

◆ J 9 8 7 🐥 Q 10 7 6

SOUTH ♠ KJ 10 6 5 ▼ AJ2 ♦ A 6

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South

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♦ Q 10 5 3 2

South West North East Pass 2 NT* Pass 4 ♠ ** Pass 6 🌲 All pass °Game-forcing spade raise

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Opening lead: Heart nine

BID WITH THE ACES

02-24-B

♠ A Q 8 2 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ K 4

North East West Pass 1 💠 Pass Pass 3 🛦 Pass

ANSWER: It would be simple to raise to four spades, suggesting 18-19 points and four trumps. A better call, if you can trust your partner, is to bid four clubs, a cue-bid in support of spades. Why is this a cue-bid? Because at your previous turn, if you just had clubs, you would not have bid two no-trump, and you would bid three no-trump now.

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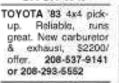
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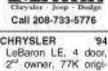
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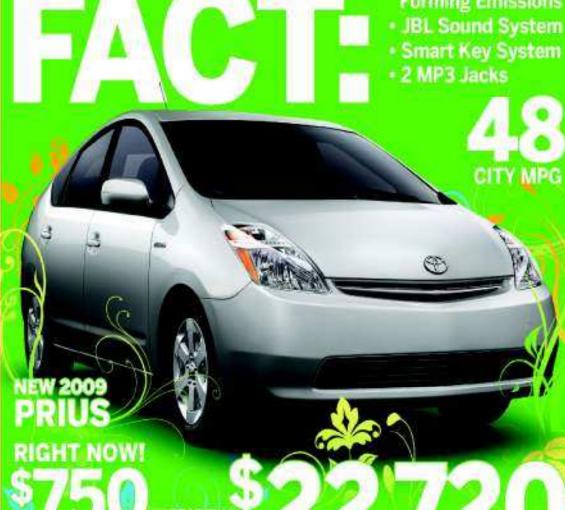
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Bruin boys get one more shot at state seed

By Bradley Guire **Times-News writer**

Tonight, it's one step forward, but no steps back the last chance for the Twin Falls boys to make the Class 5A state basketball tourna-

The 15-8 Bruins host the Skyline Grizzlies in Baun Gymnasium with a state berth on the line. The 11-12

Grizzlies remained alive in the region tournament by defeating Idaho Falls and Highland. The Bruins suffered their first bracket loss to Madison on Saturday.

"It's one of those games where anything can happen," Twin Falls head coach Matt Harr said. "They're coming off a big win at Highland, and we're coming off a loss."

Skyline comes to town have some mental and emolooking for a little revenge against the Bruins, as Twin Falls put the Grizzlies into the elimination bracket with a 69-46 opening-round victory last week, forcing the Grizzlies to survive the Tigers

added. "This is one game for all the marbles."

tional advantage, as the Bruins haven't lost back-toback games this season.

"Our team's been very responsive to losses this year," he said. "It's one plus I've had with this squad."

The winner gets to face 15-"Throw that one out," Harr 7 Madison in Rexburg for the Region Four-Five-Six tournament title. If the Bruins reach Perhaps Twin Falls will the Thursday title game and

win, they must beat Madison again in a second title bout Friday at Baun, as the Bobcats have yet to be defeated in tournament play.

Tonight's tipoff is set for 7 p.m. The Bruins ask that fans dress in white for a Baun Gymnasium "White Out."

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'Emotionally draining weekend' for CSI's Beck

nensions always run high when the College of Southern Idaho men and Salt Lake Community College meet on the basketball floor.



MIKE CHRISTENSEN

But no one felt the intensity of the rivalry more this past weekend than first-year CSI assistant coach Russ

"A very emotionally draining weekend," Beck said, when asked about the Golden Eagles' two-game split with the No. 9 Bruins in Salt Lake City.

Beck spent last season as an assistant to SLCC head coach Norm Parrish and helped the Bruins (23-4, 10-3 SWAC) to a school-best 32-4 record and runner-up finish at the NJCAA national tournament. When Steve Gosar was hired at CSI (20-8, 7-6 SWAC) last May, Beck made the move to Twin Falls, but not before recruiting Salt Lake's top player D.J. Wright.

Wright, who Beck called "as big a recruit as Salt Lake ever got," scored 59 points against the Golden Eagles over the weekend, including a 31-point, 10-rebound performance in the Bruins' 81-67 win on Saturday.

"It's mixed emotions," Beck said of coaching against Wright and the other Salt Lake players he's coached and recruited. "You like those guys, but you also know they're the reason the game is as close as it is."

Before coaching at SLCC, Beck was an assistant at Dixie College where he recruited current Salt Lake starters Rick Shoff and Logan Magnusson to St. George. After serving LDS missions, both players transfered to SLCC, meaning the bulk of Salt Lake's contributors were all recruited by Beck.

"Every other game you want to root for them, but when you go against them, it iust gives you that extra incentive to win," said Beck.

Despite all the emotions of the weekend, there's no doubt about where loyalties lie. Beck said he "bleeds black and gold" and is happy in Twin Falls. "Ultimately, we have the better team, we have more talent," he said. "I think we'll mature at the right point when at region tournament time. I'll take my guys here at CSI any day of the week."

Ironically, this season's rivalry between the two schools is shaping up as a mirror image of last year's. During the 2007-08 season, CSI went to Salt Lake and won a single game. Then SLCC split in Twin Falls, winning the Friday game and losing by double digits on Saturday.

This year, SLCC won a single game at CSI and the Golden Eagles split in Salt Lake City, winning 60-59 on Friday before losing by double figures on Saturday.

If the trend continues, Beck likes his current allegiance. Salt Lake upset CSI in Twin Falls for the Region 18 title last March. CSI hopes to do the same to the Bruins on their home floor March 7.

Said Beck: "Hopefully we'll get one more chance to play, and I'd like to see us prevail.'

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Northside boys fight for state seeds

By Bradley Guire Times-News writer

The Northside Conference has proven tough among the top half as Richfield, Dietrich and Carey each have won at least 10 conference games. But only three teams will earn Class 1A Division II state tournament seeds, and starting tonight the battle begins in Carey.

Richfield went undefeated in Northside Conference (17-3 overall), but Dietrich and Carey aren't far behind. The Tigers scraped by Dietrich (14-8, 10-4) by two points just a month ago and the same happened with Carey (17-4, 12-3) in December.

Michael Lezamiz leads the Tigers with 16.1 points, 3.8 assists and 5.1 steals per game. Tel Clark (12.4 ppg) and Brody Norman (10.6 ppg) also average double figures, with Norman adding 7.2 rebounds. Luke Wood is also tough on the boards, grabbing. 5.9 per contest.

Dietrich also boasts two players to average doubledigit scoring — Jaren Stoddard (16 ppg) and Andrew Rocha (10.9 ppg, 7.6 rpg). Luke Hubert pours in 8.9 points, while Scott Perron contributes 3.9 assists and 2.7 steals per game. However, coach Wanye Dill said it's about consistency.

"For us, we have to be consistent," Dill said. "We have a good bunch of kids that play hard. But we don't seem to get the most out of the same guys in the same night. I'd like to see all of the guys play well on the same night together."

Carey boasts its own double-digit scorers: Brett Adamson and Trevor Peck have both averaged 13.8 ppg. Dillon Simpson averages 4.2 assists, and Heith Adamson leads in rebounding at 6.5 per game.

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(Another) Tiger title

Jerome boys win GBW championship

By Ryan Howe **Times-News writer**

JEROME — For the first time since 2005, the Class 4A District IV boys basketball trophy has a new home.

Logan Parker scored 28 points and Jerome dethroned Burley 62-52 Monday in the championship game of the Great Basin Conference West tournament.

The win sends the Tigers to their first state tournament since 1998.

'We've always had high expectations for ourselves, and we just met one of our goals today," said Jerome's Kameron Pearce, who had 12 points and seven boards. "We have one more goal, and that's next week in the Idaho Center."

Jerome (21-2) will host the District IV-V crossover on Thursday. The Tigers will play the winner of tonight's Pocatello-Century game for the Great Basin Conference title and state seeding.

Burley (11-13) had its string of four consecutive district championships broken, and the reigning Class 4A state champions need two wins to get back to state. The Bobcats will play the Poky-Century loser on Thursday at Jerome High School, with the winner advancing to a state play-in on Saturday against the District VI runner-up.

"This is huge for us," Parker said. "We have one the best communities in the state. We have pep rallies and big assemblies before games and everyone gets involved. That's what you need to build champions.'

All the Tigers got involved to put it away early on Monday. Kris Bos' 3-pointer ignited an 8-0 run at the back end of the first quarter. Then in the second, Pearce hit a pair of 3-pointers, sandwiched around his steal and dunk. Parker scored 14 of his 28 in the second period, capped by six straight as Jerome headed into the locker room up 43-22. Tiger post player Kevin Williams finished with 10 points.

"I'm so proud of our guys for the effort they gave, the attitude they have on the floor and for just bringing it for 32 minutes," said Jerome coach Joe Messick.

Ierome's Zach Ingraham and Jake Lammers each fouled out of the game while combining for just two points and six rebounds, but their defensive contribution against Burley's Kyle Hepworth was key. Hepworth finished with 23 points and nine rebounds, but the Bobcats' leading scorer was held to just one field goal and four points in the first

"Jerome has a fantastic group of kids, and they're well-coached and they deserve it," said Burley coach Jack

A.J. Hunter chipped in with nine

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Jerome's Kameron Pearce (20) makes a slam dunk during the second quarter of their game Monday with Burley in Jerome.

