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General manager testifies in Latham lawsuit

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A general manager for a shuttered auto enterprise testified Monday in Twin Falls that RLS Inc. sold cars out of trust since about October, affirming an allegation by KeyBank National Association in a $6.3 million lawsuit.

The bank in February filed the complaint against RLS Inc., or Hertz of Magic Valley, Robert Latham Sr., Robert Latham Jr., Tracy Frank, Scott Reaves, and local finance company 1-800 Finance Inc., registered to Reaves. Frank was a general manager of Hertz of Magic Valley and Reaves was general manager of Latham Motors, owned by RLS Inc., according to court records.

The bank alleges the defendants violated bank credit agreements by wholesaling cars, didn't pay the bank millions from "selling out of trust," denied the bank inspections, and violated limits on older car sales, according to the lawsuit.

Frank affirmed the selling out-of-trust allegation Monday from

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Tracy Frank, general manager of RLS Inc., or Hertz of Magic Valley, looks over a financial document from the stand during a hearing Monday in Twin Falls 5th District Court. KeyBank National Association is suing Frank, along with RLS Inc., Robert Latham Jr., Robert Latham Sr., Scott Reaves, who managed Latham Motors, and 1-800 Finance Inc., which is registered to Reeves. The bank seeks $6.3 million and asserts the defendants violated bank credit agreements, though the local auto enterprise has since closed.
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Soldier Mountain burns

Photo courtesy/PATRICK D. GALVIN
Firefighters battle the blaze Monday at Soldier Mountain Ski Resort.

ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News
Members of the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department mop up a blaze Monday that engulfed the Soldier Mountain Ski Resort restaurant and lounge near Fairfield. Soldier Mountain first opened in 1948.

Lodge, ski shop destroyed; none injured in end-of-season blaze

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

FAIRFIELD — An early morning fire Monday destroyed one of Fairfield's most iconic and historic buildings, the day lodge at Soldier Mountain.

The lodge, built in 1948, was already a total loss when firefighters responded after a neighbor called in a smoke sighting at about 7:30 a.m. Monday. The resort's ski shop was also destroyed. The resort is owned by film star Bruce Willis.

Wayne Marolf, chief of the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department, which covers all of Camas County, said the fire likely started behind the kitchen where appliances like hot water heaters were kept, and he said it

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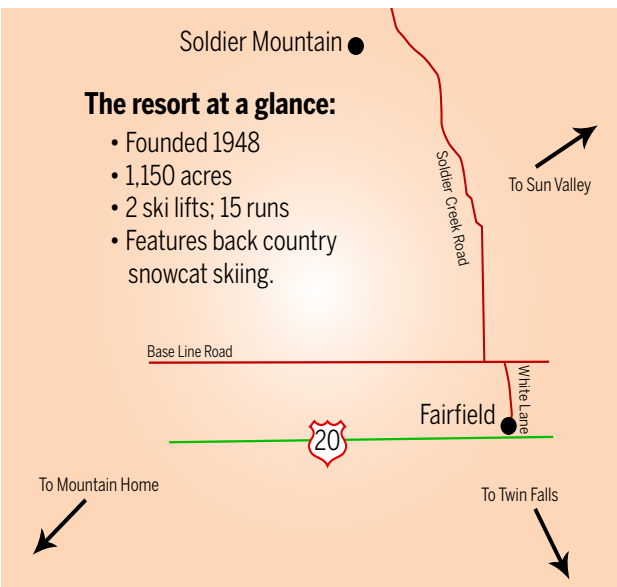

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WATCH: A video and a slide show of the scene at the Soldier Mountain Ski Resort fire.

Judge rejects Adamson plea deal

By Debbie Bryce
Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill refused to accept a plea bargain Monday in the case of a former Idaho gubernatorial candidate charged with collecting, but not paying federal taxes for his employees.

Winmill said he was not comfortable rendering a sentence without hearing all the evidence in the case against Dan Adamson of Chubbuck.

Adamson owned and operated Northwest Bec Corp., which managed nursing home facilities in Idaho, California and Oregon — including a number in the Magic Valley.

He pleaded guilty last October as part of a plea agreement.

Under the agreement, Adamson admitted to deducting and collecting federal income withholding taxes and employee contributions to Social Security and Medicare at six California facilities while failing to send the funds to the Internal Revenue Services during the third quarter of 2001.

Court records show that

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Disclosure bill will get full Senate hearing

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — A measure to require Idaho state government elected officials and their spouses to disclose their personal financial information unanimously cleared the Senate State Affairs on Monday.

The bipartisan bill requires state legislators and statewide constitutional officers like the governor to complete questionnaires to make public their employers; where they own real estate; sources of gross income of at least $10,000; and any other financial interests valued of at least $5,000. Candidates in election must also complete the form.

The bill is more scaled back than previous efforts brought by Democrats. It's co-sponsored by Senate

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Obama puts GM and Chrysler on short leash

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — General Motors is on a short leash. Chrysler — even shorter.

President Barack Obama asserted unprecedented government control over the auto industry Monday and delivered an ultimatum to the two auto giants. He bluntly rejected their turnaround plans, demanded

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Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio

• Stretch your mind and skills. Today and Wednesday the Twin Falls Senior Center hosts a free sampling of upcoming classes in felting, stained glass, the science of handwriting analysis and pet poetry-writing-reading from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Admission is free. Information: Merideth Humphreys, 734-5084.

• Shoshone High School Music students present "A Night of Classics" at 7 p.m. at the Shoshone School gymnasium, 61 E. Idaho Highway 24. It's free, but they'll take donations for instrument repair and replacement, along with new music and equipment.

• If you want to play or listen, there's the regular Jazz Jam, hosted by Brent Jensen from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St., Twin Falls. There's no cover.

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.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz Tuesdays, open jam session for musicians of all ages and abilities, 6 to 8 p.m., Pandora's Restaurant, 516 Hansen St., Twin Falls, no cover charge, 420-7066.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Southern Idaho Parrot Head Club meeting, a non-profit organization: provides opportunity to meet new friends, enjoy music and volunteer for planned community service and environmental projects sponsored by O'Dunkens Draught House, 7 p.m., O'Dunkens Draught House, downtown Twin Falls, 208-720-8001.

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.

Historic Downtown Business Improvement District of Twin Falls meeting, 1:30 p.m., City Council overflow room, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7313.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Hagerman High School gym; and 11: 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Declo High School gym, no cost, 732-6475.

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

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

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY
Monday arraignments

Uriel Jose Ortega, 20, Twin Falls; provide false information; April 21 pretrial; recognizance release; public defender appointed

Aaron Ervin Marshall, 18, Buhl; indecent exposure, DUI excessive; recognizance release; public defender appointed; April 21 pretrial; recognizance release

Luis G. Alvarez-Cordero, 23, Wendell; petit theft; $100 bond; April 21 pretrial

David Estrada Jr., 30, Twin Falls; provide false information; $100 bond; public defender appointed; April 21 pretrial

Aubrey R. Bradford, 21, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, no insurance; recognizance release; public defender appointed; April 21 pretrial

Thomas Leonard Jones, 38, Twin Falls; domestic battery, possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia; $1500 bond; public defender appointed; April 21 pretrial

Andrew Joseph Powlus, 20, Twin Falls; open container, malicious injury to property, DUI; April 21 pretrial; $5,000 bond; public defender appointed

Fred Leighton Graffee, 36, Buhl; delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance; $10,000 bond; public defender appointed ; April 10 pretrial

Jamie L. Allshouse, 18, Twin Falls; no insurance; invalid driver's license; April 21 pretrial; $100 bond; public defender appointed

Jamie L. Allshouse, 18, Twin Falls; leaving the scene of an injury accident; April 10 preliminary hearing; $5,000 bond; public defender appointed

Jeffrey Scott Milner, 36, Kimberly; invalid driver's license, possession of paraphernalia; $500 bond; public defender appointed; April 21 pretrial

Blaze

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appeared to be accidental. Investigators from the state fire marshal's office are expected to look over the scene on Wednesday to determine an official cause.

Saturday was the last day the mountain was open to the public for the season, and employees enjoyed a private "fun day" on Sunday while performing maintenance work. The resort is always closed Mondays.

When Assistant Fire Chief Shaun Stewart arrived on the snow-covered scene in the first fire vehicle just before 8 a.m., he said, the two-story main lodge was already destroyed and the ski shop, full of equipment, was engulfed.

"I had to make a quick decision about how to fight this," he said. With the 1,250 gallons in that first truck, his crew alternated between wetting the ski patrol building next door and fighting the fire at the modular ski shop. Eventually a pump was brought to suck water out of a nearby creek. "We're lucky the creek was open; it's sometimes not open at this time of year."

Stewart said it was also lucky that the wind was minimal. If it had been stronger, as it was on Sunday, likely all the buildings on the property and the surrounding trees would have ignited as well.

This is the first large structure fire in many years in Camas County, Stewart said, and he lauded the all-volunteer department for its efforts to save the other buildings.

Monday's blaze was not the first fire at Soldier — in the mid-1970s, the ski rental shop burned, Marolf said. However, there were no indications that the lodge posed a greater-than-typical fire danger for a building of its age, agreed Marolf and Soldier Mountain manager Larry Davenport, and it had been assessed recently.

Davenport said he hasn't heard yet from the corporate managers of Valley Entertainment Group, owned by Willis, a part-time Hailey resident. Paul Bloch, a Rogers & Cowan publicist in Los Angeles, said he was not sure if Willis had learned of the fire. Willis was married earlier this month and is on his honeymoon, Bloch said.

"There was supposed to be a new lodge built eventually," Davenport said. Mountain managers recently unveiled plans for major improvements to the site, including a new lodge at the north end of the parking lot. "I have no idea at this time how it'll affect that."

Davenport said he's certain there will be a ski season at Soldier next year, even if it has to be conducted out of temporary structures. He expects no employees will be out of work this year. Davenport said he was shocked and saddened by the fire, especially because the lodge is so closely associated with the Soldier Mountain experience.

"No matter where I travel, people say, 'That's where I learned to ski,'" Davenport said. "It was very nostalgic and there were a lot of memories here for people."

Those people include Stewart, who has enjoyed the mountain for decades. "This is where I learned to ski; this is where my kids learned to ski. My wife spent hours sitting in that lodge waiting for the kids."

Stewart and Davenport agreed that despite the loss of the lodge and ski shop, the timing was fortuitous.

"We were lucky that it happened today, and at the end of the season, that's the good part," Stewart said. "The bad part is a lot of history just went up in smoke."

Times-News writers Amy Ballard and Nate Poppino contributed to this report.

Latham

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the stand in Twin Falls 5th District Court. Selling out of trust is to sell a car financed by a bank without repaying the lender.

"A dealer that's out of trust with the bank generally isn't going to stay in business," David Johnson, Twin city councilman and 30-year veteran in auto sales, told the *Times-News*. "I think selling a single car out of trust is a bad thing."

Frank said about $2 million was generated in out-of-trust sales between October 2008 and February. "We were trying to keep the business open and operating," said Frank, adding he doesn't know the full scope of Latham Sr.'s agreements with KeyBank.

KeyBank asserts in its lawsuit that cars worth $4.8 million were sold out-of-trust.

Frank also testified the bank repossessed cars it shouldn't have, which were slated for use in a rental car business.

"I felt the dealership owned them, that KeyBank didn't have any right to them," Frank testified. "It seriously jeopardized an ongoing business."

The Lathams operated Latham Motors in downtown Twin Falls, which closed in October 2008, and Hertz of Magic Valley, which opened in 2000 under the franchise name RLS Inc.

A lawyer for KeyBank in court Monday called the defendants disingenuous.

Frank was the only defendant present in the courtroom, though, and said the Lathams tried to cooperate with the bank. "We made it as easy as we possibly could," said Frank.

The Lathams alerted the bank to their closures, said Frank, and wanted to help liquidate automobiles.

Twin Falls 5th District Court Judge Randy Stoker on Monday ruled that the bank will need to make a good-faith effort to give copies of documents and computer files back to RLS Inc. and its directors, because the defendants need that information for federal financial filings.

Stoker said Monday he won't tell the bank what to do with the collateral. "If you liquidate things unreasonably, it'll come back to haunt you," Stoker told lawyers for the bank.

The Lathams also operated Latham's Auto Super Store in Elko, Nev., which appears to have closed in early February.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	Seasonal % of Avg.	percentage peak
Salmon	96%	91%
Big Wood	84%	80%
Little Wood	90%	88%
Big Lost	92%	88%
Little Lost	97%	91%
Henrys Fork/Teton	88%	86%
Upper Snake Basin	96%	92%
Oakley	90%	89%
Salmon Falls	96%	94%

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Disclosure

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Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, who said he wants Idaho to improve its standing with good-government groups.

Currently, legislators are required to disclose information if there is a conflict of interest or personal benefit but may still vote. Lawmakers would still not be required to disclose specific details of their personal finances.

Last year, the non-partisan Better Government Association ranked Idaho 44th in overall integrity. In 2005, the nonpartisan Washington, D.C.-based Center for Public Integrity ranked Idaho tied with Michigan and Vermont for the worst disclosure laws in the nation.

Davis acknowledged the bill goes beyond what lawmakers are generally "attracted to" but it needed to maintain integrity in Idaho's system.

"When we look at the public and their need to have confidence in this culture, the environment that we live in, I felt that, on balance, this is probably something that is in Idaho's best interest to do," Davis said.

Senate Minority Leader Kate Kelly, D-Boise, another co-sponsor, said the measure is preventative, and noted provisions are similar to those followed by members in Congress.

"We tried to strike a balance of gathering some useful information without getting too personal," Kelly said. "If the information isn't there, no one can look at it."

An attorney with the office of Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter helped craft the bill's language. Otter supports the concept of the bill but does not take an official position until it passes both chambers, his spokesman Jon Hanian said.

The most recent disclosure brouhaha came in 2005, when then-Sen. Jack Noble, a Republican, tried unsuccessfully to introduce a bill to change the state's formula in setting the distance required between schools and liquor stores. But Noble's convenience store would have benefited and he initially didn't declare a conflict of interest. After changing his story, a Senate committee voted to censure Noble and he eventually resigned.

Monday's bill received unanimous approval from the nine-member committee, but Sen. Monty Pearce, R-New Plymouth, questioned whether there was enough of a concern, and if the information was already available "on Google for anybody."

"I think integrity in government is ultimate — I'm just not convinced at this point that this is really gonna solve what we think it's gonna solve," he said. "I personally feel we have a hard-enough time getting honest people to run for government and then we start making it more onerous and more inquisitive."

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, who has served in the Legislature since 1983, said he didn't have any issues with the bill.

"It's pretty easy to comply with," he said "It's not intrusive."

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Adamson

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specific quarter was only part of a long-term pattern that started in the second quarter of 2001 and ran through the second quarter of 2007, for a total of $7.5 million.

U.S. Assistant District Attorney Michelle Mallard said the agreement would avoid a lengthy trial and the expenses associated with one. In exchange for the guilty plea, she did not present other evidence in the case, depriving Winmill of context the judge said he needed.

"I would have been more comfortable if you had presented evidence of relevant conduct," Winmill said after calling a 25-minute recess to consider his decision. "I am sympathetic to your concerns, but Congress didn't list budget restraints as a priority (for federal prosecutors)."

Winmill said Mallard and Salt Lake City attorney Max Wheeler, who represents Adamson in the criminal case, could renegotiate the plea agreement, or Adamson could withdraw his plea and proceed to court.

Both attorneys said they were confident an acceptable agreement could be reached.

Mallard was still working on details of a new plea agreement Monday afternoon but said she expected a new sentencing date to be set as soon as Tuesday.

Adamson, 57, ran for governor in 2006, losing in the Republican primary to C.L. "Butch" Otter. He faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and will be required to pay the more than $7 million in restitution to the IRS.

Staff writer Nate Poppino contributed to this report.

Obama

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fresh concessions for long-term federal aid and raised the possibility of quick bankruptcy for either manufacturer.

Obama took the extraordinary step of announcing the government will back new car warranties issued by both GM and Chrysler, an attempt to reassure consumers their U.S.-made purchases will be protected even if the companies don't survive.

"I am absolutely committed to working with Congress and the auto companies to meet one goal: The United States of America will lead the world in building the next generation of clean cars,'' Obama said in his first extended remarks on the industry since taking office nearly 10 weeks ago. And yet, he added, "our auto industry is not moving in the right direction fast enough to succeed.''

Obama, flanked by several administration officials at the White House, announced a short-term infusion of cash for the firms, and said it could be the last for one or both.

Chrysler, judged by the administration as too small to survive, got 30 days' worth of funds to complete a partnership with Fiat SpA, the Italian manufacturer, or some other automaker.

GM got assurances of 60 days' worth of federal financing to try and revise its turnaround plan under new management with heavy government participation. That would involve concessions from its union workers and bondholders. The administration engineered the ouster of longtime CEO Rick Wagoner over the weekend, an indication of its deep involvement in an industry that once stood as a symbol of American capitalism.

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You Don't Say

Steve Crump

Jazzman Peacock strays far from Burley roots

Hard to find all that jazz in Burley these days, but the distinctly down-home city may have produced the best jazz bass player on the planet …

He's Gary Peacock, born in Burley in 1935 … Peacock has performed with Miles Davis, Art Pepper and most of the big-name jazz musicians of the past 40 years …

He grew up in Yakima, Wash., studied piano at the Westlake College of Music in Los Angeles and played piano in the Army until the group's bassist quit and Peacock took over the chair … After his discharge, Peacock worked on the West Coast with Bud Shank and Pepper — among others — and on the East Coast with Davis, Don Cherry and other widely-known musicians …

In 1964, Peacock left the music scene to study eastern medicine in Japan, then came back to America to major in biology at the University of Washington and teach music theory at Cornish College of the Arts … Gradually he started playing again and in the early 1980s he started working with Keith Jarrett and Jack DeJohnette, a collaboration that continues to this day …

A true Zen master, Peacock now lives on a farm in upstate New York where, among other things, he runs a Zen group in a prison …

Peacock told the Web magazine allaboutjazz.com recently that his has been a complicated relationship with the bass …

"At first it was me and the bass," he said … "Something to conquer, something to control … It gave me a sense of identity and a purpose in life … One thing in my life that wasn't flipping out all over the place, something I could count on … As a result of that, it produced a lot of anxiety, because once I became that identified with the instrument, then let's say something happened to my hands, I wouldn't have an identity …"

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If it's odd, poignant, weird, sad or funny and it happens in south-central Idaho, I want to hear about it.
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SELDOM WILL BE HEARD a discouraging word around Twin Falls radio station KLIX on Thursday …

The station will devote the day to all good news, including listener-submitted stories, interviews and tidings of a positive nature …

"With so much bad news dominating the headlines these days, it's easy to let the good news slip through the cracks," said the station's general manager, Janice Degner … "By dedicating a 24-hour news cycle to this type of news, we are hoping to offer a little sunshine and maybe help put things in perspective" …

Sure hope the stock market is listening …

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

House passes controversial pharmacy bill

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — The House voted 48-21 on Monday in support of a bill to allow pharmacists with moral objections to refrain from fulfilling prescriptions.

The measure had passed through committee after hours of testimony, despite the fact that pharmacist groups did not endorse it. Some say current Idaho law doesn't prohibit pharmacists from refusing to fill prescriptions.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Tom Loertscher, R-Iona, said pharmacists should be free to refuse fulfilling prescriptions or items like birth control based on their conscience.

Two Magic Valley Republicans, Leon Smith of Twin Falls and Fred Wood of Burley, voted against the bill.

Smith said he didn't oppose it for moral reasons but rather legal ones, and pharmacists told him most of the provisions already exist in law.

"I heard from three pharmacists at home and basically they said, 'what are you doing messing with this?'" he said. "They could exercise most of these rights already."

Wood, a doctor, said the bill serves as an intrusion of the government in the doctor-patient relationship.

Opponents of the bill argued that pharmacists would be denying prescriptions, thereby forcing people to travel elsewhere to get them filled. Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls, voted in favor of the bill. He said the argument that it will reduce availability of drugs is flawed. He said there are pharmacies across the state, including in supermarkets.

"The idea that it's restricting access doesn't reflect the reality today," he said.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, opposed the bill.

"I don't see the pharmacist as a gatekeeper, especially in rural Idaho," she said.

Idaho Power told to expand energy education in schools

PUC approves Idaho Power plan

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

State regulators directed Idaho Power Co. to expand two of its education programs last week, using money from the 2008 sale of sulfur dioxide emission credits, to teach kids about efficiency.

In a decision signed Friday, the Public Utilities Commission largely endorsed a proposal from the utility about how to use $500,000 for energy-education projects at schools across its service territory. The idea was first suggested more than a year ago by the Idaho Energy Education Project, whose coordinator, Bill Chisholm, is from Buhl.

Commissioners approved a modified version of a plan the utility proposed that would expand its current education efforts. Using $250,000 a year, the utility will expand the use of a home energy audit program in the classroom and pay for teams of students to research and present possible energy-efficiency measures at their schools. Commissioners, however, decided $75,000 a year for a suggested solar-panel program should be split between the other two initiatives.

An advisory committee will help Idaho Power create and run the programs, commissioners wrote, though it will not play an oversight role. It will also help the utility create a final review of the two-year program after it ends. The expanded programs are set to start with the new school year this fall.

Idaho Power's suggestions had been well-received by all parties at a workshop the PUC held in January in Boise. Commissioners wrote that they favored the utility's proposal over one from the state Office of Energy Resources and Department of Education because Idaho Power's focused on schools within its territory and has lower overhead and administrative costs.

A third proposal from Chisholm was rejected last year for not being detailed enough.

Education spokeswoman Melissa McGrath said Monday that Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna would have liked to see the joint proposal picked, but is excited to work with Idaho Power on its plan.

"We would have ensured that the energy-education programs were aligned to state standards," she said.

Chisholm said Monday that the approved program represents progress, even if it's not quite what he first envisioned and took longer to happen than he hoped. He now plans to weigh in on two new sulfur-dioxide sales, again recommending that some of that money be invested in energy efficiency, conservation and education.

"I'm actually very excited that it is moving forward," he said.

Idaho Power officials could not be reached Monday afternoon for comment.

Interested parties have 21 days to ask the PUC to reconsider its decision.

ON THE WEB:

To read the decision, visit http://www.puc.idaho.gov and click on "File Room," then "Electric Cases" and select case IPC-E-08-11.

Marijuana trafficking case dismissed

Times-News

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebs said Monday he dismissed a marijuana trafficking case against a former Realtor because lab tests on evidence are not completed.

The felony case against Laurel Condon was dismissed Thursday in Twin Falls 5th District Court without prejudice, which means Loebs could re-file charges.

Condon, 39, was accused of felony marijuana trafficking after police searched her house and a garage in February, according to court records. Police allegedly found 3 pounds of pot worth an estimated $19,950 at 215 Fillmore St., along with $19,350 in cash, court records show.

Evidence in the case was sent to the lab for tests within days of it being filed, Loebs said. The case was filed on Feb. 13, court records show.

Condon, of Twin Falls, told the *Times-News* Monday she has no comment. In their dismissed case against Condon, police say she's pictured on a laptop from her home posing with marijuana plants, according to court records.

Condon was also charged with possession of a controlled substance in a case from last year, which has a hearing set for May 7 regarding an alleged probation violation, court records show.

New law protects wild areas in 9 states

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Obama signed legislation Monday setting aside more than 2 million acres in nine states as protected wilderness.

Obama called the new law among the most important in decades "to protect, preserve and pass down our nation's most treasured landscapes to future generations."

The law — a collection of nearly 170 separate measures — represents one of the largest expansions of wilderness protection in a quarter-century.

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Sellers are making $12,000+ a month with eBay and Craigs List

Despite the fact that economic indicators point towards the United States heading towards a recession, with stock market crashes, home foreclosures, unemployment, gas prices peaking at all time highs and government bailouts. One of the major bright spots in this dismal economy is eBay. The opportunity to work with eBay and other online auction web sites can have positive benefits for anyone. Why settle for minimum wage when it's possible to make over $100,000 a year from the comfort of your home? Online Auctions are ever growing in popularity, and over 220 million people signed up for eBay, with approximately 1.5 million individuals making a full-time living through online auctioning, people are leaving their everyday jobs.

Michael J. Syme, online auction expert and author of the book "Simple Steps to Making Money with Online Auctions," is one of many people who have left the mundane aspect of a 9-to-5 desk job and has begun to make his own income at home with the help of his children. Now Syme is making around $12,000 a month by selling a variety of items that can be found in any home and any yard sale.

"People shouldn't wait until they find themselves laid off or out of a job before they find out they are not financially secure," Syme said. "They should start ensuring their own and their family's financial future immediately."

Jessica H. a single mother of two says "I purchased my first new car this year from the extra money I made selling on the internet".

Not only does eBay allow people to make money and get rid of some things that may no longer be of use, there are more benefits than cash. If a seller can make $1,000 a month or more with eBay, they can qualify for most of the same benefits that would be made available in a regular 9-to-5 job, such as health, vision, and pharmacy and dental. Over 200,000 members of eBay qualify for these benefits and more.

Using eBay at home cut back on paying for gas and having to deal with the hassle of rush hour traffic, in addition, consumer demands through the Internet are continually growing, allowing for a higher income rate per seller. Consolidated revenues for eBay in the year 2008 are expected to reach anywhere from $7.05 billion to $7.3, a 31% improvement from the year 2007.

It's not surprising, with recent economic woes people are looking to make their dollar go further, eBay and other online auction sites are the place to buy items for a discount.