Wildcat boys make SCIC championship game

By Diane Philbin **Times-News writer**

The Filer boys eliminated Wendell 61-40 Monday, clinching the second spot in Wednesday's Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament championship game. The Wildcats will face Kimberly at 7 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho.

"We wanted to try to get them out of their rhythm it didn't work," said Wendell weren't getting to their Hughes was making life

were from four feet beyond the arc. And then we had to take care of (Nathan) Hughes inside so it was a

matter of pick your poison." It was a tough task trying to defend the Wildcats shooters with four Filer players finishing the game with at least one 3-pointer. Nathan Karel had five threes for his team-high fifteen points, and Terrell Bailev added three treys to finished and slow it down a little, but with 13 points. And when the Wildcats weren't launchcoach Ryon Jarvis. "We just ing bombs from the outside,

"It just shows we play like a team, and we aren't a oneman team," said Bailey, who missed his first five attempts from the 3-point range but kept putting shots up and strung his three makes together in the second quar-

"He (Bailey) has the green light anytime," said Filer coach Alex Wells.

Most of the credit for the Filer win should be given to the Filer defensive pressure, which was especially evident in the third quarter as the

shooters. Some of their shots tough inside, ending with Wildcats only gave up a 3pointer by Jordan Lancaster. The Wildcats used a 14-0 run in the third to take control, pushing a 12-point halftime lead of 33-21 to 47-21.

We did a really good job on defense," said Wells. "When we played really hard and aggressive we played good. The guys stepped up and hit the shots. We did what we had to for the win."

Trailing 52-24 after three quarters, Wendell appeared to regroup after not expending a lot of offensive energy in the quarter and outscored the Wildcats 16-9 in the last eight minutes, but it was just too little too late.

"It just showed the character of these guys," said Jarvis. "They never gave up and fought to the end."

Lancaster finished with 19 points for Wendell.

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Jordan Lancaster 19, John Campbell 3, Nathan Ormond 5. Totals 13 9-16 40.

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Bryce Beard 5, Chase Vincent 5, Nathan Hughes 14, Justin Orban 2, Terrell Bailey 13, Nathan Karel 15, Ryan Karel 4, Cassidy Babb 2, Heston Jenkins 1. Ryan Karel 4, Cassidy Bado 2, rieston Jenishis 1. Totals 21 9-16 61.
3-point goals: Wendell 5 (Lancaster 4, Mowery), Filer 10 (N. Karel 5, Bailey 3, Vincent, Beard). Total fouls: Wendell 17, Filer 14, Fouled out: Wendell, Mowery.

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Boys basketball District IV tournaments

Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament High seed hosts

Tuesday, Feb. 17 Game 1: Twin Falls 69, Skyline 46 Game 2: Madison 45, Idaho Falls 44. 7

Thursday, Feb. 19 Game 3: Skyline 55, Idaho Falls 47 (Idaho Falls eliminated) Game 4: Twin Falls 60, Highland 58, OT Saturday, Feb. 21

Game 5: Skyline 57, Highland 54 (Highland eliminated) **Game 6:** Madison 60, Twin Falls 48 Tuesday, Feb. 24

Game 7: Skyline (11-12) vs. Twin Falls (15-8), 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26

Game 8: Championship, Madison (15-7) vs. Winner 7, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27

Game 9: Second championship, if necessarv. 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: Jerome 59, Wood River 38 Game 2: Minico 55, Burley 50 Thursday, Feb. 19 Game 3: Burley 60, Wood River 48 (Wood

Game 4: Jerome 55, Minico 45 Saturday, Feb. 21 Game 5: Burley 62, Minico 58, OT (Minico

Monday, Feb. 23 Game 6: Championship, Jerome (20-2) vs. Burley (11-12), 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26

at Jerome High School Elimination game: Burley (11-13) vs. Pocatello-Century loser, 6 p.m. Seeding game: Jerome (21-2) vs Pocatello-Century winner, 7:30 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

March 5-7 at Borah High School in Boise Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho **Conference Tournament**

School in Pocatello. State tournament is

Monday, Feb. 16 Game 1: Filer 57, Gooding 46 Game 2: Buhl 49, Wendell 42 Tuesday, Feb. 17

Game 3: Wendell 58, Gooding 43 (Gooding

Game 4: Kimberly 54, Buhl 51 Wednesday, Feb. 18

Game 5: Wendell 47, Buhl 45 (Buhl eliminated) Game 6: Kimberly 69, Filer 58

Monday, Feb. 23 Game 7: Filer 61, Wendell 40 (Wendell

Wednesday, Feb. 25 Game 8: Championship, Kimberly (15-5) vs. Filer (15-6), 7 p.m., at CSI Thursday, Feb. 26

Game 9: Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m. (high seed host) * Champion receives state tournament berth. Second-place team will face District III runner-up in state play-in game at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, at Glenns Ferry. State tournament will be held March 5-7 at Meridian High School.

Class 2A Canyon Conference Tournament High seed hosts

Monday, Feb. 16 Game 1: Glenns Ferry 68, Valley 48 Wednesday, Feb. 18 Game 2: Declo 51, Glenns Ferry 47 Tuesday, Feb. 24

Game 3: Valley (9-12) at Glenns Ferry (16-

Thursday, Feb. 26 Game 4: Championship, Winner 3 at Declo (16-5), 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27 Game 5: Second championship, if neces

sary, 7 p.m. * Champion receives berth to state tour-

nament, March 5-7 at Capital High School Class 1A Division I Snake River

Conference Tournamen At Shoshone Play-in game Saturday, Feb. 14 Hansen 52, Lighthouse Christian 44

(Lighthouse Christian eliminated) Tournament Tuesday, Feb. 17

Game 1: Raft River 56, Hagerman 48, OT Game 2: Castleford 53, Challis 43, OT Game 3: Sho-Ban 62, Hansen 39 Game 4: Shoshone 63, Oakley 52, OT

Wednesday, Feb. 18 Game 5: Hagerman 74, Challis 36 (Challis Game 6: Oakley 72, Hansen 45 (Hansen

eliminated)

Game 7: Castleford 48, Raft River 47 Game 8: Sho-Ban 70, Shoshone 62 Tuesday, Feb. 24 Game 9: Hagerman (18-4) vs. Shoshone

(14-8), 4:30 p.m. Game 10: Oakley (9-10) vs. Raft River (9-Game 11: Championship, Castleford (10-10) vs. Sho-Ban (17-4), 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 Game 12: Winner 9 vs. Winner 10, 7:30

Thursday, Feb. 26

Game 13: Second place, Winner 12 vs

Loser 11, 7:30 p.m. tournament berth. Third place advances to play-in game at 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, at Glenns Ferry, against the thirdplace team from District III. State tournament is March 5-7 at Vallivue High School

Class 1A Division II Northside Conference At Carey

Tuesday, Feb. 24 Game 1: Dietrich (14-6) vs. Community School (4-14), 3:30 p.m. Game 2: Murtaugh (11-7) vs. Bliss (5-12),

Game 3: Carey (16-4) vs. Camas County (3-17), 6:30 p.m. Game 4: Richfield (17-3) 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.

*Champion, second-place and third-place

teams all receive berths to state tourna-

ment, March 5-7 at Caldwell High School.

Boozer back as Jazz rout Atlanta Hawks

Williams had 15 points and 10 assists and Utah welcomed back Carlos Boozer from a three-month absence with a 108-89 rout of the Atlanta Hawks on Monday night.

The Jazz won their fifth straight and got to use Boozer sparingly in his first game since Nov. 19, when he injured a tendon in his left quadriceps. The two-time All-Star also had knee surgery to remove cartilage in January and was finally back Monday after missing 44 straight games. He finished with two points and five rebounds as the rest of the Jazz handled the scoring.

Joe Johnson had 15 points to lead the Hawks, who lost their 15th straight game at

CELTICS 114, NUGGETS 76

DENVER — The Boston Celtics are doing just fine without Kevin Garnett.

They handed the Nuggets one of the worst home losses in their history Monday night, routing Denver 114-76 behind 26 points from Ray Allen and 22 from Paul Pierce. It was Boston's second game since Garnett strained a muscle in his right knee that is expected to sidelined him for at least two weeks.

Rajon Rondo, coming off a career-high 32 points in Boston's 20-point win at



Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer, right, competes for possession of a loose ball against Atlanta Hawks guard Joe Johnson, left, Monday during the first half in Salt Lake City.

Phoenix on Sunday, added 14 points for the Celtics, who raced to a 60-37 halftime lead that rendered the second half a let's-get-it-overwith exercise.

NETS 98, 76ERS 96 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Monday night.

- Devin Harris hit an unbelievable lunging half-court shot at the buzzer and the New Jersey Nets snapped a season-high five-game losing streak with a 98-96 victoover the slumping Philadelphia 76ers

With players from both teams surrounding the scortable, the referees watched replays of Harris' shot for nearly three minutes before signaling the basket was good.

Seconds earlier, the 76ers seemingly nailed down the

victory when Andre Iguodala sank the second of two free throws to give them a onepoint lead with 1.8 seconds to play.

The Nets quickly inbounded the ball to Harris, who bobbled it after bumping with Iguodala and then heaved in the winner from in front of the scorer's table.

Harris finished with a game-high 39 points, but his 22nd shot of the night will be one Nets fans remember, especially if it helps key a run to the playoffs.