According to a speech given by former Senior Vice President of Products Development, Lynn Reddy, On eBay, there is an average of one car sold every two minutes, a car part or accessory sold every three seconds, diamond jewelry every 83 seconds, and a pair of timberland shoes every 10 minutes. These items and more, from concert tickets to clothing needs, are bought and sold daily by average people looking to gain or save on income to better their current cash flow.

"Anybody can do it if they know the right technique," Syme said. "With the right techniques it's easy to make extra income."

Author and eBay expert makes $12,000 a month from home

Syme said he does not recommend attempting to become a full-time online auctioneer with eBay without learning the basics first.

"It's like driving a car," Syme said. "It's easy to do but if no one shows you how to drive, you could end up in an accident that costs you time and money to fix."

This should not be taken as discouragement to start working with online auctions. It's rather easy to get started in the process and become acquainted with the techniques. With a little homework, access to an internet-ready computer, and some basic computer knowledge, anyone can be on their way to making money with the fastest growing community in the U.S.

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Bliss child find nears

Child find and kindergarten registration for Bliss School District will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. April 22 at the school.

Spring is the time for the annual Bliss School District screening and preregistration of children who will enter kindergarten in August. Preregistration allows the staff to work with parents to make sure their child has the necessary preschool skills needed for kindergarten. If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 who will enter kindergarten in the fall, please preregister them. You will need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization records.

Federal and state laws require that all public school districts conduct annual child find activities to identify children with special needs who may need special education services to meet developmental disabilities and delays. Child find activities are conducted to create public awareness of special education programs, to advise the public of rights of students, and to alert community residents of the need for identifying and serving children with disabilities from the age of 3 through the semester in which they turn 21.

Disabilities and developmental delays include children who may have difficulty walking, talking, hearing or learning, or who may display behaviors that appear different from other children their age or their siblings.

Information: 352-4445.

Uncommon valor

MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

On Thursday, Gooding County Sheriff's Deputy Jeromy Smith, right, received recognition from Twin Falls County Sheriff Tom Carter for being instrumental in saving the life of a Kimberly man.

Twin Falls County sheriff recognizes Gooding County deputy for heroism

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Gooding County Sheriff's Deputy Jeromy Smith was honored Thursday for recently going above and beyond the call of duty.

Smith, a six-year Gooding Sheriff's veteran, was headed home after assisting the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 27. As he drove back toward Gooding in his sheriff's vehicle through west Twin Falls County near Buhl, an emergency call concerning a man found not breathing in the water at Miracle Hot Springs came over his radio.

Smith decided to help and arrived at the scene to find a bystander attempting to resuscitate Gary Dickenson of Kimberly. Smith put his first-responder experience to work, quickly using the portable defibrillator in his vehicle to stabilize Dickenson before an ambulance arrived to take Dickinson to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

"There is no doubt Deputy Smith contributed a major part in saving the man's life," Twin Falls County Sheriff Tom Carter said during a Thursday award ceremony.

"Deputy Smith could have continued to Gooding, letting someone in our county handle it, but he realized he could get there quickly and seconds greatly matter in a situation like that."

After Dickenson was safely on his way to Twin Falls, Smith drove back to Gooding and finished his shift without mentioning the incident to his co-workers or family. Family members who attended the award ceremony attributed that to Smith's modesty.

"He is modest," Smith's mother, Kay Pierce, said. "That's Jeromy, all right."

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Courtesy photo

A group photo of some of the students at Robert Stuart Junior High School who are from foreign countries includes: Back row, left to right: Haider Faithullah, Iraq; Focus Kabura, Tanzania; Amir Saad, Iraq; Soren Thapa, Nepal; teacher Sherry Ritchie; Farazaneh Moradi, Iran; Jelena Develak, Serbia; Emanuel Nunez, Costa Rica; Mohammad Ahmed, Iraq; Jose Santos, El Salvador. Front row, left to right: Rehenia Sikuzani, Burundi; Anita Nigurkuri, Burundi; Tatu Mambo, Burundi.

Teacher chosen for national program

Sherry Ritchie, a ninth-grade teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High School, has been selected to be a leader and mentor for the Oprah Ambassador program/Save the Children Foundation.

Along with her students, she will work on United Nations Millennium Development goals, which include learning about global issues that make a tangible difference in the lives of students around the world.

The organizations are building schools and feeding and clothing hungry students throughout the world with help from students throughout the United States. Ritchie's students have opportunities to help construct buildings and teach students in Kenya during a summer program.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Basque dinner is Friday in Gooding

The Gooding Basque Association will hold a First Friday Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Gooding Basque Center, 285 Euskadi Lane (located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 26 and Idaho Highway 46, behind Family Dollar in Gooding).

The dinner is open to the public. Tickets are $14 for adults, $12 for seniors and $6 for children. Menu includes lamb chops, fried pollock, Basque rice, Basque bread, homemade soups, salad and various desserts. Information: Julie, 308-5051.

Three make Azusa Pacific deans' list

The following students made the spring 2008 academic deans' list at Azusa Pacific University in Azura, Calif. They are honored for semester grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

Heidi A. Aardema, of Wendell, is a graduate of Lighthouse Christian School, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Aardema. Aardema is an undeclared major.

Shalom N. Frank, of Paul, is a graduate of Minico High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcia Frank. Frank is a pre-nursing major.

Kelly M. Vriesman, of Twin Falls, is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Vriesman. Vriesman is a liberal studies major.

Area women compete in Ms. Senior Idaho

Four women from the Wood River Valley are participating this year in 2009 Ms. Idaho Senior America Pageant.

Contestants include Hazel Mountain, Aysa Armitage, Patricia Duggan and Betty Grant, representing Blaine County Senior Connection.

The Ms. Senior America Pageant showcases and honors senior women from across the nation, who demonstrate a combination of talent and inner beauty along with individual fulfillment and elegance.

The pageant consists of a talent show, a philosophy of life presentation and an evening gown appearance.

This event is hosted by Hailey Chamber of Commerce and Blaine County Senior Center and will be held at 4 p.m. May 2 at the Community Campus in Hailey.

Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for seniors, or $20 per family. Children under 12 are free of charge. Tickets can be purchased through the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, 309 S. Main St., or the Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 S. Third St., Hailey.

Advertisement space in the pageant brochure and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Information: Hailey Chamber of Commerce, 788-3484.

– staff reports

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Recurring trigger finger difficult to treat

ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

DEAR DR. GOTT: I get trigger finger. This is the third one I have gotten in the past two years. A cortisone shot does nothing, and surgery is the only thing that has helped me. The episodes are very painful, and I want to know if there is anything to prevent them from happening again.

DEAR READER: Sadly, you are probably a pro when it comes to recognizing the symptoms of a trigger finger. However, I will bring my reading audience up to speed before I answer your question.

Trigger finger is a condition in which a finger joint catches in a bent position (partial dislocation). A person might be able to straighten the finger with a gun's triggerlike motion and snap it back into proper position, thus the name. More severe cases might lock the bent finger, and a person will be unable to straighten it. More than one finger can be affected at the same time, and both hands can become involved.

Common causes are repetitive motion of the fingers of the dominant hand at work, during sports, or with some hobbies.

While I can't say you won't continue to have symptoms, there are several steps you can take toward that goal. Soak your hand or hands in warm water. Stretch the fingers of one hand, and massage the palm and each digit with your opposite hand. Repeat the same process with the opposite hand. While you sit in front of the television in the evening, apply gentle massage to each hand for several minutes.

Avoid repetitive gripping whenever possible. If necessary, break up the routine with different hand exercises between the repetitions and take periodic rest breaks.

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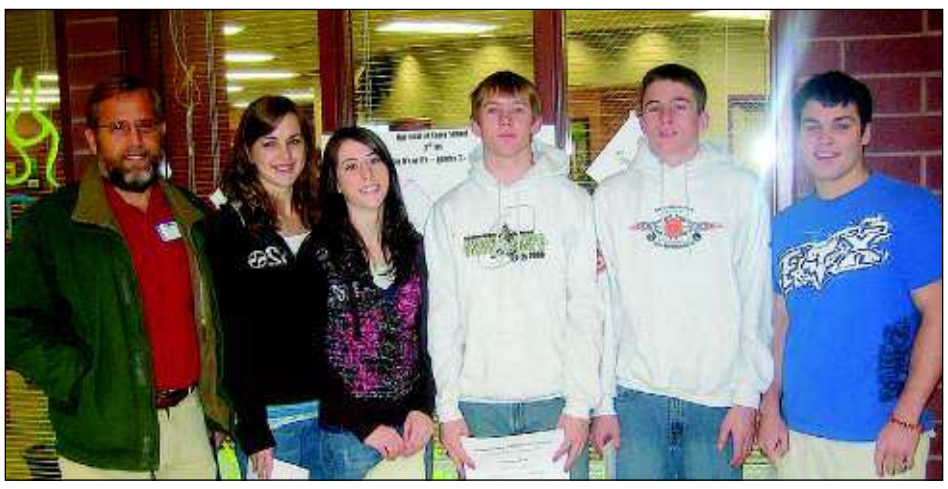

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Pictured from left are Idaho Trig Star Coordinator Randy French of Bellevue and Carey High School Trig Star competitors, winner Amy Ellsworth, Jessica Parke, Brett Adamson, Trevor Peck, and Brad Peck.

Pictured from left are Camas County High School Trig Star competitors Erica Phantharasen, Megan Stampke, winner Mollie McLam and Austin Walker.

Trigonometry competition winners named

A Trig-Star competition was held recently at Camas County High School and Carey High School. The high school trigonometry competition is graded on correctness and time. The competition was sponsored at the high schools by the Big Wood Section of the Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyors.

Students competed for a first-place cash prize of $125 and local merchant awards provided by the Sun Valley Company, Soldier Mountain Ski Resort and South Valley Pizzeria of Bellevue. Members of the Big Wood Section administered the test in Carey on Feb. 25 and in Fairfield on March 4. The winner of the Carey High School contest was Amy Ellsworth, daughter of Spence and Laurie Ellsworth of Carey. The winner of the Camas County High School Contest was Mollie McLam, daughter of Matt and Debbie McLam of Fairfield.

Awards were presented at each school on March 9 during a brief ceremony. The winners test scores and times will now be entered into the competition at the state level with other students from across Idaho to determine the Idaho Trig-Star winner, with an award of a $500 scholarship from the Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyors. The state champion can go on to a national competition which awards of $2,000, $1,000 and $500 scholarships for the first three places, along with teacher excellence awards.

Trig-Star, sponsored nationally by the National Society of Professional Land Surveyors was created in 1984 to educate high school students about the profession of surveying and promote math skills.

First Choice Receives Donation

Bill Bubak Sr., left, is shown presenting Mike Seward, right, of First Choice Home Care and Hospice, with a $500 donation raised by Royal Roping Productions. Royal Roping Productions held the Triple Crown Team Roping Series in the Magic Valley in the fall of 2008. A portion of the proceeds raised has been donated to First Choice Home Care and Hospice with the remaining funds being gifted to the Alzheimer's Association in Boise.

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New at the Gooding Public Library

New items at Gooding Public Library include:

Adult fiction

"The Treasure" by Iris Johansen, "The Devil's Web" by Mary Balogh, "Lethal Legacy" by Linda Fairstein, "Faith of the Fallen" by Terry Goodkind, "Fledgling" by Octavia E. Butler, "Lord John and the Private Matter" by Diana Gabaldon, "Little Ellie Claus" by James Manos, "The Book of Unholy Mischief" by Elle Newmark, "Vanishing Point" and "Burn Out" by Marcia Muller, "Terminal Freeze" by Lincoln Child, "Riding Lessons" by Sara Gruen, "Men at Arms" by Terry Pratchett, "Honored Enemy" and "Talon of the Silver Hawk" by Raymond E. Feist, "The Outlaw Demon Wails" by Kim Harrison, "The Second Opinion" by Michael Palmer, "Big City, Bad Blood" by Sean Chercover, "The Skin Gods" by Richard Montanari, "Sugar Daddy" by Lisa Kleypas, "The Art of Mending" by Elizabeth Berg, "Amazing Grace" by Danielle Steel, "Salvation in Death" by J.D. Robb, "Hide and Seek" by Fern Michaels, "Night Visions" by Thomas Richard Fahy, "1634: The Ram Rebellion" and "1635: The Cannon Law" by Eric Flint, "Selections from 90 Minutes in Heaven" by Don Piper, "Veil of roses" by Laura Fitzgerald, "The Sky People" by S.M. Stirling, "Run for Your Life" by James Patterson, "A Stolen Heart" by Candace Camp, "The Negotiator" by Dee Henderson, "Empire Falls" by Richard Russo

Books on CD

"Death Dance" by Linda A. Fairstein, "Song Yet Sung" by James MacBride, "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden

Adult nonfiction

"A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey, "The Case for the Real Jesus" by Lee Strobel, "Comedy Writing Secrets" by Mel Helitzer, "A Whisper of Springtime" by Tedi Tuttle Wixon, "A Forest of Wormwood" by Niels Nokkentved, "How to Play Piano" by Roger Evans, "Walk on Water" by Michael Ruhlman, "Flat Belly Diet" by Liz Vaccariello, "The Complete Book of Papercrafts," "The encyclopedia of Origami & Papercraft Techniques" by Paul Jackson

DVDs

"Cellular"

The library staff expressed appreciation to Phil Bowler for re-framing a water color art piece on display in the library. The next Youth Book Club will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 16 at the library.

Knitting or needle craft sessions for people ages 14 and older will be held every Thursday evening at the library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All experience levels are welcome.

SW Idaho officials say gang crime is down

NAMPA (AP) – Cooperation among various agencies has led to the convictions in federal court of more than 40 gang members or their associates the last five years in southwest Idaho, officials say.

"My take on it is there has been a decrease in crime generally and a marked decrease in gang crime, but it tends to ebb and flow,'' Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney John Bujak told the Idaho Press-Tribune. "If you compare, go back a year, there's been a significant decline in the number of cases. We used to have drive-bys daily, certainly weekly. Now every once in awhile two rival gangs get in a spat and you have these drive-bys.''

Bujak credited area task forces specifically designed to combat violent street crime combined with successful prosecution for the success in reducing gang crime.

A special assistant U.S. attorney works out of Bujak's office and can prosecute gang members charged with federal crimes, which can lead to longer sentences.

Canyon County Deputy Prosecutor Ellie Somoza said gang members convicted of federal crimes are sent out of state to federal prisons.

"It's been pretty significant the number of people we've taken off the street,'' said Somoza, who has prosecuted gang cases at the state level for the past four years. "We don't have any federal prisons in the state of Idaho, so they are sent away from family, their fellow gang members, their sphere of influence. It's a way to effectively cut them out of the gang here in Idaho.''

Dr. Gott

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Use over-the-counter drugs such as Advil, Aleve or Motrin for minor pain symptoms.

If more severe problems occur, seek the services of your physician. You are no stranger to steroids, but apparently they don't provide relief, so let's bypass that option.

Trigger-finger release can be performed under local anesthesia. I don't know whether you have had this performed, but you might want to speak with your physician about the possibility.

A final resort is surgery under anesthesia for tendon release, a procedure you have apparently already undergone.

I urge you to get into a stretching-exercise routine as a preventive measure. Start gently, and work slowly.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a check or money order for $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I want to tell you about my experience with vitamin C tablets to stop urinary-tract infections. My urologist suggested two vitamin C tablets (1,000 milligrams each) daily. I have been free of UTIs for many years with this remedy. My urologist said it is more difficult for an infection to take hold in acidic urine.

DEAR READER: Your urologist is right on the money. Vitamin C helps increase the amount of acid in urine. As a result, the bladder is not an appealing environment for harmful bacteria. You have found a remedy that works for you and may help other readers. Thank you for writing.

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

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Rueben Moses Jones Jr.

Rueben Moses Jones Jr., 96 of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2009, at his home of a short illness.

He was born on May 29, 1912, to Rueben Moses Sr. and Mary Della Jones, at Mule Creek Ranch in Southern Idaho, which was a family owned ranch until 1970. He was the only son with three sisters. Rueben served in the U.S. army Air Corps, worked on farms, ranches and worked as a miner. In 1964, he worked for McVeys Inc. in Twin Falls for 10 years and then at Cactus Pete's until his retirement.

Rueben enjoyed hunting, fishing, visiting with people, and sharing stories, but his biggest love was going to the hills to cut firewood. He was known to many around as grandpa and loved to be called that. He will be missed by many friends and family.

Rueben is survived by three sons, Rueben of Fort Smith, Ark., Benny of Buhl, Idaho, and Bob (Terry) of Everett, Wash.; 18 grandchildren, and many self adopting grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park".

Dorothy Louise Cederquist Haslam

Dorothy Louise Cederquist Haslam, 92, of Twin Falls passed away Sunday morning, March 29, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Dorothy was born to John Arthur "Art" Cederquist and Hazel Cordelia Spencer on Dec. 8, 1916, in Willitts, Calif. At that time, her father worked for Union Pacific Railroad and they moved frequently, living in California, Nevada and Utah. They settled in Salt Lake City so Dorothy could graduate from West High School in 1934. Dorothy played on the West Tennis Team and lettered in that sport. Dorothy fell in love with L. H. "Speck" Haslam and they eloped to Tooele, Utah, on June 19, 1934. This marriage was kept a secret for over 50 years, until the children were planning their 50th wedding anniversary. In 1933 her father moved to Twin Falls, to start the Globe Seed and Feed, and later Dorothy and her mother followed, along with Speck. They were officially married on Dec. 26, 1934, in Salt Lake City with all members of their families witnessing this event. To this union three daughters were born, Susan, Janet and Linda.

In their younger years, Dorothy and Speck were members of many social, fraternal and trade organizations in Twin Falls and Idaho. They were also charter members of the Blue Lakes Country Club and golf was their passion. They only took two vacations in their lives that were not golf oriented, one to China (no golf courses there at that time) and a Mississippi river trip (this was a real water hazard). Dorothy was a gracious hostess and loved the closeness of her dear friends. She was a fabulous cook, always testing new recipes on her family to see if they were good enough for the bridge or dinner party groups. In her older years, Dorothy was glued to the television watching all sporting events, but you better not expect a conversation during a golf or tennis match. Speck passed away in June 1997. She especially loved her family and was always interested in their lives at various places in the world. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Susan "Sue" Pollard, Twin Falls, Linda (John) Pope, Livermore, Calif.; son-in-law, Larry McElliott, Twin Falls; seven grandchildren, Steve, Melissa, Adam, Shelly, Brad, Chris and Lori; nine great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandsons plus one more due anytime; a friend, Lynn Espy and her massage therapist, Brenda Malone, whom she loved and who brought her great relief. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; daughter, Janet; sister, Virginia; an infant brother, Ellsworth; a great-great-grandson, Andrew; a son-in-law, Roger J. Pollard and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins with whom she had been very close. Dorothy was dearly loved by all of her children and will be missed by all who knew her.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" with graveside service being held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 3, at Sunset Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers the family request that remembrances be sent to The Mustard Seed, 455 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301. Please join the family in celebrating Dorothy's life by sharing remembrances and signing the online guestbook at www.MeM.com.

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

Helen Freeman

BURLEY — Helen Pearl Freeman, age 86, of Burley, formerly of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Rosetta Assisted Living in Burley.

Helen was born on April 25, 1922, in Darby "Teton," Idaho, one of 13 children born to Joseph Elial and Rose Emma (Hill) Bagley. She lived most of her life in Twin Falls. She married Lorin Wardell Freeman on Nov. 20, 1937, in Twin Falls. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on June 29, 1949.

Helen was an active member of the LDS Church. She enjoyed crocheting, dancing, singing and playing the piano and organ.

She is survived by her two sons, Gary Wardell (Ann) Freeman of Burley, and Kenneth Alan (Terri) Freeman of Herriman, Utah; a son-in-law, Zane Parker of Burley; one sister, Loah Jean Garrison of Twin Falls; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ward Freeman; an infant daughter who died at birth, Deanna Fay Freeman; her daughter, Jean Parker; and 11 brothers and sisters.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 3, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., in Burley. Burial will be in the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

The family expresses their sincere appreciation to Autumn Haven in Rupert, and to Rosetta Assisted Living in Burley, for the outstanding care given to our mother.

Virginia E. Stigall

Virginia E. Stigall, 88 (39 at heart) of Twin Falls, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Woodstone Retirement Center with her loving family and close friends by her side.

She was born in Hartville, Mo., on July 18, 1920, to Marv and Crystena Moore, along with four brothers and two sisters. She is survived by three sons, Melvin (Linda) of Nipomo, Calif., Gene of Twin Falls, Dean (Eleanor) of Twin Falls; daughter, Shirley (Heinz) Schulz of Kennewick, Wash.; sister, Ruth Roth of Murrieta, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by her father and mother; four brothers and one sister; two infant sons, Arbrie Gene and Melvin Rannial; her husband, Loman Stigall; her son, Marvin E. Stigall; and grandchild, Tammy Jolene Stigall.

She enjoyed being involved in the many activities at Woodstone. Her favorite thing was going on the Friday "Mystery" rides and visiting with her many friends and family. She loved everyone with her whole being, and they loved her back. All the residents, caregivers, and workers at Woodstone became more than friends, they became part of her ever-growing family. The family would like to thank Hospice Visions for all they have done for Virginia.

Virginia was devoted to her children and grandchildren. She was a kind and caring person who deeply loved her family and friends. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Hospice Visions, Inc.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Internment will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Condolences may be made at www.magicvalley-funeralhome.com.

Rosella Ulrich

Rosella Ulrich, 74, of Twin Falls, left this world on March 24, 2009, at St. Luke's Medical Center and now resides with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Rosella was born in Twin Falls and grew up in Twin Falls/Hazelton area where she met and married her loving and devoted husband Jerry Ulrich Sr. They were married for 54 years and had five children. They lived in Idaho, Southern California, and most recently together in Las Vegas, Nev., where Jerry passed on.

Rosella was retired from the Retail Clerk's Union in Las Vegas. Rosella had a passion for cooking and enjoyed sharing it with her family and friends. She also enjoyed reading and listening to music.

Rosella is survived by her daughters, Deborah Buckner, Twin Falls; Cathy (Roger) Hunt, Cleburne, Texas; Machele West, Twin Falls; sons, Jerry (Brenda) Ulrich Jr., Twin Falls and Eric (Kim) Ulrich, Glendale, Ariz.; eleven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry; brother, Theodore Sorenson; grandson, Phillip Lopez and her parents, Frank and Rose Sorenson.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at The Church of Christ Magic Valley, 2002 Filer Ave. in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Hannah McReynolds, infant daughter of Matthew and Carmen McReynolds of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Burley; visitation one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Clyde Clinton Wardle Jr. of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Springdale LDS Church, 475 E. 200 S. of Burley; burial at 4 p.m. today at the Grove City Cemetery in Blackfoot; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church.

Leah Lorraine Craner of Murtaugh, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Hansen Payne Mortuary in Burley; visitation one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

Angela Foltz of Eden, celebration of life at 6 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Owen Colter of Gooding, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Gooding United Methodist Church; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Howard Don Christensen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Justin Ray Mallory of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School, 1615 Filer Ave. E. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Alberta (Sally) Turner of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Arlyne B. Kisling, formerly of Dietrich, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone (Demaray Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel).

Judith Marie Lueders of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. April 21 at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Frank Skowronski

Frank Skowronski, 91, of Twin Falls died Sunday March 29, 2009, at River Ridge Care Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park".

R. C. Virden

WENDELL — R. C. Virden, 87, of Wendell, died Sunday, March 29, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2009, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Raymond Harris

WENDELL — Raymond Harris, 73, of Wendell, died Monday, March 30, 2009, at his home in Wendell.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Karl Schmidt

Karl Schmidt, 95, of Twin Falls and formerly of Gooding, died Monday, March 30, 2009, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Floriene Roerich

Floriene Roerich, age 75, died Sunday, March 29, 2009, at her home in Twin Falls.

Floriene was born July 29, 1933, in Filer, Idaho, to Eli and Merna Priest. She grew up in the Twin Falls area, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1951. She married Jay Gee from Rupert in 1950 and to this union was born four daughters. She married Gus Roerich in 1986 and spent the 23 years they were together supporting the CSI basketball and volleyball teams. In the recent years they enjoyed outings to the "Arts on Tour" programs. They loved to travel south for the winters on the Colorado River near Earp, Calif. They made many precious and long lasting friendships for over 16 years.

Flo is survived by her husband Gus Roerich, Twin Falls; daughters, Renell (Gary) Griffith, Everett, Wash., Renee (Paul) Franklin, Woodinville, Wash., Debby Gee, Kirkland, Wash., Cindy (Tom) Leavitt, Kirkland, Wash., Tamie (Doug) Moore, Twin Falls, and Bridget Kazemi, Calgary, Canada; two sisters, Donna Roe, Wendell, Idaho, and Arlene (Stuart) Lincoln, Caldwell, Idaho; one brother, Jim (Pat) Priest, LaMirada, Calif.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one grandson, Joshua Franklin.

Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. A Private Family Memorial will be held at a later date. Condolences may be made at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

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The family of Linda Draper wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, flowers, food, visits and all other acts of kindness that were so graciously extended to us during our recent loss. They were deeply appreciated.

The Gary Draper family

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1 'polypill' may replace handful of heart drugs

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — It's been a dream for a decade: a single daily pill combining aspirin, cholesterol medicine and blood pressure drugs — everything people need to prevent heart attacks and strokes in a cheap, generic form.

Skeptics said five medicines rolled into a single pill would mean five times more side effects. Some people would get drugs they don't need, while others would get too little. One-size-fits-all would turn out to fit very few, they warned.

Now the first big test of the "polypill'' has proved them wrong.

The experimental combo pill was as effective as nearly all of its components taken alone, with no greater side effects, a major study found. Taking it could cut a person's risk of heart disease and stroke roughly in half, the study concludes.

The approach needs far more testing — as well as approval from the Food and Drug Administration, something that could take years — but it could make heart disease prevention much more common and more effective, doctors say.

"Widely applied, this could have profound implications,'' said Dr. Robert Harrington, an American College of Cardiology spokesman and chief of Duke University's heart research institute. "President Obama is trying to offer the greatest care to the greatest number. This very much fits in with that.''

The polypill also has big psychological advantages, said Dr. James Stein of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"If you take any medicines, you know that every pill you see in your hand makes you feel five years older. Patients really object to pill burden'' and respond by skipping doses, he said.

No price for the polypill has been disclosed, but its generic components cost only a total of $17 a month now and doctors expect the combo would sell for far less.

The study was led by Dr. Salim Yusuf of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and Dr. Prem Pais of St. John's Medical College in Bangalore, India. The findings were presented Monday at the cardiology college's conference in Florida and published online by the British medical journal Lancet.

The study tested the Polycap, an experimental combo formulated by Cadila Pharmaceuticals of Ahmedabad, India. It contains low doses of three blood pressure medicines (atenolol, ramipril and the "water pill'' thiazide), plus the generic version of the cholesterol-lowering statin drug Zocor, and a baby aspirin (100 milligrams).

Doctors have talked about such a possibility for years. As the patents on many heart medicines expired and the drugs became available as cheap generics, a few companies started trying to develop all-in-one pills.

NATION & WORLD

12 die in bloody siege at Pakistan police academy

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press writer

LAHORE, Pakistan — The deadly police academy siege played out for hours Monday on Pakistani television, with scenes of the militants in the compound holding security forces at bay.

Local TV showed frightened police scrambling over the walls of the academy, desperately trying to escape the gunmen who killed at least six cadets and wounded scores of others.

The scenes were reminiscent of the three-day terrorist siege of Mumbai, India, in November, and analysts say these commando-style attacks stoke even greater fear than bombings because they generate more media attention and portray the state and its security forces as weak.

Black-clad Pakistani commandos eventually stormed the compound on the outskirts of Lahore to end the eight-hour siege by the grenade-throwing gunmen, with three militants blowing themselves up and authorities arresting four, officials said. At least three other unidentified bodies were recovered.

Mohammed Amir Rana, a terrorism expert at the Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies, said Pakistan-based terrorist groups historically focused on battling India have often used commando-style attacks rather than the suicide bombings favored by al-Qaida and the Taliban.

Rana said he believes a surge in these types of

attacks indicates terrorists are learning from each other and adopting what they see as an effective tactic.

Taliban militants in Afghanistan carried out similar commando-style attacks in Kabul on the Justice Ministry in February and a luxury hotel in January 2008.

"You see a trend here from bombings to suicide bombings and now commando-style attacks," said Rana. "When one group has started a new tactic, then a second group adopts it because they think it is more effective."

The year-old civilian government is under pressure from the United States to contain extremists and has been struggling to rally public support in the face of the violence in what many in Pakistan see as America's war.

Pakistan's top civilian security official said militant groups were "destabilizing the country," suggesting the plot may have originated with Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud.

Meanwhile, a Taliban member claiming to speak on behalf of a shadowy little-known group called the Fedayeen al-Islam said it was behind the attack.

AP photos

Tom and Pam Hlady pose Monday on the porch of their five-bedroom Fargo, N.D. home. They are willing to house as many as nine evacuees of the Red River flooding even while they go on vacation Thursday to Phoenix. Such overwhelming generosity is synonymous with North Dakota. As a result, storm shelters are virtually empty.

Looking out for *their own*

In Fargo, goodwill runs as deep as the Red River

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press writer

FARGO, N.D. — One family offered their home to anyone left homeless by flooding, even sharing their security entry code. When another couple lost their house, total strangers showed up at their hotel with chicken dinners, brownies and quilts.

In the neighborly spirit synonymous with North Dakota, some people have given out their phone numbers on radio talk shows, offering shelter to any listeners in need. The generosity is so common that even as thousands of people are driven out of their homes by the overflowing Red River, most storm shelters are virtually empty.

"There is a different flavor up here — the type of hard-working ethic and the people helping each other up here that you don't see in a lot of cities," said Tom Hlady, who signed up through his church to take as many as nine people into his five-bedroom home.

On Monday, weary residents were grateful to see the Red River retreating after its steady, threatening climb last week. But they faced a new threat: an approaching snowstorm expected to kick up wind-whipped waves that could threaten the sandbag levees. The storm was expected to arrive Monday afternoon and persist through Tuesday evening.

Locals don't consider the outpouring of kindness at all unusual.

Their 138-year-old city was ravaged by a fire more than a century ago and tested often over the years by the Red River. Fargo, they say, is a survivor, and one neighbor watching another's back is a way of life.

Hlady and his wife are leaving this week for a vacation in Phoenix. They planned to give their home's keypad security code to the church for anyone who needs a place to stay.

"People can go in, use our food, our beds and do whatever they need to do," Pam Hlady said.

Red Cross spokeswoman Courtney Johnson said emergency shelters are being used by a relatively small number of flood victims.

On Sunday night, three shelters in Fargo, Grand Forks and Moorhead, Minn., hosted just 257 people, including about 30 firefighters. That, Johnson said, suggests that most families found other places to stay.

The spirit of outreach is all over news radio.

When sandbaggers were needed urgently in nearby Hendrum, Minn., broadcasters repeatedly gave driving directions to volunteers, and hundreds of people turned out to save the town. When someone requested a windshield for emergency airboats, a listener volunteered to make one.

One caller to WDAY said he had delivered a bunch of pizzas to the Fargodome stadium, where the sandbagging effort was based. Then he called back to say he would fetch a bunch of crayons, coloring books and puzzles.

"Where do kids need them?" he asked.

Sarah Sebranek, a social studies teacher at Fargo North High School, has seen it at every turn.

Last Tuesday, when the sandbagging effort intensified, more than half of her students did not show up for classes. When her church offered free day care so parents could help fight the floodwaters, the Red Cross showed up unannounced with peanut butter and jelly, snack chips and pint-sized cartons of milk.

National Guard soldier Michael Moore walks through a snow storm as he heads to patrol a levee Monday in Fargo, N.D. Weary residents welcomed the Red River's further retreat Monday but faced an approaching snowstorm expected to kick up wind-whipped waves that could threaten the sandbag levees they built to protect their city from a major flood.

Storm latest test for Fargo's levees

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A blizzard battered North Dakota on Monday, threatening to create wind-whipped waves that could lash the patchwork levee system that has shielded much of Fargo from the swollen Red River.

Engineers scrambled to shore up the dikes in hopes of averting the latest potential disaster nature has inflicted on this beleaguered city.

The winter storm was expected to bring up to a foot of snow and 30 mph winds that could weaken the levees with big waves. Officials acknowledged that no one knows whether the levees will withstand the punishment.

The Red River dropped to 38.96 feet Monday, nearly 2 feet below its peak but nearly 21 feet above flood stage.

Obama tougher on autos than banks

By Charles Babington
Associated Press writer

Analysis

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is dealing with the beleaguered auto industry more sternly than he has with bailed-out banks and insurers as he takes the nation another step into uncharted government regulation of industry.

By now, it may seem obvious that the government is playing major roles in running huge corporations, including banks, insurance companies and automakers receiving billions of dollars in federal aid. Yet the message is still hard to absorb by many unions, retailers and, most visibly, executives who took big bonuses or chartered jets to congressional hearings where they sought the money to keep their firms afloat.

The Obama administration, perhaps reflecting public sentiment outside Michigan, has shown less patience with the auto industry than with other troubled sectors.

General Motors' chief executive, Richard Wagoner, must go, the administration said, workers must make concessions and Chrysler must pursue a merger with Italian automaker Fiat SpA if more government help is to be considered.

The administration is tightening its oversight of bailed-out financial companies, too, but it has generally been more lenient in terms of time, personnel and other factors. Nor has Obama demanded that financial-sector workers and unions make more "painful concessions," although that sector is far less unionized than the auto industry.

Union contracts, it appears, are not as sacrosanct in the administration's opinion as the one it has left intact at AIG, which provided politically radioactive retention bonuses to employees.

The president went farther down the road of federal intervention Monday. He embraced possible short-term bankruptcy and reorganization by Chrysler and GM (Ford is not involved), an idea he had rejected as president-elect in November. Obama even advanced the novel idea of having the government back new-car warranties issued by both GM and Chrysler to reassure buyers nervous about taking a chance on those companies.

"I know that when people even hear the word 'bankruptcy' it can be a bit unsettling," Obama said in his remarks at the White House.

Indeed. But many other events, including plunging job rates and savings accounts, have unsettled Americans even more.

From economy's ills, new American villains rise

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — "The better the villain," Alfred Hitchcock said, "the better the movie." And in the epic production that is the United States of America, we have followed that advice since the earliest settlers landed. For every hero the American story factory produces, a vivid new villain comes off the assembly line in short order.

We love bad guys in America — even when they're not really bad. Demonizing helps define the best in us. Here's an incomplete list from the history books: Indians, Quakers, witches, Englishmen, the federal government, Southerners and Northerners, Chinese, Germans, Jews, Japanese, North Koreans, communists, socialists, Vietnamese, liberals, conservatives, gays, lesbians and Muslims. The Evil Empire and the Axis of Evil.

Now, a fresh group has been dropped into the cultural dunk tank. Bin Laden? Back-burnered, at least for now. Saddam? Gone and forgotten. Instead, in these jumbled days of economic uncertainty, fairly or unfairly, America's newest Snidely Whiplashes bear faces like those of Bernie Madoff, AIG executives and the private jet-flying heads of the Big Three automakers.

"Someone always needs to get dragged into the hot seat. It's part of the American process," says Imad Hamad, who would know. He is regional director for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and is based in Dearborn, a town just outside Detroit where Arabic script is ubiquitous and more than 30 percent of the population is of Arab descent.

In the eyes of some Americans, Muslims and Middle Easterners became the cultural bogeymen after 9/11, and Hamad's organization and community are still dealing with the fallout. Even with a new president whose grandfather was Muslim, he says, suspicion continues to make life difficult for people stereotyped by anti-Muslim sentiment. "In the Middle East, they cut you one time," Hamad says. "In America, they put you in the death machine over and over."

The minting of villains, justified or otherwise, is a time-tested human response to threat and fear. When something horrible happens, it's easier to blame a group than to blame a process or to look inward. But in America, where big narratives have always ruled the day, it seems especially pronounced. You'd think a nation of immigrants might be warier of demonizing outsiders, but history says otherwise.

PROMISES, PROMISES: Saving teacher jobs tough

While Obama intends stimulus money to states for education, hard to make sure states use it for that

By Libby Quaid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama promises his economic stimulus law will save hundreds of thousands of teaching jobs, but some states could end up spending the money on playground equipment or wallpaper — and the president might not have the authority to stop them.

Obama says nearly all of the education money in the Recovery Act, which will start going out to states this week, is designed to retain teachers.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan threatens to "come down like a ton of bricks'' on anyone who defies the administration's plans to bring relief to states like California where 26,500 teachers have gotten pink slips. Across the country, 9 percent of teachers — about 294,000 — may face layoffs because of budget cuts, according to a University of Washington study.

But plans for the money are pulling in other directions, particularly in states with Republican governors:

- Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle wants to fill a budget gap.
- Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter wants to hold the money in reserve.
- South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford wants to pay down debt; he's been turned down by the White House budget office and is threatening to refuse some of the money, as is Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

There are loopholes in the stimulus law for both states and school districts.

Of the $100 billion for education in the stimulus bill, $40 billion comes as part of a fund to stabilize state and local budgets that has fewer strings attached. As the bill made its way through Congress, lawmakers decided not to prohibit states from using the stabilization money to replace precious state aid for schools. That means instead of getting extra help to weather tough times, school districts could wind up with no additional state aid even as local tax revenues plummet.

State lawmakers and governors in Kansas, Rhode Island and Texas are among those seeking to use their federal stimulus dollars to replace state aid, rather than add to it.

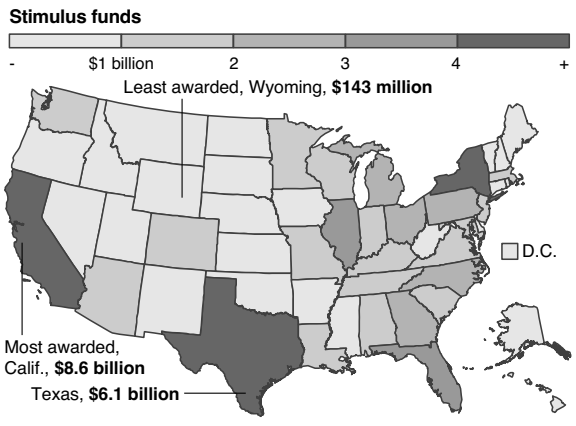
In addition, the law was written so broadly that most of the stabilization dollars can be spent on just about anything — carpet, wallpaper, playground equipment, even new school construction — which may bother Senate moderates who insisted on dropping a new school construction program before they would vote for the bill.

That's because school districts can spend the money as federal impact aid, a relatively small program for poorly funded districts. By contrast, most federal education dollars are supposed to be spent on teacher salaries or academics.

"Congress opened a Pandora's Box to allow districts to use the funds for impact aid,'' said Michael Brustein, a Washington attorney who represents several state education agencies. "How you enforce against that is anyone's guess.''

Stimulus aimed at retaining teachers

States will receive a financial boost this week with educational funding from the Recovery Act.



SOURCE: Department of Education AP

A GLANCE OF STIMULUS DOLLARS FOR EDUCATION

The Associated Press

A glance of the estimated total amount of economic stimulus dollars, in millions, for education to Western states:

State	Stimulus dollars
Alaska:	189.1
Ariz.:	1,442.0
Calif.:	8,564.4
Colo.:	1,051.0
Hawaii:	274.7
Idaho:	346.8
Mont.:	231.2
Nev.:	550.1
N.M.:	512.3
N.Y.:	4,846.7
Ore.:	818.2
Utah:	654.6
Wash.:	1,400.9
Wyo.:	143.9

Source: Department of Education

U.S. launches new fight against Afghan drug trade

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — American authorities are planning a broad new campaign to choke off the prime source of financing for terrorists in Afghanistan, sending in dozens of federal drug enforcement agents to disrupt the country's massive opium trade and the money that streams to the Taliban and al-Qaida.

The surge of narcotics agents, which would boost the number of anti-drug officials inside Afghanistan from a dozen to nearly 80, would bolster a strategy laid out last week by the Obama administration to use U.S. and NATO troops to target "higher level drug lords.''

Detailed plans described to members of Congress behind closed doors earlier this month suggest the effort will be modeled after the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's campaign against drug cartels in South America.

Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., who chairs the House Armed Services terrorism subcommittee, said the DEA's effort is aimed at crippling the Afghan narcotics networks by driving up the costs of the opium trade.

"Any financing effort is really going to focus on the drug trade and the DEA is going to have to play a key role,'' Smith said.

Unveiling his new strategy for Afghanistan last week, President Barack Obama said the country's economy "is undercut by a booming narcotics trade that encourages criminality and funds the insurgency.''

As the U.S. beefs up its military and civilian presence there, Obama said officials will track the growth of the Afghan illicit narcotics production as one measure of the administration's progress.

The strategy review called the drug trade the major driver of corruption in Afghanistan, and said allied forces must support local counternarcotics efforts to destroy drug labs, equipment and caches. It also urges efforts to identify other agricultural programs for Afghan farmer to replace their dependency on the illegal drug trade.

The DEA aims to complete its expansion inside Afghanistan by later this fall, building a team of nearly 80 agents and some additional analysts, said Michael Braun, who was DEA's operations chief until late last year.

"We are undergoing a significant increase there as we speak,'' said Braun, now managing director of an international security consulting firm that works with U.S. authorities in south Asia.

Braun said proceeds from the drug trade in Afghanistan have allowed the Taliban to flourish. There are also indications, he said, that al-Qaida is heavily involved in Afghan opium trafficking.

Shooter in N.C. rampage may have been after wife

By Mike Baker
Associated Press writer

CARTHAGE, N.C. — A painter accused of shooting up a North Carolina nursing home may have been after his recently estranged wife during a rampage that killed seven defenseless residents and a nurse tending to their care, authorities said Monday.

Robert Stewart's wife was working as a nursing assistant at Pinelake Health and Rehab when he attacked Sunday, not long after the two split, said Carthage Police Chief Chris McKenzie. The breakup was part of a rocky relationship that spread over many years and bookended other failed marriages, according to court documents.

Authorities declined to elaborate on how their relationship may have played a role in the rampage, but the prosecutor who charged the 45-year-old suspect with murder left no doubt the attack had a purpose.

Stewart

"We can share this: This was not a random act of violence,'' said Moore County District Attorney Maureen Krueger.

A day after the shootings, Krueger said authorities didn't plan to release much more information about Stewart — nicknamed "Pee Wee'' by his hunting buddies because, one said, he's about 6-foot-2 and 300 pounds — or the case outside of the courtroom. Several search warrants police executed in the hours after the shooting were sealed, and Krueger would not say why.

But it appeared the relationship between Stewart and his wife, identified by a neighbor as Wanda Luck, was tied in some way to the rampage.

"We're certainly looking into the fact that it may be domestic-related,'' McKenzie said.

According to marriage records in Moore County, a 19-year-old Stewart married 17-year-old Wanda Gay Neal in July 1983. They divorced three years later, and both were involved in several other marriages before they reunited and married a second time in June 2002. McKenzie said he believed the couple had recently separated again.

After his first divorce from Luck, Stewart remarried in South Carolina to a woman named Ellen Susan McCaskill. She identified herself as Sue Griffin during a brief interview on Sunday, and told reporters Stewart had recently started telling family he had cancer and was preparing for a long trip and to "go away.''

In an interview Monday, Griffin said that during their 15 years of marriage, Stewart would often talk about Luck and make comparisons between the two, complaining that, "Wanda doesn't do it like that.''

"I'd look at him and say, 'Well, I ain't Wanda,'" she said. "As time went on, I could tell he wasn't quite over her.''

One of Luck's former husbands, Joseph Ferguson, said Monday that their union lasted less than two years. He said Luck talked about Stewart, whom he later met, calling him a "normal guy'' and saying he was shocked by Sunday's events.

World's largest laser now ready for use

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — After more than a decade of work and $3.5 billion, engineers have completed the world's most powerful laser, capable of simulating the energy force of a hydrogen bomb and the sun itself.

The Energy Department will announce today that it has officially certified the National Ignition Facility at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, clearing the way for a series of experiments over the next year. Scientists hope the experiments eventually will mimic the heat and pressure found at the center of the sun.

The facility, the size of a football field, consists of 192 separate laser beams, each traveling 1,000 feet in a one-thousandth of a second to converge simultaneously on a target the size of a pencil eraser.

While the NIF laser is expected to be used for a wide range of high-energy and high-density physics experiments, its primary purpose is to help government physicists ensure the reliability of the nation's nuclear weapons as they become older.

The laser "will be a cornerstone'' of the weapons stewardship program "ensuring the continuing reliability of the U.S. nuclear stockpile without underground nuclear testing,'' Thomas D'Agostino, head of the National Nuclear Security Administration, said in an interview Monday.

The NNSA, a semi-independent arm of the Energy Department, oversees nuclear weapons programs.

The NIF laser was first proposed in the early 1990s, when the project's cost was put at $700 million. Construction began in 1997. Its early years were marked by setbacks including trouble — eventually overcome — in keeping its critical optics perfectly clean.

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"He acted in nothing short of a heroic way today, and but for his actions, we certainly could have had a worse tragedy."

– District Attorney Maureen Krueger on officer Justin Garner, who wounded a gunman accused of killing eight people in a North Carolina nursing home

EDITORIAL

Trimming the sails of payday lenders

Our view: A bill in the Legislature requiring Internet payday lenders to be licensed is a good first step, but tighter regulation of the industry is needed.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Idaho is the Wild West as far as payday lenders are concerned. Short-term loans of up to $1,000 can be made for an unlimited amount of time in this state. There is no maximum fee and the annual percent rate isn't capped.

Now the Legislature is taking some small steps to reign in the payday-loan cowboys, who cater to mostly low-income customers who can least afford high fees and triple-digit interest rates.

The Senate on Thursday unanimously approved a bill requiring Internet lenders to be licensed by the state. The legislation would invalidate any loan provided by an unlicensed lender, and allow the Idaho Department of Finance to issue cease-and-desist orders and to sue unlicensed lenders. The legislation now goes to the House.

That's fine as far as it goes, but it's time Idaho put some limits on the mess that payday borrowers can get into it they don't make payments on time.

Idaho, Oregon, Utah, New Mexico, Delaware, South Dakota, West Virginia, Virginia and Wisconsin are the only states that don't limit fees or interest rates which payday lenders can charge. The trouble with that system is that once you default, it's practically impossible to catch up because the fees and interest rates keep going up.

Let's say you write a post-dated check for $460 to borrow $400 for two weeks. If at the end of 14 days your check bounces, you're on the hook to your bank for a not-sufficient-funds fee plus the original costs of the loan and any additional fees or increased interest rates the lender might impose.

Members of the payday loan industry's national trade association are required to offer customers in default an extended repayment plan at no additional cost, but not all payday lenders are members of the trade group.

Idaho needs to place reasonable limits on payday loans, as has Washington. In that state, they're limited to 45 days and the fee is 15 percent up to $500 borrowed and 10 percent from $500-$700, which is the legal maximum for short-term loans. The cost is capped at $15 per $100 and the annual percentage rate at 390 percent, plus Washington requires short-term lenders to offer repayment plans to customers in default.

Even in a let-the-marketplace-rule state like Idaho, lawmakers have some responsibility to curb predatory lending. Capping interest rates and fees would be good first steps.

Payday loans in America

State	Max loan	Max fee	Cost/$100	APR*
Alabama	31 days	7.5%	$17.50	455%
Alaska	Unlimited	$15 + fee	$20	520%
Arizona	Unlimited	15% of check	$17.65	459%
Arkansas	31 days	10% + $10	$22.50	579%
California	30 days	15% of check	$17.50	459%
Colorado	40 days	20% first $300	$20	520%
Delaware	59 days	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
D.C.	31 days	Varies	$16.10	419%
Florida	31 days	10% + $5 fee	$15	$390
Hawaii	32 days	15% of check	$17.65	459%
Idaho	NA	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Illinois	120 days	$15 per $100	$15.50	403%
Indiana	Unlimited	15% per $250	$15	390%
Iowa	31 days	$5 + 10% of check	$16.67	435%
Kansas	30 days	$15 per $100	$15	390%
Kentucky	60 days	$15 per $100 check	$17.65	455%
Louisiana	60 days	6.75% per check	$20	520%
Minnesota	30 days	Variable	$15	390%
Mississippi	30 days	18% of check	22%	572%
Missouri	31 days	75% of loan	$75	$1,980
Montana	31 days	25%	$25	680%
Nebraska	31 days	$15 per 100	$17.65	459%
Nevada	NA	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
New Hampshire	NA	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
New Mexico	NA	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
North Dakota	60 day	20%	$20	520%
Ohio	6 months	Varies	$15	390%
Oklahoma	45 days	15% up to $300	$15	390%
Oregon	60 days	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Rhode Island	Unlimited	15% of check	$15	390%
South Carolina	31 days	15% of check	$17.65	459%
South Dakota	NA	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Tennessee	31 days	15% of check	$17.65	459%
Texas	31 days	48% APR + $10/month	$11.87	309%
Utah	NA	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Virginia	Unlimited	15%	$15	390%
Washington	45 days	15% up to $300	$15	390%
Wisconsin	NA	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Wyoming	30 days	$30 or 20%	$30	780%

*Annual percentage rate

Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and West Virginia have usury laws or small-loan caps that would make payday loans illegal under the rates usually charged.

Source: bankrate.com

Should Obama be betting the ranch on Geithner?

Being slow to anger is fine. Being slow to honesty is not.

President Obama got frosty during last week's press conference when asked about the bonuses paid to employees of American International Group, the failed company that received an $180 billion taxpayer bailout. He said he needed time to get angry "because I like to know what I'm talking about before I speak."

JOAN VENNOCHI

When Obama finally got mad, he got mad at Wall Street. But he knows who else deserves the cold shoulder. The list of bonus conspirators includes his own economic team, which is headed by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

The controversial AIG contracts, which provide for so-called retention bonuses, were written in March 2008. A year later, after taxpayers became 80 percent owners of AIG, the bonuses were protected by Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd, via a special provision inserted into the federal stimulus bill.

Dodd said he did it because Geithner's Treasury Department asked him to do it.

Geithner said his staff did it and he did not know "the full extent" of the bonus payments until March 10 — an assertion that defies logic.

Reporting by The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times establishes the following chronology:

AIG cited the bonus retention plan in a public filing in early November. Geithner, then president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was involved in major AIG matters until he recused himself around the time of his Nov. 24 nomination as Treasury secretary.