KNICKS 123. PACERS 119

NEW YORK — Nate Robinson scored a seasonhigh 41 points, including the tiebreaking layup with 26 seconds left. Robinson scored 32 in the second half, helping the Knicks pull out a game against a team missing most of its best players. Al Harrington added 27 points and David Lee had 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Knicks.

Jarrett Jack scored a season-high 33 points and Marquis Daniels matched a season best with 28 for the Pacers, who had won two in a row overall and four in a row at Madison Square Garden. They fell to 4-2 when playing without both All-Star Danny Granger and Mike Dunleavy. Troy Murphy had 19 points and 21 rebounds for the Pacers.

The Associated Press

Kansas takes first in Big 12

NORMAN, Tyshawn Taylor scored a career-high 26 points and Sherron Collins added 22 of his 26 points in the second half as No. 15 Kansas took over first place in the Big 12 with an 87-78 victory Monday night against third-ranked Oklahoma.

Cole Aldrich was able to dominate inside with the Sooners' missing preseason All-American Blake Griffin because of a concussion. He had 15 points and a careerhigh 20 rebounds as the Jayhawks (23-5, 12-1 Big 12) took control in the race for their fifth straight conference

The Sooners (22-3, 11-2) deployed a full-court press to eat away at the Jayhawks' lead that reached 20 midway through the second half, but the rally could only cut the deficit to three in the final 3 minutes.

Willie Warren led the way with 23 points for Oklahoma, which has lost two in a row, including a 73-68 defeat at Texas when Griffin was first sidelined.

> NO. 6 LOUISVILLE 76, **GEORGETOWN 58**

WASHINGTON — Earl Clark scored 22 points, and No. 6 Louisville overcame 16 turnovers with good defense and solid 3-point shooting to move into a tie for first place in the Big East.

The Cardinals started 9for-9 from the field — their ings. first miss coming nearly 11 minutes in — and were 7-for-7 from 3-point range well into

the second half. Samardo Samuels, Terrence Williams



Kansas guard Sherron Collins (4) goes up for a basket in front of

points apiece for the Cardinals (22-5, 13-2), who have won four straight and are tied with Connecticut atop the conference stand-

Chris Wright scored 12 points, and Greg Monroe had 10 for the Hoyas (14-12, 5-10), who have lost nine of 11 as they continue their challengand ing spin through the nation's

Preston Knowles added 10 basketball elite. Georgetown has now played six teams currently ranked in the top 10, and they'll make it seven against No. 10 Villanova on Saturday. The Hoyas are 2-4

The loss also dropped the Hoyas to 12th place in the Big East, just six weeks after they were ranked No. 9 in the country.

are victorious

Jenkins trying to make case he's better at CB INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — He was a four-year starter

Malcolm Jenkins hears the questions constantly. Maybe, the doubters sug-

gest, he's not quick enough to play cornerback in the NFL. Maybe, at his listed size of 6 feet 1, 201 pounds, he'd be a better safety. Maybe he should have skipped that senior season and put those debates to rest.

Jenkins believes he can answer any question scouts have for him at the NFL's annual scouting combine. If they want more proof, Jenkins suggests they review his game tapes — or pay attention to what he says.

"If you put on a film of a guy who's about 5-10, 185, I'm doing the same things they're doing at my size," he said. "In the league now, you've got receivers that are getting bigger and more physical and that's what you need — a guy that can do it all. With my size and speed, it's something rare you really don't find around the nation."

Perhaps not.

Clearly, though, this week is crucial to Jenkins' future hopes.

Those who wonder whether he's fast enough to cover the NFL's speedy receivers will get a rare firsthand chance to clock one of the draft's top prospects. Ienkins plans to buck the trend of skipping drills altogether in Indy and run for scouts on what one team president describes as a fast track.

Why? Jenkins has nothing to hide.

Jenkins believes a good time would alleviate some of the growing concerns, while the rounds of interviews with team officials could resolve any lingering doubts.

If all goes well, Jenkins could go in the first five to 10 picks in April.

But Jenkins, who decided to stay at Ohio State for his senior season, seems to be caught in that annual tradition of getting every minute detail picked apart.

And he knows it.

"If you watch my film, I might not look as fast as some other guys," he said. "But wherever this (talk of moving to safety) came from, it's definitely snowballed. I have no control over where it comes from."

What he would like to do is re-establish his presence atop the draft boards.

Jenkins' resume is full of accomplishments.

with the Buckeyes, played in two national championship games, beat Michigan four times and won last season's Jim Thorpe Award, which goes to the nation's top defensive back.

Not enough?

He led Piscataway High School to three straight state football titles and won the New Jersey state crown in the 400-meter dash as a junior, when he also finished third in the 200.

He even likes writing poetry.

Jenkins believes all of that should be enough to convince scouts of his value playing on the outside.

"I've been comfortable playing corner my last four years — that's where I'm more comfortable at," he said. "I think I can make some plays there."

Jenkins biggest challenge may come from another former Big Ten player, Vontae Davis of Illinois, who left after his junior sea-

Davis is 5-11 and 203 pounds and already has an NFL lineage. His brother, Vernon, was San Francisco's first-round pick in 2006.

The Davis brothers are impressive athletes. But there are distinct differences, too.

The 49ers tight end is much bigger, 6-3, 250, and went to Maryland. Vontae Davis chose Illinois so he could carve his own identity without having to live in the footsteps of his older brother, and at least in the minds of his old college opponents, he seems to have succeeded.

"I think teams found out how good I was (as a sophomore), and as a junior they respected me more," Vontae Davis said. "I feel like I'm a physical corner, who can come up and stop the run."

Now it's up to NFL scouts to figure out if that's enough to move Davis ahead of Jenkins, who is bigger than the prototypical NFL cornerback.

In Jenkins' opinion, it's not a question. It's an advantage. Even if scouts remain

"I'm going to come out

here and perform and do what I've been doing for four years," he said. "It's funny to me, because you've got four years of film playing corner, you think you're doing well. It's like, none of that means anything."

Jerome

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points and seven rebounds for Burley before leaving the game with an ankle injury. Bagley said he will be a game-time decision on Thursday.

Jerome led by as many as Ingraham

Jereme 62, Burley 52

Pearce 12, Zach Ingranam 2, Nevin Williams 10. Totals 20 16-22 62.

3-point goals: Burley 6 (Hunter 3, Hepworth, Redder 2); Jerome 6 (Parker 2, Bos 2, Pearce 2). Total fouls: Burley 18; Jerome 21. Fouled out: Burley, Karch Hinckley; Jerome, Jake Lammers, Ingraham.

Oklahoma's Ryan Wright Monday during the first half in Norman, Okla.

in those games.

- The Associated Press

23 points in the second half. After Lammers fouled out, Burley cut Jerome's lead to single digits, 59-50, in the final minute. Ultimately, however, the hole was too big for Burley to climb out of.

Seeds

Continued from Sports 1

Carey head coach Dick Simpson said he hopes that hosting the tournament will be to the Panthers' advantage, as his team is undefeated on its home court. Still, it won't give Carey a ticket to state.

"This year, if you don't show up, you're not going to state," Simpson said. "You have to come prepared to play." Richfield will receive a bye during the first round

and will play the winner of Bliss-Murtaugh. The Red Devils could be the dark horse of the tournament, as they finished 8-5 in the league, which earned them the No. 4 seed. Carey and Dietrich could face off in the semifinals on Thursday

tonight. The tournament will be

if they

tough on those who lose in the opening round. There's still a shot at a state seed if a team can get to the thirdplace game and win, but an opening-round loss means that team will play four out of the next five days. "If we have a bad night

and have to come back through, we'll have to rely on adrenaline," Dill said. "It can make it hard. We've got a lot of kids that have stepped up at different times of the year, and I hope that continues. This time of year, we have to have that.'

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Monday's Games
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Tuesday's Games
Memphis at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
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Orlando at New York, 5:30 p.m.
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NBA Boxes Nets 98, 76ers 96

PHILADELPHIA (96)
| guodala 7-13 6-8 21, Young 5-11 4-4 14, Dalembert 5-12 3-6 13, Green 6-9 0-0 14, Miller 5-12 7-12 17, Ivey 1-4 0-0 2, Evans 0-0 0-0 0, LWilliams 4-6 2-5 10, Speights 2-5 1-2 5, Totals 35-72 23-37 96.
| NEW JERSEY (98) | Hassell 1-4 0-0 2, Yi 3-7 0-0 7, Lopez 3-6 1-2 7, Carter 5-11 0-0 10, Harris 11-22 12-14 39, Dooling 6-11 0-0 16 Aprises 3-7 2-9

Dooling 6-11 0-0 16, Anderson 3-7 2-2 9, Simmons 2-5 0-1 5, S.Williams 0-0 3-4 3. lotals 34-/3 98.

Philadelphia 31 20 24 21 — 96

New Jersey 19 32 23 24 — 98

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 3-1.1 (Green 24, Eguodala 1-3, Young 0-1, LWilliams 0-1, Ivey 0-2), New Jersey 12-25 (Harris 5-9, Dooling 4-6, Yi 1-2, Simmons 1-3, Anderson 1-4, Carter 0-1, Equiled (Ut. Mone) Behaunds—

0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds— Philadelphia 55 (Dalembert 10), New Jersey 40 (Yi 6). Assists—Philadelphia 21 (Miller 10), New Jersey 22 (Harris 8). Total Fouls— Philadelphia 24, New Jersey 31. Technical—Miller. A—13,236 (19,990).

Celtics 114, Nuggets 76 BOSTON (114) Pierce 8-18 2-2 22, Scalabrine 1-4 2-2 5, Perkins 1-4 0-0 2, R.Allen 8-15 4-4 26, Rondo 5-7 4-5 14, Powe 5-13 6-8 16, Davis 4-8 0-0 8, House 3-4 0-0 8, Pruit 2-4 0-0 5, Walker 2-3 0-0 4, Giddens 2-3 0-0 4

DENVER (76) Anthony 5-13 8-10 18, Martin 2-6 1-2 5, Petro 4-7 1-4 9, Jones 0-5 3-4 3, Billups 1-8 1-1 3, Smith 6-15 6-8 19, Andersen 2-5 1-1 5,

Carter 2-5 0-0 4, Kleiza 3-7 2-4 10, Weems 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-72 23-34 76.

Boston 29 31 26 28 - 114
Denver 20 17 21 18 - 76
3-Point Goals—Boston 14-23 (R.Allen 6-11,
Pierce 4-7, House 2-2, Pruitt 1-1, Scalabrine
1-2), Denver 3-21 (Kleiza 2-6, Smith 1-8,
Martin 0-1, Andersen 0-1, Anthony 0-2,
Billups 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 50 (Rondo 8), Denver 16
(Smith, Billups 5). Total Fouls—Boston 24 (Boston 26, Smith 1-8, Denver 18. Technicals—R.Allen, Boston defensive three second, Billups, Carter. Flagrant Foul—Martin. A—19,784 (19,155).

Jazz 108, Hawks 89 ATLANTA (89)
M.Williams 3-8 1-2 7, Smith 5-8 0-6 11,
Horford 5-8 4-4 14, Johnson 7-12 0-0 15,
Bibby 0-3 0-0 0, Murray 5-11 1-2 13, Evans 5-7 0-0 12, Pachulia 2-3 5-5 9, Law 1-4 2-4 4,
Gardner 1-4 0-0 2, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Morris 1-2
0-0 2. Totals 35-70 13-23 89.

Gardner 1-4 0-2 2, 33-23 89.

UTAH (108)
Miles 4:10 0-0 8, Boozer 1-5 0-2 2, Okur 3-6
0-0 6, Brever 9-13 0-0 19, D.Williams 7-11 0-0
15, Korver 6-9 0-0 16, Millisap 4-12 8-8 16,
Kirilenko 3-8 3-3 9, Knight 1-4 0-0 2, Harpring
6-8 3-4 15, Price 0-1 0-0 0, Collins 0-1 0-0 0.
Totals 44-88 14-17 108.

5-8 3-4 13, Proc -1 0-9 0, Colmis 6-1 0-9 0. Totals 44-88 t4-17 109.

Atlanta 24 28 17 20 — 89 Utah 31 35 27 15 — 108 3-Point Goals—Atlanta 6-17 (Evans 2-2, Murray 2-5, Smith 1-1, Johnson 1-3, Bilby 0-1, M. Williams 0-1, Law 0-1, Gardner 0-3), Utah 6-13 (Korver 4-5, D. Williams 1-2, Brewer 1-2, Price 0-1, Miles 0-3), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 0-1, Miles 0-3), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 14 (Murray, Horford 5), Utah 30 (D. Williams 10), Total Fouls—Atlanta 21, Utah 19, Flagrant Foul—Smith. Ejected—Smith. A—19, 911 (19, 911). 19.911 (19.911).

Knicks 123, Pacers 119
INDIANA (119)
Daniels 12-23 3-4 28, Murphy 8-16 2-3 19,
Hibbert 1-5 4-6 6, Jack 11-19 8-11 33, Rush
5-15 3-4 14, Foster 1-2 1-2 3, Diener 2-4 2-2
8, Baston 1-2 0-0 2, Graham 0-5 2-2 2,
Nesterovic 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 43-94 25-34 119.
NEW YORK (123)
Harrington 10-20 4-5 27, Lee 8-17 4-8 20,
Jeffries 3-5 0-2 6, Chandler 4-18 6-7 15,
Duhon 2-5 0-0 4, Robinson 11-18 15-19 41,
Hughes 2-7 0-0 5, Wilcox 2-3 1-3 5, Gallinari
0-3 0-0 0. Totals 42-96 30-44 123.

0-3 0-0 0. Totals 42-96 30-44 123. Indiana 20 31 36 32 — 119 New York 23 28 42 30 — 123 3-Point Goals—Indiana 8-26 (Jack 3-5, Diener 2-4, Rush 1-4, Daniels 1-5, Murphy 1-6, Graham 0-2), New York 9-28 (Robinson 4-6, Harrington 3-10, Hughes 1-2, Chandler 1-6, Gallinari 0-2, Duhon 0-2). Fouled Out—Hibbert. Rebounds—Indiana 66 (Murphy 21), New York 0-2 (Jee 13) Assists—Indiana 16 (Murphy 4) 62 (Lee 13). Assists—Indiana 16 (Murphy 4), New York 15 (Duhon 5). Total Fouls—Indiana 30. New York 23. Technicals-Indiana Coach O'Brien, New York defensive three second, A-

Men's College Basketball Monday's Major Scores East

Louisville 76. Georgetown 58 South
Alabama St. 76, Alcorn St. 71
Bethune-Cookman 69, Md.-Eastern Shore 52 Bethune-Cookman 69, Md.-Eastern Shor Campbell 68, ETSU 62 Coll. of Charleston 86, Chattanooga 77 Florida A&M 63, Delaware St. 61, OT Hampton 49, Morgan St. 47 High Point 81, Longwood 69 Howard 81, Coppin St. 74 Jacksonville 81, Stetson 66 Murray St. 74, Tenn.-Martin 59 N. Carolina A&T 92, S. Carolina St. 85 Southern U. 81, Alabama A&M 72 Winston-Salem 68, Norfolk St. 64 Wofford 81, W. Carolina 66 Southwest Kansas 87, Oklahoma 78

Kansas 87, Oklahoma 78 Prairie View 66, Ark.-Pine Bluff 64 Texas Southern 99, MVSU 87

AP Top 25 WL Pts Pvs	Texas-Pan American 60, N.J. Tech 53								
1. Pittsburgh (69) 25-2 1,797 4 2. Connecticut (1) 25-2 1,692 1 3. Oklahoma (2) 25-2 1,643 2 4. North Carolina 24-3 1,556 3 5. Memphis 24-3 1,543 5 6. Louisville 21-5 1,403 7 7. Duke 22-5 1,228 9 9. Michigan St. 21-5 1,136 6 10. Villanova 22-5 1,125 1 10. Missouri 23-4 1,050 13 3. Wake Forest 20-5 992 8 14. Arizona St. 21-5 869 14 15. Kansas 22-5 812 15 16. Purdue 21-6 765 19 17. Gonzaga 21-5 661 17 18. LSU 23-4 541 23 19. Xavier 22-5 413 16 20. Illinois 22-6 364 18 21. Washington 20-7 291 22 22. UCLA 20-7 268 20 23. Florida St. 21-6 217 — 24. Butler 23-4 192 21 25. Texas 18-8 162 —	AP Top 25								
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Creighton 21, Dayton 21, Utah St. 16, Florida 14, California 11, Siena 9, Penn St. 8, South									

Carolina 8, Saint Mary's, Calif. 5, Davidson 3, Kansas St. 3, Minnesota 3, BYU 2, American U. 1, Kentucky 1, Maryland 1

USA Today/ESPN Top 25							
	W-L	Pts	Pvs				
1. Pittsburgh (30)	25-2	774	4				
2. Connecticut (1)	25-2	721	1 2 6 3 7				
3. Oklahoma	25-2	691	2				
4. Memphis	24-3	682	6				
5. North Carolina	24-3	668	3				
6. Louisville	21-5	585					
7. Duke 8. Missouri	22-5 23-4	559 517	9 10				
9. MichiganSt.	21-5	511	5				
10. Marquette	23-4	471	11t				
11. ArizonaSt.	21-5	434	11t				
12. Villanova	22-5	428	14				
13. Clemson	22-4	424	13				
14. Wake Forest	20-5	411	8				
15. Kansas	22-5	355	18				
16. Purdue	21-6	261	21				
17. Gonzaga	21-5	257	20				
18. LSU	23-4	239	24				
19. UCLA	20-7	202	15				
20. Illinois 21. Washington	22-6 20-7	197 178	16 19				
22. Xavier	22-5	175	17				
23. Butler	23-4	75	22				
24. Texas	18-8	55	NR				
25. FloridaSt.	21-6	52	NR				
Others receiving votes:		Utah St	ate				
22. Dayton 21. Syracus	se 18. Flor	ida 16.	Penn				
State 10, Arizona 9, Ca Virginia 7, Brigham You	ilifornia 7,	West					
Virginia 7, Brigham You	ıng 6, Sou	ith Caro	lina				
5, Saint Mary's 4, Bost	on College	3, Cre	gnton				

Scenic West Athletic Conference Standings

GAME PLAN

LOCAL Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six

tournament Skyline at Twin Falls 7 p.m. Class 1A Div. I District IV tournament, Shoshone See Sports 2

TV SCHEDULE MEN'S COLLEGE **BASKETBALL**

5 p.m. ESPN - Penn St. at Ohio St. ESPN — Florida at LSU 7:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Texas A&M at Nebraska

NHL 5 p.m. VERSUS - Anaheim at Buffalo SOCCER 12:30 p.m.