Some lawmakers raised the matter of AIG bonuses at a December hearing. Over the next weeks, AIG officials briefed lawmakers about the retention bonuses. On Feb. 28, Treasury Department staff were briefed on AIG matters, including the bonuses, by the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

On March 3, Geithner was asked directly about the bonuses at a House Ways and Means Committee hearing.

During that hearing, Rep. Joseph Crowley, a Democrat from New York, asked what could be done to stop AIG from paying $160 million in bonuses.

Geithner responded by saying executive pay in the financial industry had gotten "out of whack" in recent years. He promised to do something about it when companies getting taxpayer bailouts were involved.

The bonuses were front-page news on March 15. Geithner eventually said he would take "full responsibility" but insisted he did not learn of the bonuses until March 10. A Treasury Department spokesman later said Geithner "was not aware of the timing or full extent of the contractual retention payments or other bonus programs until his staff brought them to his attention on March 10." It took until March 20 for Geithner to confirm that his department pushed Dodd to write the budget loophole into the economic stimulus plan.

The president has made it clear Geithner is his guy. What he has never made clear to the American public is why.

Obama stood behind Geithner when his then-nominee said he didn't pay his taxes because of some misunderstanding of the tax code. Now Obama is standing behind Geithner when he says he didn't know about the AIG bonuses because he didn't fully understand what his staff was negotiating.

The president is now asking American taxpayers to trust Geithner's plan to help buy up so-called toxic assets, as well as to expand the government's authority to take over troubled corporations like AIG.

That's asking for a lot of trust. So far, on a personal level, Geithner has done little to show taxpayers he deserves it. But Obama continues to praise him, and even said in a "60 Minutes" interview that he would reject Geithner's resignation, if offered.

A market rally boosts Geithner's stock when it comes to pleasing Wall Street. But it shouldn't erase the honesty question for Main Street.

A Treasury secretary who trims the truth on any level is a liability. But Obama is sticking with his investment, out of loyalty, stubbornness, or both.

There has been plenty of time to figure out who knew what about the AIG bonus formula and when they knew it. If the full calculation doesn't get Obama angry, it should.

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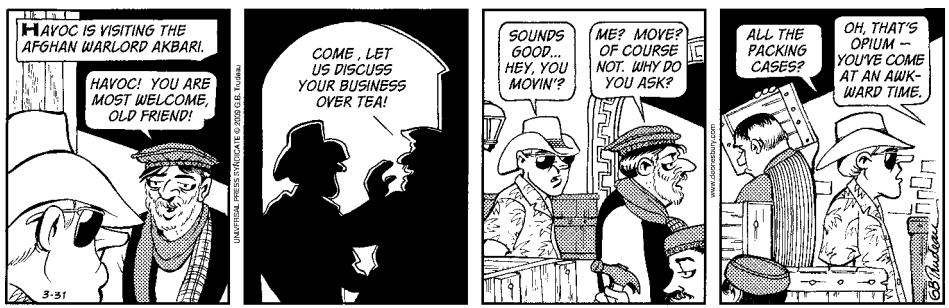

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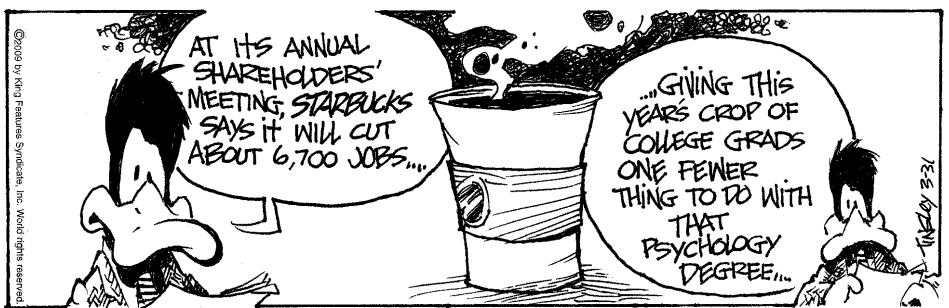

How to pay off the national credit card

ALICE M. RIVLIN

President Obama sent Congress a bold budget reflecting the values of his campaign and the dire economic straits he inherited. This plan would, however, raise deficits to unsustainable levels well after the economy recovers. Now Congress has a chance to make the budget better by reducing the long-term deficits.

Or it could make it worse.

The president's budget reflects the candidate's diagnosis of America's economic ills and offers good remedies. It proposes investments in education, science and infrastructure that will, if spent effectively, enhance the productivity of American workers. Steps toward health-care reform, especially electronic medical records and research on the cost-effectiveness of treatments, will help make the system more efficient.

Most of these targeted cures enjoy wide public support, but that support starts to erode when it comes to paying the bill.

Designed to facilitate a rapid economic rebound, the budget's humongous multiyear deficits (overwhelmingly attributable to the recession itself, the financial rescue and the temporary stimulus) are both inevitable and appropriate. But as the economy recovers, that higher spending should be recouped. The "pay-fors" in the Obama budget are well designed, but they are not big enough to compensate for the increased spending once economic growth returns.

Obama would shift tax burdens from average working Americans to those who earn most, but the proposed shifts are modest and, on balance, would reduce future revenue. The president would turn the temporary Making Work Pay credit into a small permanent tax cut for most workers and enhance the earned-income tax credit for low-wage earners. He would return the top tax-bracket rates to the Clinton-era 36 and 39.6 percent from the Bush-era 33 and 35 percent.

Restricting tax deductions to a maximum of 28 percent is a good idea, but it should be pushed further. It would be preferable to convert deductions to credits, so that all taxpayers get the same benefit from a given dollar of, say, mortgage interest paid. Differential subsidies to upper-income homeowners are not only unfair but encourage the building of more McMansions.

The other major "pay-for" in the budget is the cap-and-trade plan, since auctioning pollution permits would generate revenue. Tightening the emissions cap over time would raise the price of carbon-based fuels in a reasonably efficient way, encourage shifts to alternative fuels and reduce the amount of heat-trapping carbon-dioxide being released into the atmosphere. The impact of rising transportation costs on low-income people would be mitigated by the proposed income tax changes in favor of low-income workers.

The pay-for package is persuasively designed, but it will not fully compensate for the rising spending. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that, if the president's budget were approved, deficits would remain above 4 percent of gross domestic product even after the economy recovers and that the national debt as a percentage of GDP would nearly double, from 42 percent in 2008 to 82 percent by 2019. Since much of that increased debt would be held by the Chinese and other foreigners, America's vulnerability would be heightened.

Congress could greatly improve the president's budget by accepting its main outlines but adding steps to reduce long-run deficits. Lawmakers could phase out the income tax cuts at a lower level by protecting, say, 92 percent of taxpayers from tax increases instead of 95 percent. They could convert tax deductions to tax credits in a way that raises more revenue or redesign the climate-change proposal to increase revenue faster (perhaps adding a small gas tax increase that would rise in the future).

Congress could increase funding for health-care reform by including part of employer-paid health benefits in taxable income. It could put the Social Security system on a sustainable long-term basis by making minor tweaks to benefits and revenue to take effect a decade or more hence. Or it could pare back future spending on programs not contributing to raising productivity. All of this may sound politically poisonous, but so does unsustainable long-term borrowing.

There is also a serious risk of Congress making the president's proposal much less fiscally responsible by accepting the new spending and tax cuts but rejecting the pay-fors. That is a scary scenario that only strong, responsible congressional leadership can avoid.

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We're figuring out how to win in Afghanistan

DAVID BROOKS

WARDAK PROVINCE, Afghanistan — You drive up to the forward operating base in Wardak province in an armored Humvee, with the machine-gunner sticking up through the roof and his butt swinging on a little perch just by your head. Outside there's a scraggly downtown, with ragamuffin Afghan children, almost no old people (the median life expectancy is 45) and dust everywhere. The dust of Afghanistan piles up in front of the storefronts and covers the ruins of the buildings destroyed during the Soviet period, or during the civil war or during some lost conflict from centuries past.

The Humvee takes the serpentine path through the checkpoint and you pass a double line of soldiers heading out on foot patrol. There's a soldier that looks from a distance like a child in gear, but it turns out to be a tiny American woman smiling under her armor, pack and rifle, and you think that of all the great powers who've humped their way over these mountains, not another one sent out warriors as unlikely or effective as these.

After the checkpoint, there's a parking lot with great lines of heavy vehicles. For years, the coalition forces fought this war on the cheap, but that's changing. The U.S. has just increased troop levels tenfold in Wardak. The parking lots are bursting with hulking machinery, the avalanche of metal America brings to a war it takes seriously.

There's a line of porta-potties and you're brought into a plywood room. There are about 25 Army Rangers inside except for a special-ops guy, Maj. Moses, who is dark-skinned with a thick beard.

As they talk, it becomes clear that aside from killing bad guys, they're also trying to figure out how to reweave Afghan society.

Before the Soviet invasion in 1979, Afghan towns had three parallel authority structures: the tribal elders, the religious clerics and the government representatives. The Soviets decimated the tribes and the indigenous government. That left only the mullahs, and their sudden unchecked prominence helped explain the rise of the Taliban.

The terror and the fall of the Taliban reduced clerical authority, too. By 2002, when the coalition forces arrived, village society was fractured, social capital decimated. The resulting disorder has been a perfect nesting ground for the insurgents. The insurgents are not popular in Afghanistan. But they have money, and young men in the villages talk about accepting a few hundred bucks to plant an IED.

Between 2002 and 2005, the coalition and the Afghans were slow to recognize the perils of social fragmentation. The general view was that warlordism and civil war were the biggest threats. Therefore, power should be centralized with the national government.

That approach has had some success. The Afghan National Army is the country's most trusted institution. But it's also had many shortcomings. The national police force is ineffective. The central government has rarely been able to reweave the social fabric at the village level. Nobody's been able to establish rule of law or end rampant corruption.

So the Afghans and the coalition are adapting. There's been a shift to supplement central authorities with village authority structures. Under the National Solidarity Project, villages elect Community Development Councils. Western aid agencies give the councils up to $60,000 to do local projects, but it's not the projects that matter most. It's the creation of formal community structures.

Mohammad Halim Fidai, the governor of Wardak province, and the guys in the plywood room are creating the Afghan Public Protection Program. Under it, villages would no longer depend solely on the national police sent from Kabul. Local committees would hire their own constabulary to guard schools, bridges and neighborhoods. Alongside just 26 national policemen in the area, there will be 250 local men from the APPP.

The program is controversial. Many feel it will lead to a return to local militias and warlordism. But if Afghanistan is to stabilize, there have to be local authority structures. The culture of conversation and consensus has to be formalized in institutions. These local structures have to be connected upward to the central state. And that's beginning to happen amidst the armored Humvees and the daily threat of death.

When you put more boots on the ground, you not only augment your army's firing power, you give it the capacity to experiment. A few years ago, the good guys had only vague ideas about how to win this war. Now they're much smarter.

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A few myths about nuclear power

TODD TUCKER

Thirty years ago this week, a chain of errors and equipment malfunctions triggered the defining event in the history of American nuclear power: the accident at Three Mile Island. Although no one died and the health consequences were insignificant, the mishap was vivid confirmation that things could go wrong with a nuclear reactor. It almost instantly galvanized popular opposition to this form of power, giving rise to lingering misconceptions about one of our nation's largest sources of electricity:

Three Mile Island killed the idea of nuclear power in the United States. The 1979 accident and the fear it spawned were undoubtedly setbacks to the nuclear power industry. Only recently did utilities even attempt to license new reactors again. But Three Mile Island didn't even kill nuclear power at Three Mile Island. While TMI 2 was destroyed, TMI 1 is still in operation today. In fact, in generating electricity, nuclear power is second only to coal, which produces about half the power we use. Nuclear today produces more electricity than it did at the time of the accident — about 20 percent compared with 12.5 percent in 1979.

Nuclear power is bad for the environment. Many nuclear reactor byproducts are dangerous and require careful long-term storage. This is at the root of the fairly widespread belief that nuclear power is incompatible with a concern for the environment, even though its effects compare favorably with coal's.

Nuclear power is "unnatural." From Godzilla to Blinky the three-eyed fish on "The Simpsons," many of pop culture's oddest creatures owe their existence to the mutating powers of radiation. It's easy to forget that radiation and nuclear processes are pervasive in the natural world. President Harry S. Truman put it memorably when he presided over the keel-laying of the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered ship, in 1952: "Her engines will not burn oil or coal. The heat in her boilers will be created by the same force that heats the sun — the energy released by atomic fission, the breaking apart of the basic matter of the universe."

A nuclear power plant is similar to a nuclear bomb. Not really. Nuclear power plants use fission — the splitting of uranium atoms to release enormous energy — to create power. Modern nuclear weapons use nuclear fusion: the fusing together of hydrogen atoms to release even greater amounts of energy.

Nuclear power isn't without hazards, and the industry does itself a disservice by proclaiming it can construct a reactor that is "inherently safe," implying a condition in which nothing bad can ever happen. That's not possible in any manmade creation. It's also easily disproven the instant something bad does happen — as it did at Three Mile Island. All methods of power generation involve trade-offs, a balancing of risks against returns. We shouldn't evaluate nuclear power any differently.

Todd Tucker wrote this commentary for The Washington Post

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Economic crisis dominates Arab summit in Qatar

By Noha El-Hennawy and Borzou Daragahi
Los Angeles Times

DOHA, Qatar — The global economic crisis is set to plunge a Middle East already reeling from war and extremism into further chaos, the ruler of Qatar warned other national leaders and diplomats Monday at the annual Arab League summit.

Sheik Hamad ibn Khalifa al Thani, the emir of the tiny but increasingly influential kingdom of Qatar, brushed aside persisting squabbles among Arab states to warn that the world economic crisis would strike a hard blow to the Middle East

"Our Arab world was among the most vulnerable regions in the world to be affected by the storm," Khalifa told the dignitaries assembled in the capital of his oil and natural gas-rich Persian Gulf peninsula nation.

"The impact of this problem of lack of confidence has affected the Arab world more than others," he said. "Given its location and resources, its issues and problems and its previous and subsequent conditions, the Arab world is in the direction of the wind and the eye of the storm."

Economic gloom overshadowed the summit, often a pageant of decorum and flowery rhetoric where substantive issues are superseded by petty rivalries among Arab states.

Arab leaders Monday called upon Israel to accept a 2002 Saudi peace initiative offering the Jewish state formal diplomatic recognition in exchange for establishing an independent Palestinian state.

"The peace initiative being proposed today will not be on offer for a long time," they said in a statement. "Arab commitment to this initiative is dependent on Israeli acceptance."

Arab leaders also voiced support for Sudanese President Omar Hassan Ahmed Bashir, who attended the summit in defiance of an International Criminal Court warrant for his arrest on charges related to the counterinsurgency in the Darfur region.

Israeli army: No charges in Gaza probe

By Josef Federman
Associated Press writer

JERUSALEM — The Israeli army on Monday closed an investigation into alleged killings of civilians during its offensive in the Gaza Strip, saying soldiers' testimonies were based on hearsay, "purposely exaggerated" and not supported by facts.

Allegations of wrongful shootings emerged from some soldiers speaking in a closed-door meeting at a military prep school. Their accounts, along with their reports of vandalism in Palestinian homes, were published by Israeli media earlier this month.

The army's chief prosecutor angrily accused the soldiers of harming Israel's international image. "It will be difficult to evaluate the damage done to the image and morals of the Israel Defense Forces and its soldiers ... in Israel and the world," Brig. Gen. Avichai Mendelblit said.

Human rights groups accused the military of carrying out a biased and hasty inquiry that ignored key evidence and urged an independent body be formed to investigate Israeli army activity in Gaza.

One case involved the killing of an elderly woman by a rooftop sniper, and the second described a sniper fatally shooting a mother and two children who had entered a no-go zone, according to a transcript of the testimony obtained by The Associated Press.

The soldiers' accounts set off soul-searching in a country where the military is widely revered. They also echoed Palestinian allegations that Israel's assault did not distinguish between civilians and combatants, and fueled assertions by some international rights groups that Israel violated the laws of war.

Israel used unprecedented force during the three-week operation, launched against Gaza's Hamas rulers last December to halt eight years of rocket attacks on Israeli border towns. After a week of aerial bombardments, the military launched a two-week ground offensive.

More than 1,400 Palestinians were killed, including more than 900 civilians, according to the Palestinian Center for Human Rights, which published a list of names of the dead. Israel has said the toll was lower, and the "vast majority" of the dead were militants. But it did not publish a list to support the assertion.

In announcing the findings Monday, the army said the soldiers' testimonies "were purposely exaggerated and made extreme, in order to make a point" to those attending the closed session.

Warships set sail ahead of N. Korean launch

By Hyung-Jin Kim
Associated Press writer

SEOUL, South Korea — Japanese, South Korean and U.S. missile-destroying ships set sail to monitor North Korea's imminent rocket launch, as Pyongyang stoked tensions Monday by detaining a South Korean worker for allegedly denouncing the North's political system.

North Korea says it will send a communications satellite into orbit between April 4 and 8. The U.S., South Korea and Japan suspect the regime is using the launch to test long-range missile technology, and warn it would face U.N. sanctions under a Security Council resolution banning the country from any ballistic activity.

North Korea has threatened to quit international talks on its nuclear disarmament if punished with sanctions. The communist regime's main newspaper, Rodong Sinmun, reiterated that warning Sunday, saying the talks will "completely collapse" if taken to the Security Council.

Further heightening tensions on the divided peninsula, North Korean authorities detained a South Korean worker at a joint industrial zone in the North for allegedly denouncing Pyongyang's political system and inciting female northern workers to flee the country.

Economy in W. Europe faces a growing crisis

By Sebastian Rotella
Los Angeles Times

PARIS — Italian supermarkets report an increase in shoplifting by first-time offenders, especially among middle-class and elderly people. The most popular target for rookie thieves: Parmesan cheese.

French shoppers, famously insistent about freshness, no longer snub foods that are close to the expiration dates. Discovering an underground market for almost-expired products fished out of dumpsters, stores decide to keep the spoils on the shelves.

Spanish police detect a shift in car thefts, from luxury brands to the sensible mid-range models now in demand on the black market.

These are the signs of a slow-motion crisis in continental Western Europe. The street-level repercussions of the economic meltdown have been less brutal than in the United States or Eastern Europe because of the strong government-backed social-welfare network in France and its prosperous neighbors.

But experts warn that the safety net is starting to fray as the global crisis persists, unemployment keeps rising and benefits run out.

"France lost 90,000 jobs in January alone, a real dramatic jump, and we haven't felt the impact of that yet because those people will get benefits for a while," said Olivier Berthe, who directs Restos de Coeur, a charity that runs soup kitchens for needy people nationwide. "We get more and more clients, and the worry is that we haven't yet seen all the ones who will be coming."

The charity already has served 12 percent more people in 2009 than during the same period last year. In the rural heartland of France, there has been a sharp increase in demand at soup kitchens as work dries up in agriculture, construction and other sectors.

In a recent French poll, one-half of the respondents said they could imagine themselves ending up on the street.

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Don't kill the trees

These evergreens were planted too close to the road, and now are topped so they don't interfere with utility lines. If they had been planted farther into the property, they would be tall and shapely, says Ketchum arborist Jen Smith.

How to care for your urban forest

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — Think "forest" and you probably don't envision trees surrounded by homes, sidewalks and city streets. But municipal arborists know that those trees are as much a forest as any in the wilderness.

And in the urban forest, the activities of people — intentional and accidental — mean those trees need extra attention and care. People's needs for shade or sun, views and wind protection shape where and how trees are grown, and it's easy to make mistakes in planting, growing and pruning.

So how should you care for your urban trees?

Experts Jen Smith, arborist for the city of Ketchum, and Dave Kiesig, horticulturalist at College of Southern Idaho, offer these tips:

Photos by ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

Ketchum arborist Jen Smith shows a pair of trees off Warm Springs Road that were improperly pruned. They are now weighted heavily to the south and may fall over. If they were dangerously near homes or cars, she says, she would cut them down.

Choose your trees carefully

"The funniest thing I hear from people is, 'I planted a tree and it got too big,'" Smith said.

Be sure to buy a variety of tree that will work where you plant it even after many years. Numerous Web sites and books describe the heights and girths of mature trees.

Nurseries are quick to recommend varieties that grow well in your area, but don't be afraid to vary a little from those recommendations. Otherwise, Smith said, you risk contributing to monocultures — too few varieties in an area can increase susceptibility to pests and diseases.

Where to plant?

Again, keep in mind the mature dimensions of your tree when planting. Also consider how buildings and sidewalk or street surfaces will impact the tree — Smith is quick to show a photo of a small tree planted in a three-foot gap between two tall buildings as an example of bad planting.

Don't plant the tree too deep or too shallow. Where the bark ends and the root ball begins is where the ground surface should be, Kiesig said.

"Ninety-five percent of a tree's roots are in the top 18 inches of soil. People have this image of a tree's roots going to China, and that doesn't happen with most species," he said.

Construction equipment can damage tree branches and roots, and ultimately endanger the tree, so consult an arborist if you are digging or building near trees.

Are there rules for pruning?

Yes, absolutely, say both experts. That's why you want a licensed professional to do your pruning unless you've taken classes and feel comfortable that you won't do damage. Inappropriate pruning can be extremely bad for a tree, even contributing to its untimely death.

Topping trees improperly, for example, can cause the tree to respond by putting out lots of quick growth, which will be weaker and can more easily cause damage to both the trees and the property beneath them. Smith points to several trees in downtown Ketchum that were badly topped — but quickly fixed by the city's arborists. Although the trees are growing healthily now, it's easy to see where the original cuts were made.

Ketchum arborist Jen Smith keeps this piece of tree trunk to demonstrate the damage that can be done by Christmas lights in just two years. She enforces regulations in the city of Ketchum that require lights to be removed during warmer months when the tree is growing.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Contact your city's administrators to find out what events will be held in honor of Arbor Day — many sponsor workshops on pruning or fertilizing and other tree-related activities. This year, Arbor Day is April 24, but events may be held before or after the designated day.

If you hire professionals to assess or prune your trees, ensure they are certified by the International Society of Arboriculture. Visit isa-arbor.com for information about tree care and expert certification.

Also, don't be afraid to take down a tree that could be hazardous. "At some point you have to cut your losses and realize the risk is too great," Smith said.

Kiesig recommends that people begin planting new

See **TREES**, H&G 2

The fairest mirrors of them all can remake a room

By Kim Cook
For The Associated Press

When Louis XIV decided that the royal palace at Versailles should have a huge Hall of Mirrors, his minister of finance saw an opportunity.

Jean-Baptiste Colbert, a fierce nationalist, was determined that Paris be able to compete with Venice in producing luxury products like silk, lace and mirrors. He recruited Venetian artisans to come to Paris to craft all 357 of the hall's mirrors. They devised a method of pouring hot glass onto an iron table that allowed them for the first time to make really big mirrors.

Horchow/Neiman Marcus' $539 Porcupine Quill Mirror crafted of handpainted wood.

With its elaborate ceiling art and solid silver tables, lamps and orange tree pots, the magnificent 17th-century hall was the setting for balls, births, even the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.

We don't live in glittering palaces, but many of us do tend to think of mirrors as a tad gaudy, a bit Vegas, and not a material we can decorate with easily.

None of which need be true.

We might consider mirrors the way feng shui practitioners do. They see mirrors as serving three purposes: expansion, reflection, deflection.

A well-placed mirror, particularly one that reflects an open doorway or window, can open up a small space. It doubles the feeling of space and, in feng shui, serves an even greater function: It's believed that when a mirror reflects something good — such as a family portrait, pleasing scenery or a symbolic object — its positive effects are doubled. Bagua mirrors, on the other hand, are seen in feng shui as bad-energy deflectors used on the outside of the home.

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A large floor mirror framed in mirror with nail-head trim, by Horchow/Neiman Marcus.

AP photos

How to convert garage, basement space for living

DEAR JIM: We are older and have sold our car. For more living space, we plan to convert our garage into a home theater and may also finish the basement. How should we insulate the brick and concrete walls? **— Jack H.**

SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

Courtesy of Owens Corning

The retaining strip is being snapped into the mounting track to hold a wall panel against a concrete block wall.

DEAR JACK: With homes not selling well and construction costs still increasing, many families have decided to make major improvements to their homes instead of moving or building a new one. Converting a garage or a basement into additional living space is popular.

The methods to make the conversions and to insulate the walls of the basement or garage are basically similar. The direction of moisture movement is generally opposite though, making the placement of the vapor barrier different. For below-ground walls (basement foundation) moisture typically moves from outdoors to indoors. Concrete actually is porous.

One option for converting the rooms is to have a contractor install a predesigned room conversion system made specifically for this purpose.

These systems typically include wall mounting systems for insulated panels. Special materials are used to block moisture and minimize mold and mildew.

Champion offers a particularly nice room conversion system. A vinyl attachment system is connected to the walls, and fabric-covered insulated panels are snapped into place. They have R-13 insulation level, and the special fabric covering absorbs sound, making it good for home theaters.

The fabric panels can easily be snapped out to gain access to the walls.

If you decide to do the conversion yourself, there are several methods to insulate the walls. The simplest method is to build a 2-by-4 studded frame against the garage or basement walls. Insulate it with fiberglass batts, and cover the walls with drywall or paneling. A drawback to this method is you will lose floor space because the new walls are fairly thick.

This project requires only a minimum skill level, but there are some important details. Pay attention to the proper location of the vapor barrier depending upon your climate and whether it is below or above ground level. Repair any current or potential problems with the existing walls, because future access to them will require cutting through the new wall surface.