ESPN2 — UEFA Champions League, first round knockout. leg 1. FC Internazionale Milano vs. Manchester United FC. at Milan, Italy

		WAC		ALL				102	\$91,038
	W	ᆫ	Pct.	W		Pct.		101	\$192,242
NIC	10	2	.769	25	3	.893		101	\$120,288
SLCC	10	3	.769	23	4	.852		101	\$161,759
CEU	7	6	.538	21	6	.778	84. Tim Herron	99	\$137,714
ČŠĬ	7	ĕ	.538	20	8	.714	85. Ben Crane	98	\$171,342
Snow	5	8	.385	18	10	.643	86. Steve Lowery	97	\$118,584
CNCC	Õ	13	.000	0	13	.000	87. Jerry Kelly	96	\$81,107
0.100	٠		.000	٠		.000	88. David Mathis	93	\$72,771
14/		. A.	. 11	. n		L - II	89. Rod Pampling	92 90	\$142,624 \$206,724
wor	nen	SU	ollege	j Ras	sket	Dall	90. Ryan Moore 91. Jeff Quinney	89	\$206,724 \$109,251
		A	P Top 2				92. Jason Day	87	\$119,574
				W-L	Pts	Pvs	93. Charles Warren	85	\$127,979
1. Conn	ecticu	t (44)	2	27-0 1	L.100	1	94. Jason Dufner	84	\$73,978
2. Oklah		. (,			.056	2	94. Jonathan Kaye	84	\$80,898
3. Stanf				2-4	996	4	96. Stewart Cink	82	\$93,237
4. Califo	ornia		2	2-3	897	6	97. Michael Allen	77	\$86,434
Mary	land			23-4	877	9	98. Scott Sterling	76	\$70,360
6. Baylo	or			21-4	859	9 5 3	99. Johnson Wagner	76	\$172,600
7. Aubu				26-2	848	3	100. Marc Turnesa	75	\$89,840
Louis				25-3	834	8	101. Brian Davis	74	\$95,139
North		lina		23-4	777	10	102. Jeff Maggert	73	\$156,000
10. Duk				2-4	714	.7	103. David Berganio, Jr.	72	\$70,453
11. Flor				23-5	681	11	104. Bart Bryant	70	\$56,333
12. Texa		VI		20-5	623	14	105. Ryan Pálmer	70	\$81,898
13. Xav			- 2	24-4 22-5	487 478	17 20	106. Ben Curtis 106. Harrison Frazar	69 69	\$74,718
14. Ohio 15. Pitts				2-5 9-5	443	19	106. Aron Price	69	\$77,115 \$57,252
16. Texa		I		.9-5 .9-7	389	12	106. Nicholas Thompson		\$105,823
17. Flori				23-5	373	15	110. Mark Brooks	68	\$146,400
18. Ten		۵		9-8	301	13	111. Brandt Jobe	66	\$79,626
19. Van				21-7	297	18	112. Glen Day	65	\$56,937
20. Kan				1-4	257	<u>1</u> 6	113. Jarrod Lyle	64	\$68,210
21. S. D)akota	St.	2	26-2	255	22	114. Greg Owen	61	\$58,372
22. Virg	inia			21-7	223	23	115. Jim Furyk	61	\$52,615
23. Not	re Dar	ne	1	.8-7	174	24	116. Will MacKenzie	61	\$132,000
24. Ariz		t.		20-6	157	25	117. Rocco Mediate	59	\$48,715
25. low				.9-7	94	21	118. Angel Cabrera	57	\$118,125
Others	receivi	ng vot	es: Bov	vling G	reen 4	3,	119. Arjun Atwal	57	\$55,676
DePaul							120. Tommy Gainey	56	\$48,327
Va. Com				-Green	Bay 6),	120. John Huston	56	\$70,800
Marist 4	+, LSU	2 , Uta	III 2.				120. Y.E. Yang 123. Jeff Overton	56 55	\$61,456 \$83,057
							124. Jason Bohn	55	\$72,405
							124. Joe Ogilvie	55	\$46,285
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Scenic West Athletic Conference Standings

As of Feb. 22 SWAC ALL L Pct. W L Pct. 1 923 4 692 6 538 7 462 8 385 13 .000 23 22 16 15 14 0 9 7 6 5 0 4 .852 6 .786 12 .571 13 .536 14 .500 13 .000 **G**OLF

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PGA Tour FedExCup Leaders Through Feb. 22						
Rank Name	Points	YTD Money	10. Ja 10. Ta			
1. Kenny Perry	716	\$1,507,063	15. Ca			
2. Dustin Johnson	694	\$1,482,191	15. Pa			
3. Nick Watney	655	\$1,171,570	15. Jo			
4. Zach Johnson	647	\$1 278 850	15. Vi			
5. Geoff Ogilvy	626	\$1,278,850 \$1,272,077	19. St			
6. Pat Perez	594	\$1,000,146	19. M			
7. Phil Mickelson	535	\$1,164,290	19. He			
8. Charley Hoffman	523	\$997.723	19. St			
Steve Stricker	507	\$1,019,580	23. Kr			
10. Mike Weir	463	\$966,885	23. Ja			
11. David Toms	410	\$775,693	25. La			
12. D.J. Trahan	358	\$625,515 \$662,340	25. Pa			
13. Kevin Na	339	\$662,340	25. Ar 25. M			
14. Davis Love III	322	\$598,266	25. M			
15. John Merrick	319	\$588,162	25. Ky			
16. John Rollins	301	\$584,460	31. W			
17. Sean O'Hair	300	\$591,199	31. Jir			
18. Adam Scott	297	\$552,867	31. M			
19. Brian Gay	295 265	\$536,787	31. Kr			
20. K.J. Choi 21. Luke Donald	258	\$535,808	31. Si			
22. Tim Clark	252	\$451,834 \$434,976	31. Gr			
23. Anthony Kim	245	\$523,500	31. Ju			
24. Lucas Glover	239	\$387,470	38. Rı			
25. Retief Goosen	233	\$463,595	38. M			
26. Webb Simpson	233 227	\$401,894	38. Ni			
27. Richard S. Johnso	n 224	\$339,656	38. Sa			
28. Camilo Villegas	223	\$439,400	38. St			
29. Bubba Watson	218	\$320,679	38. He			
30. Bob Estes	212	\$394,546	38. M			
31. Mark Calcavecchi	a 211	\$472,363	38. Mi			
32. Jeff Klauk	206	\$275,465	46. Gi			
33. Rory Sabbatini	202	\$409,533	46. Al			
34. Matt Kuchar	198	\$339,468	46. In-			
35. Charles Howell III	195	\$309,316	49. Sh 49. He			
36. Scott Piercy	193	\$341,891	49. Ch			
37. Ryuji Imadá	190	\$223,688	49. Ke			
38. Andres Romero	185	\$393,400	49. Sh			
39. J.B. Holmes	181	\$310,769	75. 51			
39. Bill Lunde 41. Bill Haas	181 178	\$320,028				
		\$290,943 \$160,507				
42. Cameron Beckma 43. Chris Stroud	168	\$169,507 \$309,437				
44. Fred Couples	160	\$349,695				
45. Mathew Goggin	159	\$263,707				
46. Kevin Sutherland		\$182,337	ATLAN			
47. Ted Purdy	146	\$171,827				
48. Hunter Mahan	145	\$228,325	New J			
49. John Senden	143	\$227.538	Philad			
50. Chris DiMarco	137	\$190,118	N.Y. R			
50. Cliff Kresge	137	\$212,198	Pittsb			
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50. Cliff Kresge 52. Rich Beem 52. Justin Leonard 54. Ernie Els

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55. Carl Pettersson
56. Briny Baird
56. James Nittles
58. Bo Van Pett
59. Boo Weekley
60. Steve Marino
61. Dean Wilson
62. Brendon de Jonge
63. Shigeki Maruyama
64. Chad Campbell
65. Scott McCarron
66. Robert Garrisus

66. Robert Garrigus 66. George McNeill 68. Matt Jones 69. Michael Letzig

70. J.J. Henry 71. Woody Austin

HOCKEY								
NHL All Times MST EASTERN								
ATLANTIC	W	L	σ	PTS	GF	GA		
New Jersey	38	19	3	79	182	151		
Philadelphia	31	17	9	71	189	169		
N.Y. Rangers	31	23		69	151	170		
Pittsburgh	29	26	6	64	185	191		
N.Y. Islanders	18	35		42	144	198		
NORTHEAST	W	L	σ	PTS	GF	GA		
Boston	40	12	8	88	200	137		
Montreal	31	22	7	69	184	184		
Buffalo	31	23	6	68	179	168		
Toronto	22	26	12	56	180	219		
Ottawa	22	27	9	53	144	168		
SOUTHEAST	W	L	στ	PTS	GF	GA		
Washington	38	17	5	81	201	172		
Florida	30	21	8 5	68	166	159		
Carolina	31			67	162	176		
Tampa Bay	20		12	52	152	191		
Atlanta	21	33	6	. 48	176	211		
WESTERN CENTRAL W L OT PTS GF GA								
CENTRAL	W		UI	PIS	GF	GA		
Detroit	39	13	8	86	228	177		
Chicago	34	16	8	76	194	143		
Columbus	30	24	6	66	165	169		
Nashville	28	28	4	60	142	168		