If you will not need high levels of insulation, several companies make rigid foam insulation panels designed to fit neatly over furring strips.

This makes the installation easy and provides a nailing base on 16- or 24-inch centers to attach drywall or paneling. Insulation values range from about R-3 to R-10.

Don't forget the floor, because it also loses heat — and carpet over concrete may not be comfortable. Consider installing a breathable resilient insulating board over the concrete floor.

DEAR JIM: I try to be as energy efficient as possible, so I keep one-gallon jugs of water around the house during winter for thermal mass. Should I keep them full next summer, or should I pour the water on the garden? **— Bill H.**

DEAR BILL: Having much thermal mass in your house can reduce your utility bills and keep your family more comfortable. With more thermal mass, temperature swings in your house are reduced, particularly if you try to use some passive solar heating.

Keep the jugs filled year-round. During the summer, thermal mass can slow down how fast your house heats up each morning. This should keep your air conditioner from coming on as early in the day.

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Panel discussion on soil preparation

Times-News

Valley Victory Garden Club will hold a panel discussion on garden soil preparation, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Hailey Public Library.

The event is free and open to all, experienced gardeners and newbies alike. Details: 721-1798.

Tip of the Week

The Washington Post

For a spring cutting mix, sow salad greens in a 14-inch or larger pot in a sunny location by the kitchen door. Use fresh potting soil but no fertilizer. After sowing, cover the pot with netting to discourage squirrels.

Remove the netting once the greens are growing. Mesclun mixes are ideal for container gardens.

Trees

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trees nearby a few years before they will need to take down an old one they love. "That eases the hurt and the pain, and it works," he said.

Minimize the effects of people

Urban trees face challenges that those in the wilderness do not — pollution, crowding by buildings, insufficient fertilization or watering.

And people do stupid things, like backing cars into them, nailing signs to them or using poles to prop up dying, leaning trees. In her office, Smith has a segment of trunk she cut from a tree that was strangled by Christmas lights wrapped around it for two years, with ridges deeply embedded in an irregular spiral.

She said that since she was hired in Ketchum about five years ago, she has spent much of her time educating people about their tree mistakes, and advising them how to nurture happy, healthy trees. She recommends that urbanites with trees consult an arborist — some cities offer the service for free — to keep from making mistakes and keep those trees in great shape for years to come.

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Scholarships for standouts

The curtain rises on some of Magic Valley's best young performers.
FRIDAY IN ENTERTAINMENT

Mirrors

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A mirror clad in a pretty or unusual frame will enliven the most basic room.

"They're a focal point in bathrooms, functional in bedrooms and closets, can serve as accent pieces on dining room walls and in foyers, and add height and light to small, dark spaces. When designing a room, it's the one thing I almost always use,'' says designer and HGTV celebrity Will Smith.

Notes New York designer Geoffrey Bradfield, "mirrors give a room an illusion of infinity.''

Round mirrors can be especially smart looking. Pottery Barn has an Art Deco-style beveled glass beauty that hangs on a faux leather strap. Another is wrapped in sustainably harvested cherry tree bark.

Uttermost has a stable of artists creating mirror designs, such as Grace Feyock's "Raindrops,'' a constellation of tiny mirrored circles orbiting a larger one. Her "Kellan'' is a swirl of silver leaf around a beveled mirror, and "Tamryn'' boasts a headdress of woven palm tree fibers.

Horchow offers a hand-painted, wood-framed mirror designed by Janice Minor that looks like it's bristling with porcupine quills.

And mirrors don't have to be hung. Prop one on a dresser or console with a few favorite objects placed in front of it; you'll enjoy your things from two vantage points.

A large mirror placed at floor level in an entryway comes in handy. Horchow's version features a mirrored frame, which helps bounce the light around.

Sundance Catalog has a casement style framed in steel, reminiscent of old warehouse or country mill windows.

MirrorMate offers groupings of "Pizzazz'' custom-framed mirrored squares, with a personalized look. Use them as artwork run up to the ceiling, or as a decorative headboard.

The company also custom frames existing "raw'' mirrors, such as bathroom vanities. The frames attach directly to the mirror. Do the perimeter or, on an especially large mirror, frame just the area over the sink to add a dramatic, "finished'' look.

Lisa Huntting, the creative brain behind the concept, says it was her own move to a new home in Charlotte, N.C., that sparked the idea.

"Though I was decorating the bathrooms with accessories and pictures, they just never looked 'done' because that huge mirror remained naked!'' she says.

The frames also help solve issues like edge-silvering, or unattractive mirror clips, she says. They run about $100-$200, depending on size and style.

Mirrored finishes also are turning up on dressers, shelving, backsplashes, candlesticks, even fireplaces as a relatively inexpensive way to add glamour and lightplay to a space.

AP photos

MirrorMate's Pizzazz mirrored squares, $34.95 to $38.95. A well-placed mirror, particularly one that reflects an open doorway or window, can open up a small space.

The Raindrops mirror by Uttermost, $458.

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Man land

'Cave' men create male havens in garage, basement

By Jennifer Forker
For The Associated Press

Is it a refuge? A clubhouse? What is this thing, this man cave? And is it dangerous?

This is what the women folk may want to know. For some men, it's all too clear: The man cave is sanctuary.

"When we're married, we have to give up a lot of territory, then when we have kids, we give up more territory,'' said Joe Stone, 40, a minister in Thornton, Colo. "We have this tiny area of territory that we'll defend to the death.''

That's the cave. It's often in the basement but sometimes in the garage among the garden tools. And it's trendy. Turn on the television: DIY Network airs "Man Caves,'' hosted by Jason Cameron and ex-NFL player Tony "The Goose'' Siragusa, and HGTV will launch "Man Land'' in June.

Reach out to friends, asking to speak with their friends who have a man cave, and wait for the responses to roll in:

From Columbia, S.C.: "I have one of those! TV with cable. Refrigerator. Pingpong table. Hockey equipment. We haven't had a car in that garage in years.''

From Dubuque, Iowa: The man cave is where "my decorations or sports memorabilia actually get to be on display where no one else sees it, since it doesn't go with the rest of the house's 'decor.'"

From Anchorage, Alaska: "It's where I go to unwind (to watch movies). It's mostly subterranean; no light gets in or gets out. It's the 'war room' — we pay our taxes from down there.''

From Overland Park, Kan.: "We built a sports basement a few years ago that is the ultimate 'man cave,' especially during football season. It is outfitted with a big screen, full bar, fireplace, pool table, pingpong table, book shelves, Wii and autographed footballs. A buddy of mine has nicknamed it 'Nirvana.' My 17-year old-son has friends over nearly every weekend and they immediately head for the basement.''

Then there was the young man at the Arvada, Colo., liquor store who said his cave is the Barcalounger in his garage. He doesn't have a wife, but he does have roommates. The need for his own domain was the same.

"The man cave is a place where they don't have any ... social demands on them,'' said Mark L. Held, a clinical psychologist in Greenwood Village, Colo.

The cave is where men are free from relating to people, from the "honey-do'' list, from talking about their day with their wives. It's neither immature nor pathological, Held said, for a man to need this time alone — killing tanks on Wii or watching a ball game — and it can serve a marriage well.

Men who need time alone in their caves "are people who don't find talking to other people as energizing,'' Held said. "They see it as a demand, as draining.''

Wives need not feel rejected if their husbands spend a few minutes in the cave every day, Held says, although there's a big difference between minutes and hours. Cave dwelling may be a sign of depression, he said.

"You have to come out of the cave,'' he said. "You can't live in it.''

Caves range from the bare-bones variety that includes a sofa and a TV, to the high-end one that boasts flatscreens and framed art. Stone, the minister, is a staunch believer in "less is more.'' A well-heeled man cave misses the point of getting back to basics to lessen the stress load.

"They shine too much,'' he said. "There's too much welcome in there.''

Stone speaks of "defensive perimeters'' to maintain his sanctuary. (He also plays a lot of the interactive war game "Call of Duty'' in there.)

"You have to learn the relative balance of filth,'' Stone explained. "If it's too dirty it will affect your relationship with your kids and your wife.''

He keeps cereal bowls, a few empty beer bottles and some clothes lying around his basement cave — nothing too offensive. He also tries to clean it weekly "so I don't get sick.''

His wife, Laura Stone, 38, has come to terms with the unkempt room, he said.

"She navigates through it,'' Stone said. "I keep a trail open for her.''

Stone laughs at himself and what he believes is some primordial need.

"There is something, definitely, to this,'' he said. "After a long day of hunting and gathering, we want to go back to the safety of our cave.''

"If I could have a campfire in my basement, a spit and a good dog, I would be content for the rest of my life. As long as the fire would also power my TV, my gaming computer, my surround sound and my ESPN Game Zone.''

Like Stone, others allow family into their caves. Todd Moshier, 39, an account manager at a graphics design business in Columbia, S.C., keeps a pink lawn chair in his garage-based man cave so he can watch "SpongeBob'' cartoons with his 5-year-old daughter, Laura Claire. But he's also got speakers so large they could double as furniture.

"I have the speakers that I wasn't 'allowed' to bring in the house wired up out there, too,'' Moshier said. "I can rock out.''

Yes, the man cave may also be a response to women's tendency to do the nesting and decorating in the rest of the house.

"It goes back to the tree house, the clubhouse, the 'no girls allowed,''' said Monica Pedersen, a designer on HGTV's "Designed to Sell.'' "I think it's their adult version of that, and I don't blame them for that.''

AP photo

From right, Greg Nuccio, John Otterson, Tom Bruce, Joe Stone, Eirik Thune-Larsen and Fred Wilson watch college on a big-screen television while Bill Reeves, back left, looks on while practicing his own shot in Stone's basement turned into a man cave in Thornton, Colo.

> "If I could have a campfire in my basement, a spit and a good dog, I would be content for the rest of my life."
>
> **— Joe Stone, 40, from Thornton, Colo.**

Design tips for a masculine-charged space

By Jennifer Forker
For The Associated Press

For Jason Cameron, host of DIY Network's "Man Caves,'' the bare-bones man space just won't do. Testosterone must seep out of every corner.

"It's got to speak to you that this is a man cave when you walk in,'' said Cameron.

Cameron, and co-host Tony "The Goose'' Siragusa, a former NFL defensive lineman, have created two dozen man caves in the nearly two seasons they've been on the air. Most are sports-related, with memorabilia, but they've built at least one cigar lounge and a wine-tasting room.

The man caves they like have two things in common: There's a bar, often with a Kegerator, and a flatscreen TV, the bigger, the better.

Some things that cannot go into the man cave: scented candles, potpourri, tchotchkes, doilies, baby toys, neon paint colors and plants ("guys usually kill them anyway,'' Cameron said). The list grows longer with every new episode of "Man Caves.''

Cameron recommends earth-tone paint colors, or as he puts it, "earthy man colors,'' and hard surfaces, such as rock, brick and steel.

"It's back to the cave thing,'' he said.

Comfortable seating is a must, and the lights can't glare on that giant TV.

Monica Pedersen, a designer on HGTV's "Designed to Sell,'' is creating her husband's cave in their suburban Chicago home and also has design tips for this masculine-charged space.

She recommends wall units that fit all of a man's stereo, TV and gaming components, with room to spare for future purchases. IKEA and JCPenney, for example, sell good media walls that start in the $300 range, she said.

"If your man falls more and more in love with his space, he'll need more storage,'' Pedersen said.

If the cave has windows or doors to outside, Pedersen suggests protecting electronics in cabinets behind glass doors.

For seating, she recommends something sectional that can be added to later, preferably in leather because it holds up well and cleans up easily. When it comes to furniture, "look for options,'' said Pedersen. "Your guy might want this right now, but you might want to add to it or change it'' later.

Caves don't have to have that dark, 1970s feel, she said. "We have this idea in our head of the man cave and how it's going to look, but it can be clean and sleek looking,'' she said.

For a guy with a lot of opinions about the cave, you'd think Cameron would have one of his own. You'd be mistaken. He and his wife live in a 1,000-square-foot condo in Hoboken, N.J. — there's not an inch to spare.

Does this concern Cameron? Not in the slightest.

"I've built so many now, so when it comes time to build my man cave, I'll know exactly what I want,'' he said.

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Soils in Idaho vary widely due to topography, climate, and origin. In southern Idaho, most soils are high in pH (alkaline) and have very little organic matter. These soils may need extra applications of phosphorus and micronutrient fertilizers and should never be amended with lime or wood ash. The pH of your soil is important in determining which nutrients will be readily available to your plants (see illustration at left). Sandy soils need constant addition of organic matter, frequent and light applications of water, and constant fertilization. Clay soils may need to be amended with organic matter and/or soil additions to improve water penetration. It is important to know the characteristics of your soil in order to design an appropriate management plan.

Regardless of soil type, careful use of various amendments can improve soil and provide the best possible starting situation for your plants. The best amendments provide organic matter and consist of manures, composts, peat moss, crop residues, grass clippings, green manures, bark, wood chips, straw, or any number of other materials. The type of amendment chosen is dictated by availability and cost.

Before fertilizing or tilling, it is best to get the soil tested for nutrients, pH, and organic matter. There are simple soil test kits available at nurseries that can do an adequate job. There are also several labs, both university and private, that will be happy to test your soil for a fee. Once you determine fertilizer needs, broadcast evenly on the soil surface and till it in. Make sure the soil is not too wet during cultivation to avoid compaction.

It is imortant to understand that most plants needs are supplied by the soil. Consequently, proper soil preparation will go a long way toward achieving a successful garden.

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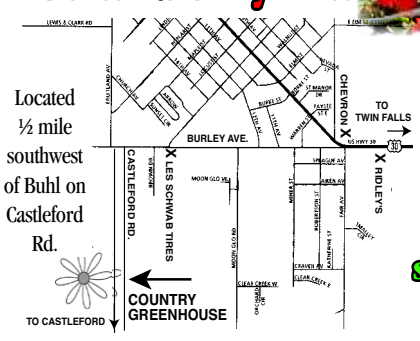

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and windy at times. Highs near 50.
Tonight: A brief shower possible. Lows low 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly dry with a stiff breeze expected. Highs upper 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy to windy at times. Highs upper 40s to near 50.
Tonight: Perhaps a brief nighttime shower developing. Lows upper 20s.
Tomorrow: More clouds and wind. Highs middle 40s.

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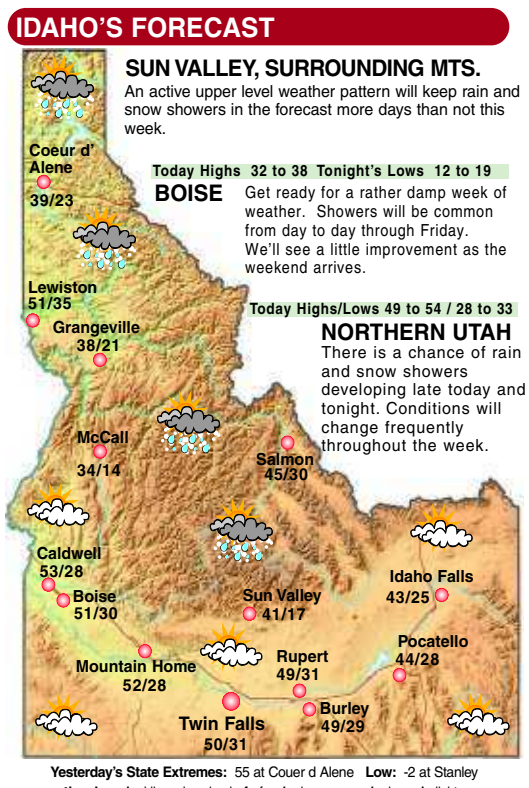

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An active upper level weather pattern will keep rain and snow showers in the forecast more days than not this week.

Today Highs 32 to 38 Tonight's Lows 12 to 19

BOISE

Get ready for a rather damp week of weather. Showers will be common from day to day through Friday. We'll see a little improvement as the weekend arrives.

Today Highs/Lows 49 to 54 / 28 to 33

NORTHERN UTAH

There is a chance of rain and snow showers developing late today and tonight. Conditions will change frequently throughout the week.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 55 at Couer d Alene **Low:** -2 at Stanley

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

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly cloudy, windy at times	A brief shower possible	Mostly dry, breezy at times	Increasing shower opportunities	Less likely to shower	Becoming partly sunny
High 50	Low 31	47 / 32	51 / 31	49 / 30	53 / 32

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	50	28	0.00"
Burley	46	24	Trace
Challis	42	18	0.00"
Coeur d' Alene	55	30	0.07"
Idaho Falls	39	20	Trace
Jerome	46	22	0.00"
Lewiston	50	33	0.00"
Lowell	43	33	n/a
Malad	not available		
Malta	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pocatello	42	18	0.02"
Rexburg	37	17	Trace
Salmon	43	21	0.00"
Stanley	33	-2	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature

Yesterday's High	47
Yesterday's Low	26
Normal High/Low	53 / 29
Record High	79 in 1978
Record Low	17 in 1987

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to Date	0.91"
Normal Month to Date	1.13"
Year to Date	5.24"
Normal Year to Date	6.47"

Humidity

Yesterday's Maximum	72%
Yesterday's Minimum	31%
Today's Maximum	43%
Today's Minimum	34%

Barometric Pressure

6 pm barometer Yesterday 30.07 in.

A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

Sunrise and Sunset

Today	Sunrise: 7:21 AM	Sunset: 8:03 PM
Wednesday	Sunrise: 7:20 AM	Sunset: 8:04 PM
Thursday	Sunrise: 7:18 AM	Sunset: 8:05 PM
Friday	Sunrise: 7:16 AM	Sunset: 8:07 PM
Saturday	Sunrise: 7:15 AM	Sunset: 8:08 PM

Moon Phases

Apr 2	Apr 9	Apr 17	Apr 25
First Qtr.	Full Moon	Last Qtr.	New Moon

Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 10:08 AM	Moonset: 1:22 AM
Wednesday	Moonrise: 11:11 AM	Moonset: 2:27 AM
Thursday	Moonrise: 12:22 PM	Moonset: 3:21 AM

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Low Moderate High

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W	Thursday Hi	Lo	W
Boise	51	30	mc	49	35	mc	51	34	sh
Bonners Ferry	38	21	sh	37	29	mx	43	31	mx
Burley	49	29	mc	45	29	mc	47	30	sh
Challis	43	29	mx	42	30	ls	44	30	mx
Coeur d' Alene	39	23	sh	38	31	mx	44	33	mx
Elko, NV	50	21	ls	40	24	ls	46	25	ls
Eugene, OR	54	38	sh	54	42	r	52	38	sh
Gooding	52	32	mc	49	33	mc	53	32	sh
Grace	41	23	mc	42	23	mc	40	25	mx
Hagerman	53	30	mc	50	31	mc	54	30	sh
Hailey	40	23	mx	38	29	ls	44	30	mx
Idaho Falls	43	25	mc	41	26	mc	39	29	mx
Kalispell, MT	42	26	mx	40	26	mx	42	26	mx
Jackpot	50	33	pc	46	28	pc	48	33	mc
Jerome	43	24	mx	41	30	ls	47	31	mx
Lewiston	51	35	sh	52	39	c	56	39	sh
Malad City	45	24	mc	46	24	mc	44	26	mx
Malta	46	26	mc	42	26	mc	44	27	sh
McCall	34	14	sn	31	22	ls	34	24	sn
Missoula, MT	44	27	mx	41	30	mx	44	30	mx
Pocatello	44	28	mc	45	28	mc	43	30	mx
Portland, OR	51	39	sh	50	42	r	51	41	sh
Rupert	49	31	mc	45	31	mc	47	32	sh
Rexburg	41	23	mc	39	23	mc	36	27	mx
Richland, WA	51	33	r	52	35	mx	53	37	r
Rogerson	50	32	mc	47	33	mc	51	32	sh
Salmon	45	30	mx	44	31	ls	46	31	mx
Salt Lake City, UT	50	35	mx	45	34	ls	53	39	mc
Spokane, WA	47	27	sh	45	30	pc	48	31	sh
Stanley	37	15	sn	35	17	ls	39	15	sn
Sun Valley	41	17	sn	39	19	ls	43	17	sn
Yellowstone, MT	30	11	ls	30	12	ls	32	15	ls

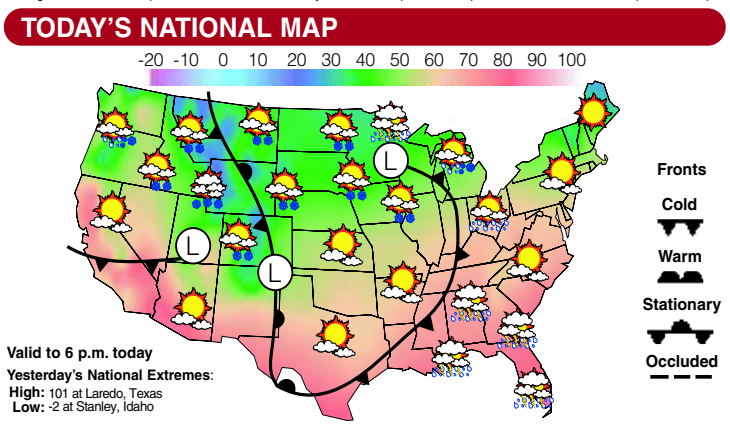
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	69	48	sh	66	49	sh
Atlantic City	54	39	su	54	39	su
Baltimore	61	39	pc	56	42	sh
Billings	39	25	mx	39	25	mx
Birmingham	68	47	th	70	49	su
Boston	50	35	pc	50	41	mc
Charleston, SC	70	61	pc	73	57	th
Charleston, WV	69	48	pc	62	40	sh
Chicago	50	36	th	49	35	pc
Cleveland	56	44	pc	56	35	sh
Denver	49	24	pc	42	21	mx
Des Moines	45	27	mx	45	30	pc
Detroit	49	41	pc	52	36	r
El Paso	74	46	su	80	45	pc
Fairbanks	31	3	pc	26	2	mc
Fargo	29	21	hs	30	18	sn
Honolulu	80	69	sh	80	69	sh
Houston	73	47	th	76	61	pc
Indianapolis	62	42	th	56	40	pc
Jacksonville	76	63	sh	78	63	th
Kansas City	47	30	pc	55	36	pc
Las Vegas	73	52	pc	77	53	pc
Little Rock	61	40	th	69	49	pc
Los Angeles	70	55	su	69	55	su
Memphis	66	42	th	69	50	pc
Miami	82	73	th	86	71	sh
Milwaukee	45	32	sh	47	32	mx
Nashville	65	44	sh	65	44	pc
New Orleans	75	57	th	70	60	su
New York	57	39	pc	53	42	r
Oklahoma City	62	37	su	70	42	pc
Omaha	35	27	ls	45	31	sh
Orlando	82	68	sh	87	67	sh
Philadelphia	60	37	su	57	41	sh
Phoenix	79	54	su	81	54	pc
Portland, ME	48	31	pc	46	40	pc
Raleigh	68	49	pc	67	49	sh
Rapid City	32	17	pc	32	21	mc
Reno	64	40	pc	62	40	pc
Sacramento	72	48	su	76	49	su
St. Louis	60	37	th	62	44	pc
St.Paul	38	23	mx	37	25	ls
San Antonio	76	47	th	82	55	pc
San Diego	69	55	pc	64	55	pc
San Francisco	65	50	su	64	49	su
Seattle	49	39	sh	47	41	r
Tucson	77	45	su	80	48	pc
Washington, DC	63	43	pc	58	44	sh

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	83	69	pc	82	68	pc
Athens	73	63	mc	74	62	pc
Auckland	68	49	pc	62	44	pc
Bangkok	89	75	th	91	76	th
Beijing	51	31	pc	58	32	pc
Berlin	57	32	pc	58	44	pc
Buenos Aires	75	55	sh	70	55	pc
Cairo	81	47	pc	80	47	pc
Dhahran	79	65	pc	79	66	pc
Geneva	55	39	pc	60	39	sh
Hong Kong	73	68	r	73	67	pc
Jerusalem	70	46	pc	78	55	pc
Johannesburg	78	54	pc	74	52	sh
Kuwait City	70	60	pc	74	59	pc
London	56	40	pc	58	42	pc
Mexico City	78	45	pc	77	44	pc
Moscow	34	31	ls	34	30	r
Nairobi	73	56	sh	71	54	sh
Oslo	39	27	r	40	30	pc
Paris	56	39	pc	60	42	pc
Prague	54	30	pc	57	36	pc
Rio de Janeiro	80	68	sh	74	66	sh
Rome	65	56	sh	67	52	sh
Santiago	85	52	pc	80	55	pc
Seoul	49	32	pc	51	33	pc
Sydney	69	67	sh	68	67	sh
Tel Aviv	63	60	pc	65	62	pc
Tokyo	47	39	r	52	36	r
Vienna	55	36	pc	57	37	pc
Warsaw	54	36	pc	53	32	pc
Winnipeg	32	26	pc	30	23	ls
Zurich	36	33	pc	44	35	pc

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Yesterday's National Extremes:
High: 101 at Laredo, Texas
Low: -2 at Stanley, Idaho

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	34	18	ls	32	22	pc
Cranbrook	30	15	ls	25	15	ls
Edmonton	42	26	ls	30	23	pc
Kelowna	31	8	ls	28	24	ls
Lethbridge	42	26	ls	30	23	pc
Regina	38	25	pc	35	26	pc
Saskatoon	34	18	pc	33	21	pc
Toronto	45	35	pc	44	33	r
Vancouver	39	31	ls	35	33	ls
Victoria	45	36	sh	42	39	ls
Winnipeg	32	26	pc	30	23	ls

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OFTHE DAY

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Susan Bagyura

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An almanac of perennials

Finally, a key to precise bloom times

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

Photos courtesy of Timber Press

Scabiosa Pink Mist flowers all season. Many of the long-flowering perennials work best as filler plants, says Tomasz Anisko, curator of plants at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa.

Inula ensifolia peaks from July to August. In 'When Perennials Bloom,' Tomasz Anisko details the bloom periods and sequences of 462 varieties of perennials.

WASHINGTON — What do the demure foamflower of April, the outlandish peony of May and the wild goldenrod of September have in common? They are hardy perennials, plants that bloom in their season and then retreat slowly into the ground, to grow afresh the next year.

A generation or two ago, perennials were viewed as occasional showstoppers. The peony was one, the bearded iris another, the lilies of summer a third. Today, with hundreds of varieties easily obtained, they are the life and soul of the garden. They ebb and flow between the constancy of shrubs and trees and the breathless performance of flowering annuals. Annuals don't know in October that frost is about to wipe the smiles off their faces. Perennials are wiser plants, growing with the warmth of the sun and the soil and shrinking when their flowering is done. They bring a natural rhythm to our gardens and, by extension, our lives.

Tomasz Anisko has written a book that is destined to become a perennial itself, for it unlocks in a practical way one of the hardest aspects of garden design: figuring out which perennials bloom when, exactly.

As curator of plants at Longwood Gardens, he has synthesized plant blooming periods, recorded over seven years at the public garden in Kennett Square, Pa., and the result is "When Perennials Bloom'' (Timber Press, 2008, $59.95). The book includes the bloom periods and sequences of 462 varieties. The spotted cranesbill Espresso begins to flower in late April, reaches its peak in mid-May and trails off through June. The flamboyant native rose mallow Lord Baltimore begins to unfurl its huge scarlet flowers in mid-July and peaks into September before waning in early fall. When that hibiscus is well into its peak, the lance leaf hosta joins the party with lavender flower spikes that decline alongside the hibiscus bloom.

Once you can predict bloom periods, you can plant perennial combinations with confidence and design for a sequence of blooms at points of the year that interest you. Suddenly, the old idea that the gardening season begins in March and ends by June is quaintly absurd.

"I was trying to put together something that would be of very practical use to both home gardeners and professional landscape designers,'' Anisko said. "What I found frustrating reading a lot of books on perennials was that the reference to the flowering period is always very vague.''

There is a dead time during the hottest weeks, between the beginning of July and the end of August. As an armchair exercise in winter, it's fun to look at this almanac and figure out how to correct it. Here are perennials that peak in that eight-week period: purple coneflowers, coreopsis, helianthus Lemon Queen, agastaches, black-eyed Susans, Inula ensifolia, perovskia, swamp milkweed and yarrow Fire King, to name a few.

I have planted areas of my garden for September and October interest, but I wonder what else would work at that time. Lo, the scarlet rose mallow Davis Creek, catmints, knautia, calamintha, caryopteris, toad lilies and the tall tatarian asters.

I am also intrigued by the idea of perennials that bloom for weeks on end, as annuals do, but without the recurring work and constant feeding and watering.

The Fire King yarrow flowers in late May and persists until November. There is a cornflower, or centaurea, named John Coutts that blooms in May but is still in flower at Halloween. The gaura variety Corrie's Gold cranks up in June and winds down in November.

A lot of this longevity is produced, however, by cutting back the plants as their first flush of bloom begins to fade, spurring them to regrow and rebloom. Many of these rebloomers, Anisko said, are found in habitats where they would be grazed on by animals, and so they developed to resprout and bloom quickly. Flowering, after all, is about reproducing, a primal motivation of all living things.

Scarlet rose mallow Davis Creek, a hibiscus, adds interest September to October.

In an interview, Anisko said it would be a mistake to plant long-flowering perennials alone. "I was careful not to suggest a perennial that blooms for 25 weeks is better than one that blooms for only three weeks,'' he said. "There's a place for both kinds.'' Usually, the briefer the show, the more intense and eye-catching it is. Many of the long-flowering perennials work best as filler plants, he said.

It's worth noting that many perennials also are grown for their foliage effect: such varieties as hostas, Solomon's seal and heucheras. The feathery, shrublike Amsonia hubrichtii flowers for a relatively brief time in spring but is a valuable, fine-textured background plant that turns golden yellow in the fall.

The underlying message is that perennials are the class of plant that has drawn us closer to nature in the garden. A garden, by definition, is not untamed nature, but the expanse of perennials at hand today allows us to emulate the meadow, wood and wetlands from March to November and beyond.

"We used to expect that only plants with huge double flowers deserved a place in the garden,'' Anisko said, "and now plants that used to be relegated to some roadside have a treasured place in the garden as well.''

'Pork' dollars for hog farm raises stink
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USDA and Treasury to fight payment fraud

Data provided by IRS will be used by agency to validate payment eligibility

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Internal Revenue Service have combined efforts to combat farm program payment fraud.

Department officials say the joint effort will ensure that high-income individuals and entities who request USDA payments meet income limits set forth in the 2008 Farm Bill.

The move comes in response to the discovery of nearly $50 million in payments to ineligible farmers during 2008.

"One of the goals of this Administration is to make certain that USDA payments are not issued to individuals and entities that exceed income eligibility limits established by law," Vilsack said in a written statement to USDA state offices. "Once this verification system is fully operational, high-income individuals and entities will be identified by USDA before farm program payments are actually disbursed to them."

In order to be eligible for USDA payments in 2009 and following years, all recipients will be required to sign a form that grants the IRS the authority to provide income information to USDA for verification purposes.

Failure to obtain such form will make the producer ineligible for program benefits.

A written release from each producer or payment recipient will be required for this process. The Farm Service Agency will not receive actual tax data for the producers.

In October 2008, the U.S. Government Accountability Office released a report stating that because the USDA does not have the management controls — such as reviewing tax returns — it

See **FRAUD**, Agribusiness 4

Ethanol's by-product raises concerns over food safety

AP file photo

Cows congregate on a farm. Several studies have linked distillers grain to elevated rates of E. coli in cattle, while ethanol producers try to kill bacteria with antibiotics.

Some worry antibiotics could enter food chain

By Mark Steil
Associated Press writer

WORTHINGTON, Minn. — Ethanol's main by-product, which is sold as livestock feed, has raised potential food safety concerns.

Several studies have linked the byproduct, known as distillers grain, to elevated rates of E. coli in cattle. And now, distillers grain is facing further scrutiny because the Food and Drug Administration has found that it often contains antibiotics left over from making ethanol.

Ethanol production relies on enzymes, yeast and sugar to convert corn into fuel. And just as the wrong bacteria in the body can sicken people, it can also cause a variety of ailments in a batch of ethanol.

> Ethanol producers use penicillin and a popular antibiotic called virginiamycin to kill bacteria.

Mark von Keitz with the University of Minnesota's Biotechnology Institute said in ethanol production, the main enemy is a bacterial bug that makes lactic acid.

"What these organisms do is they also compete with the yeast for the sugar," said von Keitz. "But instead of making alcohol, they make primarily lactic acid."

If enough of the bacteria are present, von Keitz said fermentation can be ruined.

"It gets acidified to the point that the yeast is no longer able to properly produce ethanol, and then you're stuck with a big batch of corn mash," said von Keitz.

If that happens, there's no ethanol and no profit. To prevent the problem, producers rely on medicine.

"What people operating these plants are trying to do is to keep these lactic acid bacteria in check," said von Keitz. "And one way of doing that is with the help of antibiotics."

Ethanol producers use penicillin and a popular antibiotic called virginiamycin to kill bacteria. And that raises two potential concerns.

One is that these treatments might promote the growth of bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics. The development of these "superbugs" is a major concern in health care because they reduce the effectiveness of medicines.

Von Keitz found some bacteria that were, in fact, resistant when he sampled bacteria at four Midwest ethanol plants several years ago.

The second concern is that the antibiotics could find their way to humans through the food chain.

See **SAFETY**, Agribusines 4

Biotech seed bill tabled in Montana

Committee attends dinner attended by Monsanto reps

By Kahrin Deines
Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — A Montana Senate committee has sidelined a bill that sought standards for how biotech companies test crops for patent infringement, burying the measure after members attended a private dinner also attended by biotech giant Monsanto Co. representatives.

The Senate Agriculture Committee's action on Tuesday provoked charges of unfairness after news emerged of the dinner, which was attended by most of the committee at a private club in Helena.

The bill would have required Monsanto and other companies to get permission from a farmer before taking a sample from their crops. If the farmer denied permission, the company could seek a court order. Under the measure, either the farmer or the company could also ask the state Department of Agriculture to oversee the sampling.

The bill was tabled on a 6-3 vote.

The St. Louis-based Monsanto did not offer public testimony about the bill but did express its opposition in private at the dinner, according to committee chairman state Sen. Donald Steinbeisser, R-Sidney. Five of nine committee members attended the dinner, paid for by another bill opponent.

"The lobbyists wanted to inform the committee of their concerns, and that's all it was about," Steinbeisser said.

A nonprofit North Dakota-based group known as Growers for Biotechnology said it picked up the tab and sent out the invitations.

Democratic Rep. Betsy Hands, the bill's sponsor, blasted the private meeting, saying "the cards were stacked" by the time the committee met for the bill's actual hearing.

Committee dinners are not illegal in Montana, but veteran lawmakers and lobbyists both said hosting such an event prior to a bill hearing is highly unusual.

The controversial measure discussed at the dinner split the state's farm lobby. It would have set rules for how companies such as Monsanto can test farmers' fields for what is known as seed piracy.

When farmers buy genetically engineered seeds, they must agree not to harvest and reuse them from year to year. Some farmers, however, argue that pollen can drift with wind and water, exposing small growers to expensive legal tussles with big biotech companies even when they are innocent.

"After the death penalty and horse slaughter bills, this is the largest number of communications I've had, and these are from farmers," said Sen. Cliff Larsen, D-Missoula, before voting in favor of the measure.

Oakley man to represent Idaho on potato board

Times-News

Ryan Cranney, of Oakley, was seated as a Board Member on the United States Potato Board at the organization's annual meeting earlier this month.

He was selected to serve on the Board by former Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer and formally begins his three-year term that will end in Feb. 2012.

Cranney grows russet potatoes — Rangers, Westerns and Burbanks — for the food processing industry.

Cranney

He has farmed with his father, Mike Cranney, for the past 15 years.

They also grow sugar beets, wheat, barley and alfalfa.

"I am a fifth generation farmer," Ryan Cranney said. "Our company, Cranney Farms, just celebrated its 100th year of operations in 2007."

Cranney graduated from Utah State University in Logan, Utah with degrees in political science and finance.

He has served on the NPC Board, is a board member on his irrigation district and a PAC member on the Idaho Crop Improvement Association.

New Mexico gets split status for bovine TB; state relieved of reduced status

By Sue Major Homes
Associated Press writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has given New Mexico "split status" for bovine tuberculosis — meaning only two counties in the state will be under strict requirements for moving and testing cattle.

The status, announced Friday, will require bovine TB tests only for cattle shipped from eastern New Mexico's Curry and Roosevelt counties, said Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall, D-N.M.

"Good news. We're quite pleased here. This will relieve most of the state from the burden of the reduced status," New Mexico Livestock Board executive director Myles Culbertson said.

Culbertson cautioned, however, that the decision has not been published in the Federal Register, so details weren't known. He expects it to be published soon.

The livestock industry is New Mexico's single most important agricultural commodity with total annual sales of dairy and beef cattle totaling almost $2 billion.

Last September, the USDA removed New Mexico from a list of bovine tuberculosis-free states. New Mexico officials complained that action was excessive and could cost ranching and dairy operations unnecessary tests — particularly for those far from the site of bovine TB.

Caren Cowan, executive director of the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, called the decision "draconian," and the state's congressional delegation asked the USDA to reconsider, saying the downgrade could cost producers more than $4 million a year.

See **TB**, Agribusiness 4

Dates to remember

Today - Final loan & LDP availability date for small grains, honey, and oats.

May 31 - Final loan & LDP availability date for corn, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, safflower seed, small chickpeas, soybeans and sunflower seed.

June 1 - End of 2009 DCP Sign-up Period.

June 30 - Final day to report all crop acreage.

August 1 - Deadline to request farm combinations and farm divisions to be effective for the current FY for farms subject to DCP.

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	4734744	6.03	–1.31
Citigrp	4187806	2.31	–.31
SPDR	3064557	78.79	–2.82
DirxFinBull	2889987	4.85	–1.49
SPDR Fncl	2148390	8.35	–.79

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AcornIntl	4.49	+1.34	+42.5
DirxFinBear	24.64	+4.69	+23.5
RdxInv2xF s	31.95	+4.95	+18.3
ProUShtFn	110.03	+15.04	+15.8
DB BGTM	5.81	+.76	+15.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LincNat	6.41	–3.96	–38.2
Manitowoc	3.07	–1.54	–33.4
LehGM24	2.72	–1.03	–27.5
GM qb41	2.74	–1.01	–26.9
LincN pfG	10.60	–3.82	–26.5

Diary

Advanced	355
Declined	2,771
Unchanged	51
Total issues	3,177
New Highs	3
New Lows	18
Volume	5,795,965,977

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg
PSCrudeDL n	231420	2.73	–.29
EldorGld g	32410	8.81	–.34
GoldStr g	23749	1.53	–.06
BarcGSOil	22304	18.64	–1.43
NovaGld g	22200	2.74	+.06

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HillmCT pf	10.55	+4.55	+75.8
PSCrudeDS n	176.83	+28.58	+19.3
NovaBayP	2.61	+.41	+18.6
Gulfstream	2.29	+.24	+11.7
ReadgIntA	3.70	+.35	+10.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SL Ind	4.16	–.84	–16.8
Emergent n	8.08	–1.46	–15.3
Lodgian	2.52	–.43	–14.6
AmApparel	2.87	–.48	–14.3
GormanR	19.57	–3.18	–14.0

Diary

Advanced	153
Declined	421
Unchanged	73
Total issues	647
New Highs	3
New Lows	6
Volume	95,455,404

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	1490865	30.06	–.76
Intel	544131	14.72	–.70
FifthThird	529474	2.48	+.13
Microsoft	484564	17.48	–.65
Cisco	444069	16.31	–.64

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MexRestr	4.00	+1.25	+45.5
CmtyPtrBc	4.00	+.99	+32.9
FstBkshVA	2.93	+.68	+30.2
FstFrnkln	3.68	+.83	+29.1
ProvidSvc	6.88	+1.49	+27.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ArenaPhm	3.23	–1.27	–28.2
HrtgeCo	5.02	–1.73	–25.6
Habersh	3.50	–1.00	–22.2
CityBank	3.76	–.98	–20.7
IndBkMI	2.20	–.56	–20.3

Diary

Advanced	637
Declined	2,092
Unchanged	133
Volume	1,989,339,022

Indexes

13,136.69	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	7,522.02	–254.16	–3.27	–14.29	–38.66
5,536.57	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	2,653.61	–124.34	–4.48	–24.98	–44.53
530.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	324.16	–7.11	–2.15	–12.57	–32.33
9,687.24	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	4,899.05	–197.59	–3.88	–14.90	–44.31
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,332.45	–17.10	–1.27	–4.66	–40.29
2,551.47	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,501.80	–43.40	–2.81	–4.77	–34.11
1,440.24	666.79	S&P 500	787.53	–28.41	–3.48	–12.81	–40.46
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	415.97	–13.03	–3.04	–16.71	–39.54
14,564.81	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	8,001.86	–289.40	–3.49	–11.94	–39.98

Stocks of Local Interest

AlliantEgy	1.50f	9	24.07	–.45	–17.5
AlliantTch	...	9	64.00	–1.03	–25.4
AmCasino	...	...	12.31	–.25	+42.5
Aon Corp	.60	8	39.42	–.58	–13.7
BallardPw	...	...	1.52	–.16	+34.5
BkofAm	.04m	11	6.03	–1.31	–57.2
ConAgra	.76	8	16.62	–.33	+.7
Costco	.64	17	46.25	–1.15	–11.9
Diebold	1.04f	16	21.06	–1.60	–25.0
DukeEngy	.92	13	14.11	–.18	–6.0
DukeRlty	1.00m	13	4.96	–.65	–54.7
Fastenal	.70f	17	31.87	–.93	–8.6
Heinz	1.66	11	33.19	–.51	–11.7
HewlettP	.32	10	32.12	–1.21	–11.5
HomeDp	.90	17	23.38	–.25	+1.6
Idacorp	1.20	11	23.32	–.35	–20.8
Kaman	.56	9	11.92	–.92	–34.3
Keycorp	.25	...	7.28	–1.04	–14.6
LeeEnt h	...	1	.30	–.02	–26.8
MicronT	...	...	3.88	–.29	+47.0
OfficeMax	...	...	3.20	–.32	–58.1
RockTen	.40	11	26.83	–.26	–21.5
Sensient	.76	12	23.53	–.14	–1.5
SkyWest	.16	6	12.38	–.87	–33.4
Teradyn	...	17	4.54	–.21	+7.6
Tuppwre	.88	6	16.37	–.35	–27.9
US Bancrp	.20m	9	13.78	–1.86	–44.9
Valhi	.40	...	8.91	–.29	–16.7
WalMart	1.09f	15	51.76	–.81	–7.7
WashFed	.20	23	12.69	–.60	–15.2
WellsFargo	1.36	18	13.37	–2.22	–54.6
ZionBcp	.16m	...	9.38	–1.08	–61.7

Commodities Report

Closing Futures

Exchange
Barrels: $1.2975, + .0350: Blocks: $1.2900, + .0375

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Dec	Live cattle	83.80	82.80	82.83	- 1.50
Feb	Live cattle	81.05	80.00	80.08	- 1.50
Jan	Feeder cattle	93.00	92.15	92.20	- .93
Mar	Feeder cattle	94.00	92.85	93.05	- 1.25
Apr	Feeder cattle	96.55	95.60	95.85	- 1.05
Dec	Lean hogs	60.90	60.25	60.55	+ .75
Feb	Lean hogs	70.80	70.40	70.65	- .55
Feb	Pork belly	85.00	83.10	83.75	- 2.15
Mar	Pork belly	81.80	80.55	80.55	- 1.00
Dec	Wheat	513.00	501.00	512.50	+ 5.25
Mar	Wheat	525.50	514.00	525.25	+ 5.25
Dec	KC Wheat	565.00	546.50	554.50	+ 4.50
Mar	KC Wheat	566.00	555.00	565.50	+ 5.00
Dec	MPS Wheat	613.75	602.00	611.25	+ 3.50
Mar	MPS Wheat	608.00	595.25	603.75	+ 2.00
Dec	Corn	387.00	379.75	386.25	- .75
Mar	Corn	397.25	389.50	396.75	- .75
Jan	Soybeans	911.00	897.00	904.50	- 14.50
Mar	Soybeans	908.00	896.00	902.00	- 13.25
Dec	BFP Milk	xx.xx	xx.xx	10.46	+ .00
Jan	BFP Milk	11.55	11.40	11.30	- .42
Feb	BFP Milk	12.28	12.28	12.10	- .64
Mar	BFP Milk	13.70	13.10	13.10	- .67
Apr	BFP Milk	xx.xx	xx.xx	14.25	- .60
Mar	Sugar	12.60	12.44	12.28	- .14
May	Sugar	13.35	13.12	13.16	- .16
Dec	B-Pound	1.4305	1.4112	1.4195	- .0111
Mar	B-Pound	1.4285	1.4180	1.4180	- .0135
Dec	J-Yen	1.0435	1.0183	1.0309	+ .0097
Mar	J-Yen	1.0425	1.0209	1.0334	+ .0100
Dec	Euro-currency	1.3288	1.3114	1.3164	- .0141
Mar	Euro-currency	1.3249	1.3132	1.3174	- .0137
Dec	Canada dollar	.8084	.7912	.7917	- .0174
Mar	Canada dollar	.8089	.7926	.7930	- .0175
Dec	U.S. dollar	86.62	85.68	86.36	+ .78
Dec	Comex gold	932.5	908.6	919.7	- 3.5
Feb	Comex gold	934.7	910.4	921.7	- 3.6
Dec	Comex silver	13.35	12.92	13.05	- .21
Mar	Comex silver	13.32	12.94	13.08	- .22
Dec	Treasury bond	129.31	128.08	128.28	+ 10.00
Mar	Treasury bond	128.17	127.12	127.12	+ 5.50
Coffee	115.55	112.85	113.00	- 2.85	
Mar	Coffee	117.35	114.80	114.95	- 2.85
Dec	Cocoa	1954	1949	1950	+ 9
Mar	Cocoa	1919	1913	1915	+ 9
Dec	Cotton	44.92	43.05	44.39	+ 1.05
Mar	Cotton	45.94	44.05	45.44	+ 1.13
Jan	Crude oil	52.25	48.11	48.45	- 3.93
Dec	Unleaded gas	1.4765	1.3650	1.3823	- .1056
Dec	Heating oil	1.4225	1.3395	1.3435	- .0893
Dec	Natural gas	3.793	3.676	3.746	+ .009

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Beans

Valley Beans
Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers.
Pintos, no quote, new crop great northerns, no quote pinks, no quote, new crop
small reds, no quote, new crop. Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current March 30.
Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Pintos, not established great northerns, not established small whites, not established
pinks, not established small reds, Ltd. $38-$40. Quotes current March 30.

Grains

Valley Grains
Prices for wheat per bushel: mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice.
Soft white wheat, ask barley, ask
oats, ask corn, ask (15 percent moisture). Prices are given daily by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current March 30.
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 March 30.

POCATELLO (AP) – Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report on Monday.
POCATELLO – White wheat 4.40 (steady)
11.5 percent winter 4.51 (up 1) 14 percent spring 6.49 (up 7) barley 5.58 (steady)
BURLEY – White wheat 4.17 (down 8)
11.5 percent winter 4.66 (up 5) 14 percent spring 6.28 (up 7) barley 6.00 (steady)
OGDEN – White wheat 4.32 (up 7) 11.5 percent winter 4.87 (up 4) 14 percent spring 6.51 (up 6) barley 6.39 (up 9)
PORTLAND – White wheat 5.50 (steady)
11 percent winter 5.74-5.90 (up 6 to up 5)
14 percent spring 7.68 (up 5) barley n/a
NAMPA – White wheat cwt 7.33 (steady): bushel 4.40 (steady)

Cheese

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile

Livestock

POCATELLO (AP) – Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Livestock Report on Monday.
LIVESTOCK AUCTION – Producers Livestock Market in Vale Oregon on Wednesday Utility and commercial cows 38.00-47.00 canner and cutters 27.00-37.00 heavy feeder steers 74.00-94.75 light feeder steers 94.00-118.50 stocker steers 99.00-117.50 heavy holstein feeder steers 48.00-59.00 light holstein feeder steers 55.00-62.00 heavy feeder heifers 74.00-88.25 light feeder heifers 86.00-106.00 stocker heifers 92.00-109.25 slaughter bulls 44.00-56.50
Remarks: Yearling cattle steady to $1 higher. Steady grass calf market with good demand.

Metals/Money

Gold
By The Associated Press
Selected world gold prices, Monday.
London morning fixing: $923.00 off $1.00.
London afternoon fixing: $928.00 up $4.00.
NY Handy & Harman: $928.00 up $4.00.
NY Handy & Harman fabricated: $1002.24 up $4.32.
NY Engelhard: $930.23 up 4.01.
NY Engelhard fabricated: $999.99 up $4.30.
NY Merc. gold Apr. Mon. $915.50 off $7.70.
NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Mon. $918.75 off $4.00

Silver
NEW YORK (AP) – Handy & Harman silver Monday $13.105 off $0.540.
H&H fabricated $15.726 off $0.648.
The morning bullion price for silver in London $12.960 off $0.260.
Engelhard $13.260 off $0.080.
Engelhard fabricated $15.912 off $0.096.
NY Merc silver spot month Monday $13.023 off $0.230.

Nonferrous metals
NEW YORK (AP) – Spot nonferrous metal prices Monda
Aluminum -$0.6400 per lb., N.Y. Merc spot Mon.
Copper -$1.8785 Cathode full plate, U.S. destinations.
Copper $1.7610 N.Y. Merc spot Mon.
Lead - $1263.0 metric ton, London Metal Exch.
Zinc - $0.6064 per lb., delivered.
Gold - $928.00 Handy & Harman (only daily quote).
Gold - $921.10 troy oz., NY Merc spot Mon.
Silver - $13.105 Handy & Harman (only daily quote).
Silver - $13.023 troy oz., N.-. Merc spot Mon.
Mercury - $640.00 per 76 lb flask, N.Y.
Platinum -$1143.00 troy oz., N.Y. (contract).
Platinum -$1127.90 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Mon.
n.q.-not quoted, n.a.-not available r-revised

Exchange rate
NEW YORK (AP) – Key currency exchange rates Monday, compared with late Friday in New York:

Dollar vs:	Exch. Rate	Pvs Day
Yen	97.08	98.04
Euro	$1.3161	$1.3304
Pound	$1.4196	$1.4302
Swiss franc	1.1505	1.1426
Canadian dollar	1.2643	1.2374
Mexican peso	10.3439	14.3265

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Fuel Report

Fuel prices in south-central Idaho increased slightly compared to the previous week.
The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in the region increased 4 cents to $1.85, while price for a gallon of diesel increased about 5 cents to $2.04.
The average price for a gallon of gas in Idaho was $1.90, while the national average was $2.04.
Oil prices tumbled below $49 Monday as unease about the economy — from Asia to Wall Street — raised doubts about the global appetite for energy. Gasoline futures plunged more than a dime a gallon.