LPGA Money Leaders Through Feb. 14

1. Angela Stanford	1	\$180,000
2. Michelle Wie	1	\$108,332
3. Angela Park	1	\$69,690
3. Na Yeon Choi	i	\$69,690
	1	
5. Ai Miyazato	4	\$44,484
5. Yani Tseng	1 1 1	\$44,484
7. Brittany Lang	1	\$29,755
7. Cristie Kerr		\$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
10. Taylor Leon	1	\$20,948
15. Candie Kung	1	\$15,539
15. Paula Creamer		\$15,539
15. Johanna Mundy	1	\$15,539
15. Vicky Hurst	1 1 1	\$15,539
19. Stacy Lewis	1	\$12,930
19. Momoko Ueda	1	\$12,930
	1	
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. Anja Monke	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. Meena Lee	1	\$7,617
31. Kris Tamulis	ī	\$7,617
31. Suzann Pettersen	1	\$7,617
31. Grace Park	1	\$7,617
31. Juli Inkster	1	\$7,617
	1	\$5,597
38. Russy Gulyanamitta	1	\$5,597 \$5,597
38. Moirá Dunn	1	\$5,59 <i>1</i>
38. Nicole Castrale		\$5,597
38. Sarah Jane Smith	1	\$5,597
38. Sun Young Yoo	1	\$5,597
38. Hee Young Park	1	\$5,597
38. Maggie Will	1	\$5,597
38. Michele Redman	1	\$5,597
46. Giulia 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

NHL All Times MST EASTERN								
ATLANTIC	w	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
New Jersey Philadelphia N.Y. Rangers Pittsburgh N.Y. Islanders	38 31 31 29 18	19 17 23 26 35	3 9 7 6 6	79 71 69 64 42	182 189 151 185 144	151 169 170 191 198		
NORTHEAST	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Boston Montreal Buffalo Toronto Ottawa	40 31 31 22 22	12 22 23 26 27	8 7 6 12 9	88 69 68 56 53	200 184 179 180 144	137 184 168 219 168		
SOUTHEAST	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Washington Florida Carolina Tampa Bay Atlanta			5 8 5 12 6 TERN		201 166 162 152 176	172 159 176 191 211		
CENTRAL	W	L	OT	PIS	GF	GA		
Detroit Chicago Columbus Nashville St. Louis	39 34 30 28 25	13 16 24 28 26	8 6 4 8	86 76 66 60 58	228 194 165 142 165	177 143 169 168 178		
NORTHWEST	W	L	OT	PIS	GF	GA		
Calgary Vancouver Minnesota Edmonton	35 30 30 29	18 21 24 25	6 8 4 5	76 68 64 63	187 181 151 165	173 170 135 182		

PACIFIC W LOT PTS GF GA San Jose 41 8 9 91 200
Dallas 29 23 7 65 174
Anaheim 29 27 5 63 173
Phoenix 27 28 5 59 156
Los Angeles 25 24 9 59 195
Two points for a win, one point for overti
loss or shootout loss.

Sunday's Games
Washington 5, Pittsburgh 2
Carollina 5, Colorado 2
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3

Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3 Minnesota 2, Chicago 1 Toronto 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT Monday's Game

San Jose 1, Dallas 0 Tuesday's Games Anaheim at Buffalo, 5 p.m. Anaheim at Buffalo, 5 p.m.
Florida at Boston, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 5 p.m.
Vancouver at Montreal, 5:30 p.m.
Carolina at Ottawa, 5:30 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Erlmonton, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 7 p.m. Columbus at Calgary, 7 p.m. Wednesday's Games Wednesday's Games
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
San Jose at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 5:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m.

RODEO Pro Rodeo Leaders Through Feb. 22 All-Around Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah,

\$37,316. 2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$18,211. 3. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$17,526. 4. Seth Glause, Rock Springs, Wyo., \$13,397. 5. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$13,296. 6. Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga., \$12,786.

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7. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb., \$6,597.

Bareback Ridling
1. Heath Ford, Greeley, Colo., \$27,740.
2. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore., \$21,222.
3. Kaycee Feild, Elk Ridge, Utah, \$19,199.
4. Clint Cannon, Waller, Texas, \$17,782.
5. Tilden Hooper, Carthage, Texas, \$17,497.
6. Tim Shirley, Conifer, Colo., \$16,330.
7. D.V. Fennell, Neosho, Mo., \$14,598.
8. Justin McDaniel, Porm, Okla., \$13,3521.
9. Jared Keylon, Fort Scott, Kan., \$12,971.
10. Cody DeMers, Kimberly, Idaho, \$11,926.
11. Dustin Reeves, Owanka, S.D., \$10,477.
12. Kelly Timberman, Mills, Wyo., \$10,038.
13. Zach Curran, Arvada, Colo., \$9,670. 14. Tom McFarland, Wickenburg, Ariz., \$8.079.

14. 1011 McFarland, Wickelburg, Aniz., \$8.079.
15. Jared Smith, Snyder, Texas, \$7,912.
16. Scott Montague, Rapid City, S.D., \$7,361.
17. Royce Ford, Briggsdale, Colo., \$7,288.
18. Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas, \$7,019.
19. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, Texas, \$6,840.
20. Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash., \$6,837.

Steer Wrestling
1. Todd Suhn, North Platte, Neb., \$22,577.
2. Joey Bell Jr., Athens, Texas, \$20,392.
3. Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo., \$17,713.
4. Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D., \$17,567.
5. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., \$16,641.

6. Casey McMillen, Craig, Colo., \$16,462. 7. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, AB, \$15,319.

B. Darrell Petry, Beaumont, Texas, \$15,116.
J. Jonathon Ferreira, Fort Jones, Calif., 9. Jonathon Férreira, Fort Jones, Calif., \$11,881. 10. Spud Duvall, Checotah, Okla., \$11,839. 11. Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb., \$11,451. 21. Casey Martin, Sulphu, La., \$10,619. 13. Lee Graves, Canada, \$10,254. 14. Matt Reeves, Pampa, Texas, \$9,868. 15. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss., \$9,728. 16. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, \$9,226.

Tanner Milan, Canada, \$9,027.

17. Ianner Milan, Canada, \$9,027.
18. Ken Lewis, La Junta, Colo, \$8,536.
19. Stockton Graves, Newkirk, Okla., \$8,446.
20. Jack Hodges, Stephenville, Texas, \$8,157.
Team Roping (header)
1. Chad Masters, Santo, Iexas, \$22,080.
2. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga., \$18,619.
3. Shane Phillipp, Washington, Texas, \$17,103.

3. Shane Philipp, Washington, IEARDS, \$17,103.
4. Nick Sartain, Yukon, Okla., \$14,474.
5. Luke Brown, Santo, Texas, \$12,207.
6. Blaine Linaweaver, Leavenworth, Kan., \$12,158.
7. Joel Bach, Millsap, Texas, \$12,144.
8. Turtle Powell, Stephenville, Texas, \$9,741.
9. Tommy Edens, Gatesville, Texas, \$9,498.
10. Ty Blasingame, Olney Springs, Colo., \$8,679.

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11. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$8,521.

12. Keven Daniel, Franklin, Tenn., \$8,485.

13. Jolo LeMond, Andrews, Texas, \$8,378.

14. David Key, Caldwell, Texas, \$8,209.

15. Cooper Wimberly, Belen, N.M., \$8,057.

16. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$7,847.

17. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M., \$7,731.

18. Caleb Mitchell, Charlotte, Texas, \$7,491.

19. Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$7,160. \$7,160. 20. Garrett Tonozzi, Fruita, Colo., \$7,069.

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Brad Culpepper, Ashburn, Ga. \$22,283

2. Michael Jones, Stephenville, Texas,

2. Michael Jones, Stephielmine, Teads, \$22,080.
3. Arky Rogers, Lake City, Fla., \$17,103.
4. Kollin Von Ahn, Durant, Okla., \$14,957.
5. Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas, \$12,206.
6. Allen Bach, Weatherford, Texas, \$11,661.
7. Richard Durham, Morgan Mill, Texas, \$40,004.

7. Richard Durham, Morgan Mill, Texas, \$10,891. 8. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$9,864. 9. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla, \$9,741. 10. Dustin Davis, Texarkana, Ark., \$9,244. 11. Bobby Baize, Anthony, N.M., \$8,679. 12. Casey Chamberlain, Colorado City, Texas,

13. Wade Clayton, Needville, Texas, \$8,202. 14. James Gililland, Albuquerque, N.M., \$8,057. 15. Jay Wadhams, Pueblo, Colo., \$7,847.

\$7,731.

17. Kinney Harrell, Marshall, Texas, \$7,324.

18. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev., \$7,160.

19. Justin Copp, Justin, Texas, \$7,009.

20. Coby Jones, Gatesville, Texas, \$6,873.

Saddle Brone Riding

1. JJ. Eishere, Quinn, S.D., \$28,082.

2. Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas, \$21,841.