Gas prices

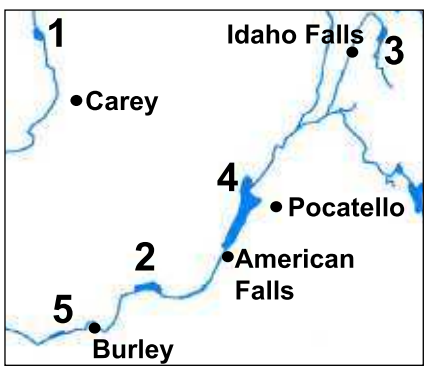
- **Twin Falls:** Maverik Country Store, 120 6th Ave. W.: **$1.79**
- **Burley:** Maverik Country Store, 701 N. Overland Ave.: **$1.81**
- **Jerome:** Kwik Service Inc., 992 W. Main St.: **$1.83**

Diesel prices

- **Twin Falls:** Fil Mart - Phillips 66, 1612 Blue lakes Blvd. N.: **$2.08**
- **Burley:** Maverik Country Store, 701 N. Overland Ave.: **$2.05**
- **Jerome:** Kwik Service Inc., 992 W. Main St.: **$2.09**

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

Reservoir Levels



See the full reservoir report at: www.waterdistrict1.com

1. Little Wood: N/A
2. Lake Walcott: 41%
3. Ririe: 52%
4. American Falls: 86%
5. Milner 90%

Commodity Prices

Dairy

	Close	Change
Block		
Average price	$1.269	-.009
Barrel		
Average price	$1.275	-.060
Butter		
Average Price	$1.186	+.003
Whey protein concentrate		
Average price	$.55	–
Class III milk		
Average price	$9.31	–
Class IV milk		
Average price	$9.45	–

Commodity Prices

Feed

Corn (Per 100 pounds)

Dairy Feed Supply	NQ	NQ
Land O'Lakes	NQ	NQ
Rangen	NQ	NQ

Barley (Per 100 pounds)

Rangen	ASK	NQ
Ogden	NQ	NQ
Pocatello	$5.58	–
Burley	$6.00	–
Twin Falls	$6.00	–

Hay (Mid/Ton)

Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low NQ	High NQ
Alfalfa(Good)	Low $100	High $100
Alfalfa(Fair)	Low NQ	High NQ

Small grain

Soft white wheat

Rangen	Ask	NQ
Ogden	NQ	NQ
Pocatello	$4.50	–
Burley	$4.20	-.05
Twin Falls	$3.50	-.52

Livestock

Lambs and hogs

Lambs	Low $93	High $99
Ewes	Low $25	High $33
Fat hogs	Low $38	High $49
Feeder hogs	Low $42	High $44

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.

Market Trends

Dairy trends

Milk production in many areas of the country are showing signs of the spring flush, pushing milk production higher.
Milk supplies in the Intermountain region are mostly unchanged compared to last year.
Heifer prices at two sales in the region have bounced back higher. The top of the range varies from $1410-$1710.
Culling rates in the region remain heavy.

Barley trends

Local barley prices were mixed, ranging from 25 cents lower to 80 cents higher this week. USDA reported barley export sales last week totaled 10 TMT for Canada. Barley export shipments totaled 2.1 for Canada and Mexico.

Wheat trends

Local wheat prices were mostly lower this week: SWW ranged from 15 cents lower to 5 cents higher; HRW ranged from 60 cents lower to no change; and DNS from 46 to 15 cents lower. U.S. wheat export sales last week were below trade expectations at 264 TMT, up 24 percent from the previous week however it was down 20% from the prior 4-week average. Export shipments last week totaled 592.9 TMT, up 90 percent from the week before and 81 percent from the prior 4-weeks.

Hay trends

Not enough of any one class of hay reported last week for accurate trends, however a lower undertone was noted.
Dairies continue to be cautious only buying on an as-need basis.

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AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

'Pork' dollars for hog farm raises stink

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Taxpayer watchdog groups say something smells about $250,000 in federal funding earmarked for a factory farm in northwestern Missouri: Why is it coming from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development?

But Missouri Sen. Kit Bond and the company involved, Premium Standard Farms, defend the spending, pointing out that HUD has programs for rural economic development, too.

The earmark was set in 2006 while Bond, a Republican, was chairman of an appropriations subcommittee that handled the money.

Bond designated it to help Premium Standard Farms, a subsidiary of Smithfield, Va.-based Smithfield Foods Inc., come up with technology to better manage hog waste, a major challenge on farms that house thousands of animals, said Shana Marchio, Bond's spokeswoman.

Funds to go toward organic farming

LINCOLN, Neb. — There's good news for Nebraska's organic farming industry.

The state Department of Agriculture has announced that it will receive funding for certified organic producers and processors through the USDA's cost-share program.

Producers and processors can receive reimbursement for up to 75 percent of the costs of obtaining or renewing organic certification, up to $750.

– The Associated Press

Agriculture futures trade mixed on the CBOT

CHICAGO (AP) — Agriculture futures were mixed Monday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for May delivery rose 5.25 cents to $5.125 a bushel; May corn slipped 0.75 cent to $3.8625 a bushel; May oats fell 2.5 cents to $1.93 a bushel; and May soybeans dropped 12.5 cents to $9.045 a bushel.

Beef futures traded lower and pork futures were mixed on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

April live cattle lost 1.5 cent to 82.82 cents a pound; May feeder cattle fell 1.25 cents to 93.05 cents a pound; April lean hogs inched up 0.08 cent to 60.55 cents a pound; and May pork bellies fell 2.15 cents to 83.75 cents a pound.

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could not ensure that payments are made only to qualified individuals.

The GAO report also found that of the 1.8 million individuals receiving farm payments over a three year period ending in 2006, more than 2,500 had an average adjusted gross income that made them ineligible for farm payments.

Because of the inability of USDA to verify income, more than $49 million was paid to ineligible individuals.

The 2008 Farm Bill mandates that recipients of many Farm Bill payments, including direct payments, are not eligible for these payments if their gross nonfarm income average for the previous three taxable years is greater than $500,000.

Additionally, direct payments cannot be paid to participants whose average adjusted gross farm income for the three-year period exceeds $750,000.

Participants are ineligible for conservation payments if their nonfarm average gross income for the three-year period exceeds $1 million, unless at least two-thirds of their total average adjusted gross income is derived from farming.

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TB

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The state immediately applied for split status.

Erik Ness, a spokesman for the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau in Las Cruces, said the USDA's latest decision was "a big win for the livestock industry."

"We have a saying around here: You don't need a sledge hammer to tune a piano. That's kind of what was happening," he said.

Cowan said the Cattle Growers' Association was pleased by the split status, which she said will save millions of dollars in testing and handling fees for livestock producers throughout the state.

She said, however, her organization plans to try to change the USDA's TB testing rule, which "has clearly proven unworkable for thousands of cattle producers in the U.S."

States that accept cattle from New Mexico also make their own rules. Culbertson said he expects receiving states to acknowledge the TB-free status for most of New Mexico.

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> **– Erik Ness, a spokesman for the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau**

Safety

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has taken a mostly hands-off approach to the use of antibiotics in the ethanol industry. But amid increasing concerns over food safety in recent years, the agency is taking a closer look.

"A year ago we put a survey out to the FDA field people to collect samples of those distillers grains, and start analyzing for antibiotic residues," said Linda Benjamin, a chemist with the FDA's Center of Veterinary Medicine.

At this point the story gets murky. Benjamin won't say if any of the antibiotics exceeded federal guidelines.

Those guidelines are part of the problem; they're a patchwork and far from definitive on what levels of antibiotics in distillers grain are safe.

If the FDA decides to restrict antibiotics in the ethanol industry, it could have far-reaching consequences.

Distillers grain is a major source of low-cost livestock feed. Any restrictions on its sale and use as feed will hurt the profit-scarce ethanol industry and the livestock farmers who rely on it.

Charlie Staff, executive director of the Distillers Grain Technology Council, said distillers grain is one of the few dependable moneymakers left for the ethanol industry.

"If they didn't have distillers grain as a revenue, many more of them wouldn't be able to operate," said Staff.

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APRIL SCHEDULE • *Disclaimer: The dates and times of events listed below may change.*

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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, Non-registered and Long Ears (under 38 inches) horse owners. For more Information, contact: Debbie Emery 326-3951 or Stacy Storrer 732-0020.

Grass Roots Cutters, which is an equestrian cutting club centrally located in Twin Falls Member-ship 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.

Every 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 532-4553.

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.

April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 (Time Onlys at 6pm & race at 7:30pm) Jackpot Barrel Racing, Shu-Fly Arena; in Gooding, ID. Entry forms available at www.shuflyarena.com or Call Lana Parker @ 208-536-2772.

April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 (7:00pm) Arrow E Arena, Twin Falls, ID. Team Roping Practices. Public is welcome to come and practice. Details available at www.arrowearena.com.

April 2 (6 pm) Bish's Champion Mini-Rodeo; Eldon Evans Expo Center in Twin Falls, ID. Entries taken at 5pm April 2nd at the Eldon Evans Expo Center.

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

April 3 -- Tooele Idaho Little Buckaroo Rodeo, for more information visit www.littlebuckaroorodeo.com/Tooele.

April 3 (7 pm) & 4 (1 pm)–6th District High School Rodeo; Buhl Fair Grounds in Buhl, ID.

April 4 --Misfit Farm Clinic "Dreading the first Spring ride?" Call Susan Dudasik in Salmon, ID at 208-756-3182756-3182.

April 4 & 5 –3rd Annual Terri Wood Gates-Norma Wood Barrel Racing and Horsemanship Clinic, Shu-Fly Arena; in Gooding, ID.– A FEW RIDING SPOTS LEFT. Information is available at www.shuflyarena.com or Call - Lana Parker @ 208-536-2772.

April 4 & 5 --Arrow E Arena, Twin Falls, ID. Ranch Sorting. Information from www.arrowearena.com

April 6, 13, 20, & 27 (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.

April 8, 9, 10, & 11 (7 pm)—23rd Annual Doge National Circuit Finals Rodeo; ISU Holt Arena, Pocatello, ID. Call for (208) 282- FANS for rodeo tickets or (208) 233-1546 for events & information or visit www.dncfr.org.

April 10 (7 pm) & 11 (1 pm)—6th District High School Rodeo; Twin Falls County Fair Grounds in Filer, ID.

April 11 (8:00 am) – The Grass Roots Cutters, which is an equestrian cutting club centrally located in Twin Falls are having a two day show although a Jackpot/Play day may be added on Friday April 10th. Located at Thomason Arena. For more information at www.grassrootcutters.com.

April 11 - Magic Valley Team Sorting Association- 2 man Ranch Sorting. Come and have fun with us! Registration ends at 11:45 SHARP; with the Sorting starting at Noon. Copus Cove arena 1731 E. 3900 N. Buhl, Idaho. Contact: Leslie: 420-2290; Dan 308-3494; Roger: 578-0351; Roy: 539-6884.

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 14 (6:30 pm) High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Meeting will meet at the home of the Stacys in Jerome, ID. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. with meeting at 7:00 p.m. Any interested horse people are always welcome. Call 324-4754 or 539-7766 for more information.

April 17 (Sale: 6:30 p.m., Mule Trail Competition: 3:30 p.m.; FREE Packing Clinic: 1-5 p.m.) 10th Annual Salmon Select Mule Sale. Lemhi County Fairgrounds, Salmon, Idaho. For info: 208-756-2125 or www.salmonselectsale.com.

April 17 (7 pm) & 18 (1 pm)—6th District High School Rodeo; Rupert Fair Grounds, Rupert, ID.

April 17 & 18 (7 pm) 5th District High School Rodeo; Glens Ferry, ID.

April 17, 18, & 19—Intermountain Reined Cow Horse Circuit; Magic Valley Practice Show. Located at the Arrow E Arena; Twin Falls, ID. For more information visit www.intermountaincircuit.org/calendar.

April 18 (Preview at 9 a.m., Sale 1pm) 37th Annual Salmon Select Horse Sale, Lemhi County Fairgrounds, Salmon, Idaho. Selling 150 Head. For info: 208-756-2125 or www.salmonidaho.com/horsesale/.

April 18, 19 & 26—Idaho Quarter Horse Races; Emmett, ID. More information www.idahoqhracing.com.

April 19—American West & Sageland Co-Approved Barrel Race, Shu-Fly Arena; Gooding, ID. $500 added. Entry forms and details available on website www.shuflyarena.com.

April 24 (6 pm) Twin Falls Livestock Comm. Co. Horse Sale (Schedule: tack, registered horses, & grade horses).

April 24 & 25 (7 pm) 5th District High School Rodeo; Shoshone, ID.

April 24, 25, & 26--THREE-DAY CLINIC Toby Lapp's School of Equine Excellence, at J Lazy J Training Stables in Filer, ID. (208)731-3315 or tobylapp@gmail.com.

April 25 - Magic Valley Team Sorting Association- 2 man Ranch Sorting. Come and have fun with us! Registration ends at 11:45 SHARP; with the Sorting starting at Noon. Copus Cove arena 1731 E. 3900 N. Buhl, Idaho. Contact: Leslie: 420-2290; Dan 308-3494; Roger: 578-0351; Roy: 539-6884.

April 25—Sawtooth Equine Services Vet Day; Katie Breckenridge's B Bar B Ranch, Picabo, ID. Call for reservations, (208) 788-1465. Public Welcome. No Charge.

April 25—23rd Annual Idaho Horse Expo; Idaho Horse Park; Nampa, ID. For more information visit www.expoidahohorsecouncil.com.

May 1 & 2 (7 pm) 5th District High School Rodeo; Jerome, ID.

May 1 & 2 (7 pm) 6th District High School Rodeo; Burley Fair Grounds in Burley, ID.

May 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 23, 25, 26 & 30—Idaho Quarter Horse Races; Capital Racing Idaho Boise, ID. More information www.idahoqhracing.com.

May 9th —2nd Annual Marlow Eldridge/ Katie Breckenridge Dummy Roping and Horsemanship Clinic; B Bar B Ranch, Picabo, ID. Limited to 12 ropers/riders. Spectators welcome. Call for reservations, (208) 788-2329.

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Case No. CV-09-1465
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of,
KATHRYN C. RAMSEYER,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned 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 Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, Attorneys at Law, P. O. Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0525, and filed with the Court.
DATED this 25th day of March, 2009.
JOHN R. COLEMAN, Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CASSIA COUNTY CODE'S ZONING REGULATIONS.

BE IT KNOWN that on Thursday, the 16th day of April, 2009, beginning at 3:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Planning and Zoning Commission for Cassia County, Idaho shall hold a public hearing on a proposal and recommendation to amend the current Cassia County Zoning Regulations. This hearing will be held at the Burley City Council Chambers, 1401 Overland Avenue, Burley, Idaho.

A summary of the proposed change is as follows:
Zoning Ordinance, Title 9:
Chapter 2: amend animal unit(s) regarding Fur-bearing animals from a .03 Animal Equivalency Factor to .003.

Further information regarding this matter may be obtained from the Cassia County Administrative Office located in room #4, at 1459 Overland Avenue, in Burley.

DATED this 27th day of March, 2009.
/s/ Kerry D. McMurray
Cassia County Administrator

PUBLISH: March 31, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 09-0024222 Title Order No. 090146149IDGNO Parcel No. RPB72410520030 The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, In the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street., Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 07/24/2009 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 12/22/2006 as Instrument Number 2006-032529, and executed by **BRENT WALLS,** A MARRIED MAN, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: LOT 3 IN BLOCK 52 OF BUHL TOWNSITE, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 33. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **421 7TH AVENUE NORTH, BUHL, ID 83316** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 11/01/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.625% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is $81,203.16, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and /or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 03/16/2009 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Successor Trustee Amanda Roese, Team Member ASAP# 3029331

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 2739154 T.S. No. ID-08-211222-TD On 7/15/2009, at 10:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of JEROME, State of Idaho: In the front lobby of Land Title & Escrow located at 237 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee on behalf of LaSalle Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2006-HE6 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 JEROME State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 3 IN BLOCK 2 OF FILLMORE SUBDIVISION, TO THE CITY OF JEROME, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **609 12TH AVE E, JEROME, ID 83338** 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 **CARL M MILLS,** AN UNMARRIED MAN as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN MORTGAGE EXPRESS FINANCIAL DBA MILLENNIUM FUNDING GROUP, is named as Beneficiary and LAND TITLE & ESCROW INC. as Trustee and recorded 7/24/2006 as Instrument No. 2064432 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of JEROME 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 7/18/2006. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of $1,128.49, due per month for the months of 8/1/2008 through 11/25/2008, 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 $133,892.94 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 9.8750 per cent (%) per annum from 7/1/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 3/16/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 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# 3034528

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 25, 2009, at the hour of ten o'clock a.m. of said day, at the offices of the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, Twin Falls County, Idaho, said Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, 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:

Lot 16 in Block 81 of TWIN FALLS TOWNSITE, Twin Falls County, Idaho according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book 1 of Plats, Page 7, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60 113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **600 MAIN AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO,** may sometimes be 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 **CRAIG A. PEARSALL,** a single man, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, and HOPKINS MORTGAGE FUND, LLC, an Idaho Limited Liability Company ¡Eas trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series ¡EA¡E Debenture Holders,¡E as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on December 27, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007-030975, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which the sale is to be made is that no monthly installment payments under a Deed of Trust Note dated December 27, 2007, in the amount of $773.76 per month for November 2008 and each month thereafter have been made, together with accruing late charges, plus any other charges lawfully due under the note, deed of trust, and Idaho law.

The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of $80,896.57 in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of eleven percent (11%) per annum from October 28, 2008; plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from January 5, 2009, until the default is cured; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2009.
MARK D. PERISON, P.A.
By: Mark D. Perison of the Firm
Attorneys for Trustee
P.O. Box 6575
Boise, ID 83707-6575
(208) 331-1200

PUBLISH: March 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No.: ID-174842-C Loan No.: 0472420009 A.P.N.: RPT23010020150A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 6/5/2009 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), In the lobby of Land Title & Escrow 1411 Fillmore Street, Ste. 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, 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 and personal property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 15 IN BLOCK 2 OF GREEN ACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 9 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 13, OFFICIAL 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 sometimes associated with said real property is: **1094 PINEWOOD CIRCLE TWIN FALLS,** Idaho 83301-0000 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: **"FERNETTA M ADAM",** A SINGLE WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as grantors, to ALLIANCE TITLE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of "MERS" MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL, LLC (F/K/A HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC.), as Beneficiary, dated 2/22/2007, recorded 2/28/2007, as Instrument No. 2007-004577 and re-recorded , records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.. 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. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 2/22/2007. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of 607.29, due per month from 10/1/2008 through 6/5/2009, and all subsequent payments 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 $90,000.00, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.875% 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. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 2/4/2009 PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC By Executive Trustee Services, As Attorney In Fact Dee Ortega, authorized signatory C/O Executive Trustee Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 ASAP# 2988767

PUBLISH: March 24, 31, April 4 and 14, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No 0058230830 T S No 057-007468 On 7/17/2009, at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: Lobby of TitleFact 163 4th Avenue North Twin Falls, ID 83301 , TRANSNATION TITLE & ESCROW, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, as Trustee on behalf of LandAmerica OneStop, Inc will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 27 IN BLOCK 2 OF PHEASANT MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 20 OF PLATS, PAGE 5. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **431 SILVER PHEASANT AVE, 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 **GREG FOHLIN,** AN UNMARRIED MANas Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., is named as Beneficiary and FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY as Trustee and recorded 6/27/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-015677 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 6/23/2006 The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of $1,1 14 08, due per month for the months of 9/1/2008 through 3/3/2009, 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 $134,864.59 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.00000 per cent (%) per annum from 8/1/2008. 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: TRANSNATION TITLE & ESCROW, INC, A DELAWARE CORPORATION By: Lynn Darling, AVP THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 3019596

PUBLISH: March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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Title No. 4070909714TM
Customer Ref No. 130190810

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On **July 23, 2009** at the hour of **10:30 o'clock A.M.,** of said day, in the office of **Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.** located at **1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315 Twin Falls, ID 83301.**

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 11 in Block 7 of Eastwood Subdivision Phase 5, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book 20 of Plats at Page(s) 3, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Affidavit Authorizing Change of Plat recorded July 13, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005-015228.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: **245 Meadowview Lane,** Twin Falls, ID 83301, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

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 **James Markle,** an unmarried person, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Magic Valley Bank as Beneficiary, recorded May 28, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008-012121, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. 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.

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

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was $141,500.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.500% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated May 22, 2008. Payments are owing in the amount of $2,460.73. The principal balance as of March 12, 2009 is $141,497.62 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 7.500% per annum. The per diem is $29.07485. In addition to the above, there is also due delinquent real property taxes for 2007 and part of 2008, together with penalty and interest, and any other real property taxes that may become delinquent during this foreclosure; any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is $141,497.62, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: March 23, 2009
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer
Phone: 208-947-1554

PUBLISH: March 31, April 7, 14 and 21, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FMS-70345 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on July 7, 2009, at the hour of 01:00 PM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 425 SHOSHONE STREET NORTH, TWIN FALLS, ID, 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 and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, to-wit: PARCEL 1 LOT 5 IN BLOCK 3 OF COLLEGE PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 11 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 6 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. PARCEL II THE WEST 80 FEET OF THE EAST 153 FEET OF THE NORTH 85 FEET OF LOT 1 OF UNITY SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 5 OF PLATS, PAGE 14. EXCEPT ANY PORTION THEREOF LYING WITHIN THE WEST 187.5 FEET OF SAID LOT 1. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **444 MEADOWS LANE, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301,** is sometimes associated with said real 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 **BRIAN W MOORE,** A MARRIED MAN SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantor, to ALLIANCE TITLE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 10/17/2006, recorded 10/24/2006, under Instrument No. 2006-027007, Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. 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. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 10/17/2006, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 12/1/2008 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of March 2, 2009 Delinquent Payments from December 01, 2008 4 payments at $1,343.73 each $5,374.92 (12-01-08 through 03-02-09) Late Charges: $201.57 Beneficiary Advances: $7 .48 Suspense Credit: $0 00 TOTAL: $5, 583.97 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is $148,286.22, together with interest thereon at 10.250% per annum from 11/1/2008, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 3/2/2009. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By: Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: http://www.rtrustee.com ASAP# 3023471

PUBLISH: March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 2009

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DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
NOTICE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION
HAGERMAN JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 233
GOODING-TWIN FALLS COUNTIES, IDAHO

Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Hagerman Joint School District No. 233, Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho, that the annual school trustee election will be held on May 19, 2009. Candidates interested in filing a Declaration of Candidacy must file not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2009.

Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 5 may vote for a Zone 5 candidate. The purpose of said elections shall be to elect one trustee from the zone to serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of the election.

Zone 5:

Beginning at the intersection of State St. and Main St. in the city of Hagerman, East on Main St. to East Rd., South on East Rd. becoming East Avenue South to 2700 South, East on 2700 South becoming Tupper Grade to Billingsley Creek, Southerly on Billingsley Creek to 2900 South, East on 2900 South to 1225 East. South then southwest then west on 1225 East to 3000 South, West on 3000 South to 1050 East, Northwest on 1050 East to 2925 South, West on 2925 to US Hwy 30, North on US Hwy 30 becoming State St. to the beginning.

Legal descriptions and maps are available in District Office.

The polls will be open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. May 19, 2009. The voting place will be held at the Hagerman Legion Hall.

Declaration of Candidacy forms may be obtained at the School District Administration Office and must be filed with the School District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifth Friday prior to the day of election, or by April 17, 2009. Each candidate for office of trustee must be a registered voter, a resident and elector for 30 days of the district he/she seeks to represent and shall be voted for and elected only by qualified electors of the trustee zone of which he/she is a candidate.

Qualified voters must be at least 18 years of age and a United States citizen who has resided in the state and in the same trustee zone as the candidate from whom the elector offers to vote for at least thirty (30) days prior to the election, and must be a registered voter with the County Clerk and Recorder as required in Section 34-404, Idaho Code, or may register to vote on election day at the polling place by meeting the requirement, pursuant to Section 34-408A, Idaho Code. Each voter must sign an elector's oath attesting that he/she possesses the qualifications of a school elector as prescribed above.

As provided by Idaho Code, Section 33-502A, No write-in vote for school district trustee in a school district election shall be counted unless a declaration of intent has been filed indicating that the person desires the office and is legally qualified to assume the duties of school trustee if elected. The declaration of intent shall be filed with the school district clerk. Such declaration of intent shall be filed not later than fourteen (14) days before the day of election, or by May 5, 2009.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2009
/s/Bette M. Reed
Bette M. Reed, District Clerk
Hagerman Joint School District No. 233
Gooding-Twin Falls Counties, State of Idaho

PUBLISH: March 31 and April 7, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
Gooding Joint School District No. 231
Gooding-Lincoln Counties, Idaho

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual school trustee election for Jt. School District No. 231, Gooding-Lincoln Counties, Idaho, will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at the School District Administration Office, 507 Idaho Street, Gooding, Idaho. The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of said election shall be to elect:

1. A trustee from **Trustee Zone No. 1** to serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of the election. Candidates for the office of trustee must be a registered voter, a resident and elector of the district he/she seeks to represent and shall be voted for and elected by qualified electors of the trustee zone of which he/she is a candidate. Only those qualified electors residing in trustee Zone No. 1 may declare candidacy for a Zone No. 1 trustee position.