2. Heith DeMose, Heffin, La, \$19,840.

\$21,841.
3. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La., \$19,849.
4. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., \$19,310.
5. Jesse Kruse, Great Falls, Mont., \$15,883.
6. Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, \$0., \$15,598.
7. Rusty Allen, Eagle Mountain, Utah,

\$15,262 8. Isaac Diaz, Stephenville, Texas, \$13,239. 9. Dusty Hausauer, Dickinson, N.D., \$12,486. 10. Cody Taton, Newell, S.D., \$12,193. 11. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La., \$11,691. 12. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$8,847. 13. Seth Glause, Rock Springs, Wyo., \$8,043. 14. Bryan Hammons, Victoria, Texas, \$7,508. 15. Louie Brunson, Interior, S.D., \$6,787. 16. Anthony Bello, Oakley, Utah, \$6,664. 17. Wes Rurns Stephenville Texas, \$6,699. 18. Justin Arnold, Santa Margarita, Calif., 19. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb., \$6,223. 20. Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, Texas

\$5,849. 1. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, 2. Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas, \$22,590 3. Adam Gray, Seymour, Texas, \$19,667.

SKI REPORT

4p; Tue-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-

degrees 2 new wet packed

snow machine groomed 56

78 base 92 of 92 trails,

2900 acres 8 of 10 lifts,

100% open, Mon-Thu: 9a-

3:45p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-

Silver Mountain — Mon 4

13am partly cloudy 32

degrees packed powder

machine groomed 35 67

base 73 of 73 trails, 5 of

7 lifts 100% open, Thu-Fri:

Snowhaven — Mon 5am 22

9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;

degrees packed powder

machine groomed 38 42

base 7 of 7 trails 2 of 2

lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri:

8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 10a-4p.

Soldier Mountain — Sun

Open Thu-Sun 8 04am

packed powder machine

groomed 30 33 base 36 of

36 trails, 1147 acres, 3 of

3 lifts, 100% open Thu/Fri:

9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; open Thu-Sun.

Sun Valley — Mon 5 09am snow 30 degrees 2 new

powder machine groomed

trails, 18 of 18 lifts 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p;

Tamarack — Mon 6 20am

new powder machine

open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p;

Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

partly cloudy 33 degrees 3

groomed 28 68 base 42 of

42 trails, 7 of 7 lifts 100%

33 54 base 75 of 75

Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

open Thu-Mon.

8p: Sun 9a-3 45p.

9p; Sun: 9a-4p.

Schweitzer Mountain -

Mon 3 18pm snow 35

Idaho

Bogus Basin — Mon 6 26am mixed snow/rain precip 33 degrees 1 new hard packed 46 57 base 60 of 66 trails 27 miles, 2400 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, 90% open, Mon-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat/Sun 9a-10p. Brundage — Mon 4 55am snow 30 degrees 2 new powder 47 62 base 46 of 46 trails, 25 miles 1500 acres, 4 of 5 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4 30p. Kelly Canyon — Operating

Tue-Sun, no details Lookout Pass — Mon 5am 35 degrees packed powder machine groomed 54 82 base 34 of 34 trails 4 of 4 lifts, 100% open, Mon, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p; open Wed-Mon. Magic Mountain — Mon Open Thu-Sun 5am packed powder machine groomed 53 63 base 14 of 14 trails 3 of 3 lifts, 100% open, Thu/Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; open Thu-Sun. Pebble Creek — Sun 5:17am packed powder machine groomed 21 64 base 54 of 54 trails 3 of 3 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Thu: 9:30a-4p; Fri: 9:30a-9:30p; Sat/Sun: 9 30a-9:30p.

Pomerelle — Sun 12 38pm cldy 28 degrees packed powder machine groomed 75 103 base 24 of 24 trails, 500 acres 3 of 3 lifts, 100% open, Mon: 9a-

4. Tyson Durfey, Colbert, Wash., \$18,362.
5. Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas, \$17,371.
6. Houston Hutto, Del Rio, Texas, \$17,200.
7. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., \$17,019.
8. Scott Kormos, Teague, Texas, \$15,199.
9. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, \$13,799.
10. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$12,140.
11. Kody Curry, Buna, Texas, \$13,72.
12. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$10,872.
13. Cade Swor, Chico, Texas, \$10,035.
14. Justin Macha, Needville, Texas, \$9,688.
15. Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, \$9,369.
16. Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga., \$8,796.
17. Brady Brock, Justin, Texas, \$8,417.
18. Ricky Canton, Navasota, Texas, \$8,297.
19. Clint Cooper, Decatur, Texas, \$8,297.
19. Clint Cooper, Decatur, Texas, \$7,729.
Steer Roping
1. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas, \$8,611.
2. Leo Campbell, Amarillo, Texas, \$6,831.
3. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas, \$5,380.
4. Rockly Patterson, Pratt, Kan, \$4,754.

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7. Chet Herren. Pawhuska. Okla.. \$3.928.

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8. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas, \$3,673.
9. Shandon Stalls, McLean, Texas, \$3,032.
10. Will Gasperson, Decatur, Texas, \$2,974.
11. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo., \$2,926.
12. Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz., \$2,467.
13. Walter Priestly, Robstown, Texas, \$2,463.
14. Don Eddleman, Santa Anna, Texas, \$2,123.
15. Neal Wood, Gily, Texas, \$2,123.

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15. Neal Wood, Guy, Texas, \$2,123.
16. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$1,847.
17. Guy Allen, Santa Anna, Texas, \$1,847.
17. Guy Allen, Santa Anna, Texas, \$1,818.
18. Pake McEntire, Coalgate, Okla., \$1,803.
19. Paul Patton, Abilene, Texas, \$1,662.

Bull Riding
1. J.W. Harris, May, Texas, \$46,634.
2. Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., \$43,046.
3. Clayton Savage, Casper, Wyo., \$40,139.
4. Douglas Duncan, Alvin, Texas, \$34,877.
5. Spud Jones, Tohatchi, N.M., \$25,244.
6. Cody Whitney, Asher, Okla., \$23,466.
7. Tate Stratton, Stanley, N.M., \$22,774.
8. Bobby Welsh, Gillette, Wyo., \$22,410.
9. Steve Woolsey, Payson, Utah, \$20,275.
10. Fred Boettcher, Rice, Lake, Wis, \$18,454.
11. Austin Ambrose, Fletcher, Okla., \$15,888.

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13. Jason Beck, Prairieville, La., \$13,331. 14. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., \$12,941. 15. Cameron Castleberry, Gillette, Wyo.,

\$12.914

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16. Dave Samsel, Haslet, Texas, \$11,890.

17. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$11,442.

18. Colby Reilly, Stratford, Wash., \$9,994.

19. Bryan Guthrie, Cheyenne, Wyo., \$9,956.

20. Stetson Lewis, Tularosa, N.M., \$9,915.

Barrel Racing

1. Mattie Little, Coppel, Exas \$22,901.

2. Savanah Reeves, Dublin, Texas, \$21,319.

3. Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, \$21,196.

4. Jackie Jatzlau, Giddings, Texas, \$21,092.

5. Jordon Peterson, Chilton, Texas, \$20,945.

6. Danyelle Camphell, Reaumont Call

6. Danyelle Campbell, Beaumont, Calif., \$17,358.

17,358. Cassie Moseley, Farwell, Texas, \$16,725. Annesa Self, Valley View, Texas, \$15,900. Tammy Key-Fischer, Ledbetter, Texas, 14,708.

\$14,708.

10. Tiffany Fox, Fox, Okla., \$14,568.

11. Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore., \$13,721.

12. Brenda Seely, Lander, Wyo., \$13,221.

13. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$13,125.

14. Brittany Pozzi-Pharr, Victoria, Texas, \$11,975.

. Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla., \$11,921. . Kelly Maben, Spur, Texas, \$9,291.

Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas,

Shelley Morgan, Eustace, Texas, \$8,489.

TRANSACTIONS

18. Shawna Bourne, Chapel Hill, Tenn. \$8.314.

19. Christina Richman, Glendora, Calif., \$8.170.

American League
SEATTLE MARINERS—Resigned OF Mike
Wilson to a minor league contract.
National League
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Released LHP
Oddis Pares VASHINGTON VALIDANCE—Released EHP Odalis Perez. American Association PENSACOLA PELICANS—Traded LHP Zach Cline to Lincoln to complete an earlier traded. SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS—Released

LHP Jorge Lugo. SIOUX FALLS CANARIES—Released RHP

SIOUX FÄLLS ČANARIES—Released RHP Lenny Bays. Signed RHP Ty Marotz. WICHITA WINGNUTS—Claimed RHP Mark Roberts off waivers from Sioux Falls. Attantic League LONG ISLAND DUCKS—Acquired the rights to RHP Jose Garcia and C John Pachot from Newark for the rights to OF Carl Everett and LHP Vic Darensbourg. Can Am League OTTAWA—Acquired RHP David Wasylak from

Carram League
OTTAWA—Acquired RHP David Wasylak from
Grand Prairie (AA) for LHP Jacob Ramos.
WORCESTER TORNADOES—Signed OF Luis

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS—Agreed to terms with INF Jay Pecci and INF Eric McNamee. KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Agreed to terms with

Northern League

KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Agreed to terms with RHP Hiarali García.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS—Recalled G Thomas

Gardner and F Othello Hunter from Anaheim

(NBADL).

Microsoft Nethonal Basketball Association

(NBADL).

Women's National Basketball Association
SEATTLE STORM—Signed G Shannon Johnson.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
HOUSTON TEXANS—Named Geoff Kaplan
director of sports medicine-head athletic
trainer and Ray Wright strength and conditioning coach.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Assigned G Chris
Beckford-Tseu to Phoenix (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled RW Teddy
Purcell from Manchester (AHL). Announced F
Dustin Brown has been granted non-roster
status by the league Renney and assistant coach Perry Pearn Named John Tortorella coach. ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled F Yan Stastny

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American Hockey League

QUAD CITY FLAMES-Recalled D Dan Sp from Las Vegas (ECHL).

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS-Assigned D Sebastien Bisaillon to Stockton (ECHL).

WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS-Named Chris Cichocki interim assistant coach. Central Hockey League
OKLAHOMA CITY BLAZERS—Waived D-F

Reagan Leslie. ECHL

ECHL—Suspended Stockton D Cleve Kinley for five games and fined him an undisclosed amount as a result of his actions in a Feb. 21 game at Utah. Suspended Las Vegas LW Tim Spencer for one game and fined him an undisclosed amount as a result of his actions in a Feb. 21 game at Idaho. undisclosed amount as a result of his action in a Feb. 21 game at Idaho.
SOCCER
Women's Professional Soccer League
SKY BLUE FC—Agreed to terms with D Anita

COLLEGE
BIG 12 CONFERENCE—Suspended Texas Tech
coach Pat Knight one game for complaining
about the officials after a Feb. 21 loss to Texas A&M. ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK—Dismissed F Steven Moore from the men's basketball team.
ILLINOIS STATE—Named Dan Shula offensive

assistant football coach.

MACALESTER-ST.PAUL—Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Curt Nietzer. MORAVIAN—Named Todd Ervin men's soccer

Pittsburgh Panthers back on top of latest Associated Press poll

Pittsburgh is No. 1 again in The Associated Press' college basketball poll following a week in which the top three teams all lost.

The Panthers are a runaway choice Monday, just as they were on Jan. 5 when they moved to No. 1 for the first time in school history and went on to hold the spot for two weeks. Connecticut, Oklahoma and North

Carolina, the top three teams that all lost last week — Connecticut lost to Pittsburgh — each dropped one place in the poll. Memphis holds on to No. 5 and is followed

in the top ten by Louisville, Duke, Marquette, Michigan State and Villanova.

Oklahoma lost to Texas, while North Carolina was beaten in overtime by Maryland. It was the first time the top three teams lost in the same week since November 2003.

BASEBALL

Barry Bonds' personal trainer ordered to court

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge has ordered Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, to court to disclose whether he intends to testify at the slugger's trial next month.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston scheduled a hearing for Wednesday morning and ordered the U.S. Marshals Service to tell Anderson and provide him with transportation, if needed.

The judge has barred prosecutors from using key evidence, such as positive steroids tests, at Bonds' March 2 trial unless Anderson testifies.

Anderson has said through his attorney he will refuse to testify, and he may be sent to prison on contempt of court charges. Anderson was sent to prison after refusing to testify about Bonds before a federal grand jury

M M A

Pennsylvania steps into mixed martial arts ring

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pennsylvania will allow mixed martial arts events after state officials wrote new safety regulations.

The sport combines elements of karate, judo, jujitsu and kickboxing. Proponents say mixed martial arts has evolved from its noholds-barred past that Sen. John McCain once called "human cockfighting."

States including New Jersey, Ohio and Maryland already permit it. Pennsylvania

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expects to regulate four to five events a month. Promoters and fighters must be licensed and insured. Fighters also must take a pre-fight physical and emergency personnel

must be at ringside at all times. Ultimate Fighting Championship is the biggest name in mixed martial arts.

MAGIC VALLEY

Track rules meeting nears

TWIN FALLS — A mandatory track rules meeting for District IV coaches, starters and officials will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, March 2, in the Twin Falls High School faculty lounge.

USBC Doubles tourney set

JEROME — The Eighth Annual Jerome USBC Doubles Tournament will be held March 7-8 and 14-15. Multiple entries are allowed and cash prizes will be awarded.

Entry forms are available at area bowling alleys.

Information: Jerome Bowl at 324-5292 or Brenda Alftin at 404-1213 brinalft@aol.com.

JRD holds spring soccer sign-ups

JEROME — Jerome Recreation District is offering sign-ups for Co-ed Spring Soccer through March 9. The league is for youth from age 4 through sixth grade. The cost is \$15 for those within the district and \$25 for those outside the district. Spring soccer will begin March 28 and run April 4, 18 and 25. Register by phone at 324-3389 or at the JRD office.

Minico Dance Force holds workshop

RUPERT — Minico High School's Dance Force is holding a mini dance workshop from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Girls and boys of all ages are welcome. Participants will perform at the Spartan Dance Force's annual dance show on March 10. Tickets for the dance show are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the

— staff and wire reports

Blue Jays CF Vernon Wells injures hamstring

The Associated Press

Vernon Wells hurt his hamstring again — before the Toronto Blue Jays even started spring training games.

The high-priced center fielder injured his left leg during drills Monday in Dunedin, Fla., and could be sidelined for most of spring training.

It's the same hamstring that kept Wells out for a month last season. The twotime All-Star was scheduled for an MRI late in the day and the team was waiting for results.

"Right now, preliminarily, I'd say he's going to miss four weeks," Blue Jays general manager J.P. Ricciardi told MLB.com.

Toronto manager Cito Gaston said he thought Wells was hurt running the bases.

"I was on another field," Gaston said, "but I noticed he wasn't doing the cutoffs and relays so it must have happened during that time."

Gaston said the only positive thing about Wells' injury is that it happened early in spring training.

"He's got a chance to be ready to start the season," possibly as a designated hitter, Gaston said.

It's the latest setback for Wells, who signed a \$126 million, seven-vear contract before the 2007 season. He missed 52 games due to injuries in 2008, when he broke his left wrist making a sliding catch early in the season and then returned to the disabled list July 10 with a strained left hamstring.

A three-time Gold Glove winner, Wells batted .300 with 20 home runs and 78 RBIs in 108 games last year. He spent the offseason working with a personal trainer, hoping to strengthen hamstrings that have bothered him for years.

Fla., the At Viera, Washington scrapped their plans for Odalis Perez.



Toronto Blue Jays' Vernon Wells stretches with teammates Sunday during a baseball spring training workout in Dunedin, Fla.

The disgruntled pitcher was released Monday, a day after he failed to show up at spring training by the mandatory reporting dead-

Perez agreed to a minor contract with league Washington on Feb. 5 that would have paid him \$850,000 if he made the team. Recently, however, the left-hander said he wanted a better deal.

The 31-year-old Perez hadn't returned phone calls from general manager Jim Bowden or manager Manny Acta. Perez let the 7 p.m. Sunday deadline pass without reporting.

"We left messages yester-Nationals day for his agent, we left the right-hander was admitmessages for him, I left messages again this morning, intrasquad

and they made their point really clear," Bowden said. "We've got a lot of pitchers here in camp who are committed to helping us win, and we want players here who want to be here." Perez was 7-12 with a 4.34

73-82 with a 4.46 ERA in 10 seasons. "It's disappointing because you'd at least like him to talk to us in person," Bowden

ERA in 30 starts for the

Nationals last season. He is

Jason Schmidt is not only in camp with the Los Angeles Dodgers, but on the mound

throwing strikes. Trying to come back from two shoulder operations, tedly nervous for his outing

Phoenix. Yet things couldn't have gone much better.

Schmidt looked sharp in his brief stint against Dodgers teammates. He threw nine of 11 pitches for strikes and retired three of his four batters in a scoreless inning.

"My biggest goal was to get out there and walk off in one piece," Schmidt said. "I wanted to be able to come out knowing I don't have to ice. I think I accomplished that, as long as I don't trip on the way to the clubhouse."

The 36-year-old Schmidt has pitched in only six games, all in 2007, during the first two seasons of his threeyear, \$47 million deal with the Dodgers.

He used two of his four pitches Monday, throwing Torre said. "He's been in a or lift weights for a few days.

fastballs and changeups to retire Juan Pierre, Mark Loretta and Matt Kemp while allowing an infield single to Casey Blake.

"I wanted to get in a game, get my feet wet and see how it feels to play catch tomorrow," Schmidt said. "I wouldn't have minded a few more pitches. When you get out there and get loose, you feel like you can throw all day.

"It's going to take me a while. I'll be honest about that. I have to get all my checkpoints back, the things that got me over the plate and got me aligned."

Los Angeles manager Joe Torre was encouraged.

"He had an easy time throwing the ball. He certainly looked comfortable,"

great frame of mind. Last year, there would always be that one day when he wasn't sure. But today looked like he was just letting it go and it looked great coming out."

Brad Penny threw 30 pitches during his first batting practice session with Boston and said he "felt great."

The right-hander tossed fastballs, breaking balls and splitters and stayed on track to be ready for the start of the regular season.

Today, for me, answered a lot of questions, mentally and physically," Penny said in Fort Myers, Fla. "I didn't even know what to expect going out there the first time facing hitters, but everything felt great."

Shoulder problems limited Penny to 19 games last season with the Dodgers and only nine innings after June

At Mesa, Ariz., Carlos Zambrano is showing no signs of the shoulder problems that hampered him last although the season, Chicago Cubs are taking a conservative approach with their ace this spring.

"Physically, I feel the best I've ever felt in spring training," Zambrano said after a free-and-easy throwing session against hitters. "I'm not a rookie. I know what to do and I know my job here is to get ready."

Zambrano spent the offseason strengthening his shoulder, and the Cubs sent a trainer to his native Venezuela to work with him.

"It's important," he said. "I won't want that to happen to me again this year."

At Kissimmee, Fla., an Xray revealed that Houston Astros outfielder Darin Erstad has a small fracture near his right eye after a ball hit him there during outfield drills Sunday.

Erstad has been cleared for all baseball activities but participate Tuesday's intrasquad game



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