Trustee Zone No. 1 is comprised of the area beginning at the northeast corner of Section 6, Township 3 South, Range 16 Ease, B.M., said point being on the boundary line dividing Gooding, Lincoln, and Camas Counties and running thence west approximately 15 miles along the north line of Gooding County to the NW corner of Section 2, T. 3 S., R. 13 E., B.M.; thence south approximately 18 miles to the SW corner of Section 35, T. 5 S., R. 13 E., B.M.; thence east ½ mile; thence south to the Union Pacific Railroad; thence east along the Union Pacific Railroad to its intersection with North Main St.; thence south along North Main St. to its intersection with 1st Ave.; thence east 6 blocks along 1st Ave. to its intersection with Nebraska St.; thence south along Nebraska St. To its intersection with Ochsner St.; thence east along Ochsner St. to its intersection with the Gooding City Limits; thence north along Gooding City Limits to its intersection with the Union Pacific Railroad; thence east along the railroad to the Gooding-Lincoln County line; thence north approximately 2 miles to the NE corner of Section 19, T. 5 S., R. 16 E., B.M.; thence east 2½ miles to the south ¼ corner of Section 15, T. 5 S., R. 16 E., B.M.; thence north 1½ miles to 420 North; thence east 1/4 mile; thence north ½ mile to 4 Mile Road; thence west 1/4 mile along 4 Mile Road to its intersection with 700 West; thence north approximately 13 miles to the north ¼ corner of Section 3, T. 3 S., R. 16 E., B.M.; thence west 2½ miles to the Point of Beginning.

Also beginning at a point in Lincoln County that is at the south ¼ corner of Section 35, T. 5 S., R. 16 E., B.M.; thence north to the Union Pacific Railroad; thence easterly along the railroad to its intersection with the east line of Section 25, T. 5 S, R. 16 E., B.M.; thence south to the SE corner of Section 36 T. 5 S., R. 16 E. B.M.; thence west 1½ miles to the Point of Beginning.

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2. A trustee from **Trustee Zone No. 5** to serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of the election. Candidates for the office of trustee must be a registered voter, a resident and elector of the district he/she seeks to represent and shall be voted for and elected by qualified electors of the trustee zone of which he/she is a candidate. Only those qualified electors residing in trustee Zone No. 5 may declare candidacy for a Zone No. 5 trustee position.

Trustee Zone No. 5 is comprised the area beginning at the intersection of Main Street and the Little Wood River and running thence easterly along the river to Elmwood Road extended; thence south along Elmwood Road to 9th Ave.; thence east along 9th Ave. to 2000 East; thence south along 2000 East to U.S. Highway 26; thence west along U.S. Highway 26 to the south boundary of the City of Gooding; thence along said south boundary and west boundary of the City of Gooding to its intersection with 14th Ave.; thence east along 14th Ave. to Colorado Street; thence north 1 block along Colorado Street to 13th Ave., thence east 4 blocks along 13th Ave. to Main Street; thence north approximately 4 blocks to the Point of Beginning.

Declaration of Candidacy forms may be obtained at the School District Administration Office and must be filed with the District Clerk by the fifth Friday prior to the day of the election, or no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2006. Each declaration of candidacy must bear the name of the candidate, state the term for which declaration of candidacy is made, and bear the signature of not less than five (5) school district electors resident of the trustee zone of which the candidate is resident.

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent with the District Clerk not later than fourteen days before the day of the election, or by 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2009. The declaration indicates that the person desires the office and is legally qualified to assume the duties of school trustee if elected pursuant to Idaho Code 502 (a).

Qualified voters must be at the time of the election at least 18 years of age and a United States citizen who has resided in the State and in the same trustee zone as the candidate for whom the elector offers to vote at least thirty (30) days prior to the election, and must be a registered voter with the County Clerk and Recorder as required in Chapter 4, Title 34, Idaho Code. Each voter must sign an elector's oath attesting that he/she possesses the qualifications of a school elector as prescribed above and stating the mailing address, residence address or any other necessary information definitely locating the residence of the school elector.

Any qualified trustee zone elector who expects to be absent from the District on the day of the election, or who will be unable, due to physical disability or blindness, to go to the polling place, may request an absentee ballot from the District Clerk.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2009
Kathryn Thompson, Clerk of the Board
Joint School District No. 231

PUBLISH: March 31 and April 7, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 0061730883 T.S. No. 057-007472 On 7/16/2009, at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho: Lobby of Land Title & Escrow 710 "G" Street Rupert, ID 83350 TRANSNATION TITLE & ESCROW, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, as Trustee on behalf of 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 and described as follows: TRACT B IN J.F. READ'S SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF RUPERT, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ER, MINIDOKA 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 of **908 A STREET, RUPERT, ID 83350** is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **VIRGIL RALPH,** AN UNMARRIED MAN as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., is named as Beneficiary and LAND TITLE AND ESCROW as Trustee and recorded 10/2/2007 as instrument No. 493276 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Minidoka 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 The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 10/1/2007. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of $601.91, due per month for the months of 11/1/2008 through 3/2/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation Of Trust is $49,800.65 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.62500 percent (%) per annum from 10/1/2008. 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 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: 3/3/09 TRANSNATION TITLE & ESCROW INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION By: Lynn Darling, AVP THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 3017522

PUBLISH: March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 2009

CITY OF BLISS
Gooding County, Idaho
NOTICE OF SPECIAL REVENUE BOND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Ordinance No. 09-60, adopted on March 18, 2009, of the City of Bliss, of Gooding County, Idaho (the "City"), a Special Bond Election will be held in the City on

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009

between the hours of 8:00 o'clock AM and 8:00 o'clock PM, for the purpose of voting upon the question and proposition of issuing sewer revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed $1,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of construction and installation of a sanitary sewer collection, treatment, and disposal system of the City, together with costs of engineering, legal, and other services incidental thereto, including interest on interim financing and the costs of issuance of revenue bonds therefor, pursuant to the provisions of said Ordinance.

The question to be submitted to the electors shall be by ballot reading substantially as follows:

SHALL THE CITY OF BLISS BE AUTHORIZED TO INCUR AN INDEBTEDNESS AND TO ISSUE AND SELL ITS SEWER REVENUE BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,000,000 TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION, TREATMENT, AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF THE CITY, THE BONDS TO MATURE OVER A PERIOD WHICH MAY BE LESS THAN BUT WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY (20) YEARS AND TO BE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE REVENUES OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, ALL AS MORE FULLY PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE NO. 09-60, ADOPTED ON MARCH 18, 2009?

The following information is required by Section 34-439, Idaho Code:

The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bonds is 1.75% per annum. The range of anticipated rates is from 1% to 6%. The City has existing indebtedness in the amount of $327,326. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed bonds, principal and interest, based on the anticipated interest rate, is estimated to be $1,189,512.

Qualified electors shall vote at the following polling place:
Bliss City Hall
165 Kentucky
Bliss, Idaho

Every person eighteen (18) years of age or older, who at the time of the specified bond election is a United States citizen who has been a legal and bona fide resident of the City for at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the election, if properly registered as required by law, shall be qualified to vote at the special bond election.

Any qualified elector may apply to the City Clerk for an absentee ballot. The application must be in writing, must be signed personally by the applicant, and must contain the name of the elector, his/her home address, and the address to which the ballot shall be forwarded. An application for a mail-in absentee ballot must be received by the City Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on the sixth day before the election. An application for in-person absentee voting at the absent elector's polling place described in Section 50-448, Idaho Code, must be received by the City Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on the day before the election. Application for an absentee ballot may be made by using a facsimile machine. The City's facsimile number is (208) 352-1117.

The Gooding County Clerk is the Registrar of the City, and the place of registration is the Gooding County Courthouse, Gooding, Idaho. Persons may register on any business day during office hours, continuing until April 3, 2009. Persons may also register with the City Clerk at City Hall, Bliss, Idaho, as deputy registrar, during normal office hours, until April 3, 2009. Any elector who will complete his or her residence requirement or attain the requisite voting age during the period when the register of electors is closed may register prior to the closing of the register.

Any person who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place established for the election, by completing a registration card, making an oath on the form prescribed by law, and providing proof of residence in the manner provided by Section 34-408A, Idaho Code, as amended.

No qualified elector who is duly registered as a voter, and who continues to reside at the same address at which he or she is registered, shall be required to re-register.

If, at the special bond election, the majority of the qualified electors voting upon the ballot question assent to the issuance of revenue bonds for the purposes set forth in Ordinance No. 09-60, the sewer revenue bonds of the City of Bliss will be issued for such purposes, which bonds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, will mature annually, or at such lesser interval as may be prescribed by the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds, over a period which may be less than but which shall not exceed twenty (20) years, and will bear interest at such rate or rates as shall be prescribed in the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds. The principal of and interest on the bonds will be payable solely out of and derived from rates and charges for the use of and the services rendered by, and all other income, earnings, and revenues of, the sanitary sewer system of the City.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2009.
CITY OF BLISS
Gooding County, Idaho
/s/Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/Leslie Lopes, City Clerk

PUBLISH: March 31 and April 21, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 30th day of July, 2009, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. of said day at the front entrance of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL NO. 1

Township 9 South, Range 14 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho

Section 8: A parcel of land located in the NE¼ more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of said Section 8;
THENCE South along the East boundary of the NE¼ of Section 8 for a distance of 2348.14 feet to a point that is North 326.84 feet from the East quarter corner of Section 8;
THENCE North 78°18'01" West for a distance of 511.91 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE continuing North 78°18'01" West for a distance of 223.0 feet;
THENCE North 11°41'59" East for a distance of 237.03 feet to the center of an irrigation ditch;
THENCE along the center of the irrigation ditch on the following courses:
South 22°23'04" East 31.12 feet;
South 57°14'27" East 94.00 feet;
North 81°21'26" East 78.27 feet;
South 83°33'07" East 44.64 feet;
THENCE leaving the center of the irrigation ditch South 11°41'59" West for a distance of 208.78 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL NO. 1A

A 30.0-foot-wide access easement for the purpose of ingress and egress,

Said easement being adjacent to and on the Southerly side of the following described line, said described line, said described line being the center of the irrigation ditch:

COMMENCING at a point on the East boundary of Section 8 that is located South 2015.26 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 8:
THENCE South 77°18'47" West 47.28 feet;
THENCE South 58°05'44" West 66.46 feet;
THENCE South 86°59'53" West 105.90 feet;
THENCE South 74°20'58" West 32.04 feet;
THENCE North 77°37'04" West 98.28 feet;
THENCE North 83°33'07" West 169.22 feet;
THENCE South 81°21'26" West 78.27 feet;
THENCE North 57°14'27" West 94.00 feet;
THENCE North 22°23'04" West 61.94 feet;
THENCE North 62°44'39" West 130.32 feet;
THENCE North 76°19'28" West 80.06 feet;
THENCE South 86°27'37" West 182.29 feet;
THENCE North 74°42'35" West 77.43 feet to the terminus of said easement.

PARCEL NO. 2

Township 9 South, Range 14 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho

Section 8: A parcel of land located in the NE¼ more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of said Section 8;
THENCE South along the East boundary of the NE¼ of Section 8 for a distance of 2348.14 feet to a point that is North 326.84 feet from the East quarter corner of said Section 8;
THENCE North 78°18'01" West for a distance of 734.91 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE continuing North 7818'01" West for a distance of 158.0 feet;
THENCE North 11°41'59" East for a distance of 298.03 feet to the center of an irrigation ditch;
THENCE along the center of the irrigation ditch on the following courses:
South 76°19'26" East 15.18 feet;
South 62°44'39" East 130.32 feet;
South 22°23'03" East 30.82 feet;
THENCE leaving the center of the irrigation ditch South 11°41'59" West for a distance of 237.03 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL NO. 2A

A 30.0-foot-wide access easement for the purpose of ingress and egress, said easement being adjacent to and on the Southerly side of the following described line, said described line being the center of the irrigation ditch:

COMMENCING at a point on the East boundary of Section 8 that is located South 2015.26 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 8;
THENCE South 77°18'47" West 47.28 feet;
THENCE South 58°05'44" West 66.46 feet;
THENCE South 86°59'53" West 105.90 feet;
THENCE South 74°20'58" West 32.04 feet;
THENCE North 77°37'04" West 98.28 feet;
THENCE North 83°33'07" West 169.22 feet;
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THENCE North 57°14'27" West 94.00 feet;
THENCE North 22°23'04" West 61.94 feet;
THENCE North 62°44'39" West 130.32 feet;
THENCE North 76°19'28" West 80.06 feet;
THENCE South 86°27'37" West 182.29 feet;
THENCE North 74°42'35" West 77.43 feet to the terminus of said easement.

Sometimes known as: **4567 North 1100 East, Buhl, Idaho 83316**

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 **SHARON R. WILLIAMS,** an unmarried woman, grantor to TITLEFACT, INC., as trustee for the benefit and security of FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF TWIN FALLS, recorded August 9, 2005, as Instrument No. 2005-017464, mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

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

Monthly payments, collection charges and late charges through March 6, 2009, all in the amount of $3,867.46; and the unpaid principal balance owing as of March 6, 2009, on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is $55,046.46, plus interest, late charges and foreclosure costs.

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

PUBLISH: March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 2009

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100 Announcements

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Black cat, has a white patch on chest. No collar, will be taking to shelter. **Call 208-316-6995**

FOUND Car Keys at Buhl soccer field. Call to identify 208-543-8668.

FOUND cat, small calico young, female, found on Hilcrest Road East South Blue Lakes. 735-0347.

FOUND Chihuahua, young brown female wearing red collar, by East Minico. **Call 208-431-3017.**

FOUND Dog near Belair Trailer Park in Burley. Small, white, female. Call 431-3799 at Animal Rescue.

FOUND Pug, adult male, found in Rupert. **208-431-3799**

FOUND Puppy, brown and white female on 3/19 near 300 S. 400 W., Jerome. **208-308-6503.**

FOUND Scottish Terrier, black, male, on 3/26 near Falls West and Grandview. **208-735-8162**

LOST Cat in the area of 7th Ave E. Petite tabby cat, female. **Call 208-735-5161.**

101 Lost and Found

LOST Golden Retriever, male. Last seen 3/24 on South Locust. Reward. **Call 208-316-0797.**

LOST Red Merle/Mini Australian Shepherd, female, blue eye, leather collar with rivets. Lost Sat. around Massey Ferguson. **208-670-0997**

LOST Ring, size 7, silver heart with pink and red stones, at the Jerome Walmart 3/22/09. *REWARD* Call Emily 208-420-4932.

LOST Siberian Husky in Heyburn 3/29/09. Gray and white, spayed female, 9 years old, wearing blue collar. **Reward!** 678-5762 lv. msg.

LOST Wrist Watch in the Twin Falls area, has Indian band with 2 stones. $50 reward. **208-735-1611**

STOLEN 6 ft. round porcelain, double sided, gas station sign, orange with blue letters VEL-TEX, taken from 775 Falls Ave. W. Reward for information and recovery. **Please call Bob Howard 208-733-7687**

106 Special Notices

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS
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PO. BOX 116
Gooding, Id. 83330 or email to **jgraves@ddtransportation.com**

207 Education

EDUCATION
Castleford Joint School District #417 is accepting applications for a **Secondary Teaching Position** for the 2009-2010 school year. Preferred endorsements include Math, English or Family Consumer Science. Coaching positions are available in several high school sports.
For information contact Andy Wiseman at 208-537-6511

EDUCATION
Castleford Joint School District #417 is accepting applications for a **High School Assistant Track Coach** for the 2009-2010 track season.
For information contact Andy Wiseman at 208-537-6511

207 Education

EDUCATION
Kimberly School District is looking for a high school **Cheerleading Advisor.** Applications are available at **www.kimberly.edu** or by calling **423-4170 x3308**

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209 General

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GENERAL
The City of Burley is recruiting for a **Sanitation Truck Driver** and the **Lead Operator** for the wastewater treatment plant. Job details and the City of Burley application may be obtained at Burley City Hall or at **www.burleyidaho.org** Deadline for submitting a completed application is **April 10, 2009.**

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210 Management

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211 Medical

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EOE

MEDICAL
Hospice Visions has a part-time position available for a **CNA,** could work into full-time. Call **735-0121** for more information. EOE

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That birthday or anniversary picture you ran in the paper. Now is the time to come in and pick up your pictures.

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Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

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	2						9	
5		6				8		1

Difficulty Level ★★ 3/31

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★ 1/9

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TWIN FALLS

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TWIN FALLS

Canyon Trails Home. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, gas fireplace, sunken garden tub. Close to new hospital. Walk to canyon. Best deal in neighborhood. $198,000.
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TWIN FALLS
For sale by owner. 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 3 car garage, 2315 sq. ft., new w/lots of amenities. $360,000. **431-4951**

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513 Acreage and Lots

TWIN FALLS 80 acre farm. Currently in hay. South of TF with water shares. Excellent location! **Call 208-539-1859.**

514 Income Property

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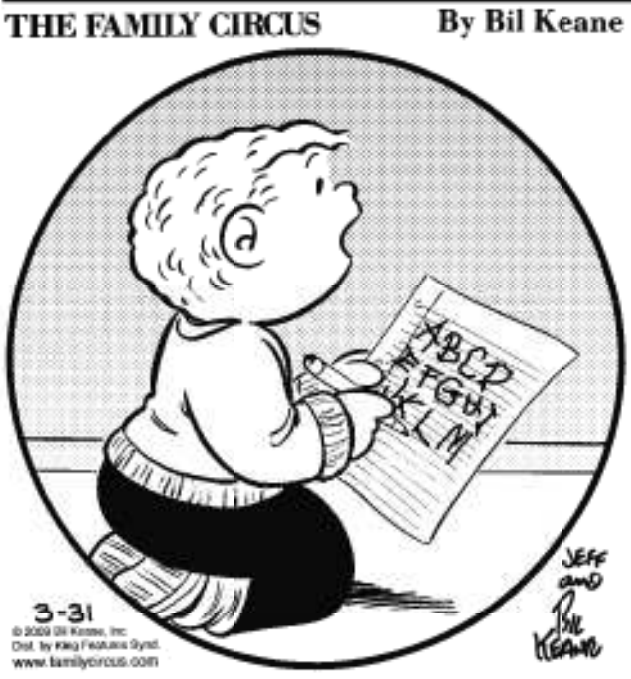

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Use of corporal punishment sparks passionate debate

DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am writing about your response to "John in Savannah" (Feb. 1), the 24-year-old man who is unsure how to explain to people that using a belt to discipline his three little girls is different from abuse.

Sometimes, in order to teach that actions or behaviors are inappropriate, some form of punishment, whether it's a spanking or a time-out, becomes necessary. I give my children three chances when they misbehave. If they continue, they are punished. They know that there will be consequences if they do wrong. Like John's children, mine are also frequently praised for being courteous and well-behaved.

Small children do not understand long-term punishment like grounding, taking away toys, etc. By the time the duration of that kind of discipline has passed, the child has forgotten the reason for it. For young children to understand the consequences of wrong behavior, the measures must be swift and short-term.

John should answer those who ask by saying he uses "consistent discipline accompanied by corporal punishment when necessary." If more parents did the same as John and me, we'd have fewer behavior problems in schools.

— MOM IN CONTROL IN GAINESVILLE

DEAR MOM IN CONTROL: Thank you for commenting. However, I stand by my position that there are more effective ways to discipline a child than by using physical punishment. After printing "John in Savannah's" letter, I was flooded with mail from parents and adult children across the country.

Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Are John's children obeying because they are making good choices or because they are afraid of the belt? Also, does he realize how badly he is hurting his children, both physically and emotionally? When you strike someone with an object, you have no idea how hard you are really hitting. Also, the humiliation of being beaten could last those kids a lifetime.

Honestly, it takes more effort to come up with corrections other than spanking, but it is well worth it. We post our family rules and their consequences in plain view. Part of my son's allowance depends upon making good choices at home and at school. And yes — it does work. My son just brought home his report card with excellent marks for conduct.

— POSITIVELY REINFORCING IN MICHIGAN

DEAR ABBY: I think a little "old-fashioned discipline" is in order. I am a preschool teacher, and I am appalled at what the 2- and 3-year-olds do and say. Swearing, hitting and disrespect are only a sampling of the things that have made my jaw drop. Time-outs, revocations of privileges and "talks" are laughed at, and the bad behavior is not curbed.

Parents allow their children to get away with things my mom would have screamed at me for, and we teachers get the fallout. My experiences as a baby sitter for older kids were much the same. Should we be "nice" to our children so they can grow up without boundaries? I think not.

— SACRAMENTO EDUCATOR

DEAR ABBY: My father used a leather slipper on me instead of a belt. He also used his hand and his impressive vocabulary to keep me in line. Was I afraid of him? Absolutely! Did I love him? I am still not sure. I grew up to be a woman who is afraid of men, afraid of making a mistake, afraid to share myself and my ideas, and generally timid about life.

John's daughters are learning that the way men in their lives show love is to beat them. He is setting his girls up to marry an abuser because they think abuse is normal behavior. I hope John realizes soon that fear and love cannot share the same space in a child's heart.

— SURVIVOR FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

IF MARCH 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Stop and smell the roses. Right now your life seems to be in perfect pitch, so you can afford to relax and enjoy the tune. On the other hand, if you have crucial plans to put into motion you may want to launch them during the next two weeks while good fortune smiles on whatever you do. Anyone who leaves your life now probably wasn't worthwhile and anyone who arrives probably has your best interests at heart. Arrange your life so that you do not need to begin anything of great importance in August or early September, when your current lucky streak temporarily disappears from view.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep your feet planted on the ground. If you wander too far from reality someone may drag you back to earth. You'll find it hard to stay out of the clouds, though, as a romantic interest could make you feel 10 feet tall.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You're so glad you had this time together. Take advantage of the opportunity to share your heart with that special someone; make the most of amorous moments with loved ones. Don't start a new relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't color outside the lines. Stick to the clearly marked path to achieve your greatest hopes and dreams. Today is a day to organize your workspace and to get those cluttered files into order.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't start what you can't finish. A mild flirtation could lead you down an unhealthy path and make you blind to the ultimate consequences. Stick to your principals and remain cool under pressure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't put the cart before the horse. A new romantic interest could have you considering commitment but it really was just a moment of pleasure. Focus on realistic goals rather than a passing fancy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Truth can remedy a nasty situation. Keep the books balanced and focus on organizational tasks today. Center yourself on the old routine and stay carefully attuned to your financial well-being.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Passions can be confusing. The flames of lust are heating up, but what comes up must come down. Keep your feet on the ground and play hard to get to avoid involvement with a casual hookup.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you've got it, flaunt it. Others may be drawn to your physical magnetism or dazzled by an aura of power. You and that special someone may find yourselves climbing to new heights of intimacy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Temptation can lead down the road to ruin. You can find true love with a steady partner but a casual fling could turn to disaster. You are oozing attractiveness but you should be wary of who responds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As an intellectual, you are quite conservative about most matters. As much as you would like to give into the tugs on your heartstrings, your attentions and talents are better suited to other endeavors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A lesson lived is a lesson learned. Listen attentively with both ears and a kind heart to get to the essence of the matter at hand. A wise lover may show their affections rather than discussing them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look beneath the surface. Soothing conversations can strengthen bonds of affection if confusion is avoided. Words of encouragement may come, but you will need to read between the lines to find them.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 31, the 90th day of 2009. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 31, 1968, at the conclusion of a nationally broadcast address, President Lyndon B. Johnson shocked his listeners by announcing he would not seek another term of office.

On this date:

In 1809, English poet Edward FitzGerald, best known for his translation of "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam," was born in Suffolk.

In 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town in the world to be illuminated by electrical lighting.

In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

In 1933, Congress approved, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway.

In 1945, the Tennessee Williams play "The Glass Menagerie" opened on Broadway.

In 1949, Newfoundland (now called Newfoundland and Labrador) entered confederation as Canada's 10th province.

In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that Karen Ann Quinlan, who was in a persistent vegetative state, could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained unconscious, died in 1985.)

In 2005, Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute.

Ten years ago: Three U.S. Army soldiers were captured by Serb forces near the Yugoslav-Macedonia border. (Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez, Staff Sgt. Christopher Stone and Spec. Steven M. Gonzales were released more than a month later.)

Five years ago: Four American civilian contractors were killed in Fallujah, Iraq; frenzied crowds dragged the burned, mutilated bodies and strung two of them from a bridge. Air America, intended as a liberal voice in network talk radio, made its debut on five stations.

One year ago: Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson announced his resignation amid the wreckage of the national housing crisis. A Bahamas jury ruled that Anna Nicole Smith's son, Daniel, died from an accidental drug overdose, just like his mother.

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6 Trunk
10 Place to sit
14 Of wide girth
15 Copycat
16 Walked on
17 Tree secretion
18 To the right
20 NYC's zone, in summer
21 Fine __
23 French city
24 Tribe member
25 London, for one
27 Hammer
30 Secretary of State (1961-69)
31 Buchanan's successor, for short
34 Like fine wine
35 "Miss __ Thompson"; '53 Rita Hayworth film
36 Communist
37 East Coast teams
41 Most famous 1969 bride
42 Zodiac sign
43 Arrow poison
44 Sped
45 Gentlemen
46 Shock
48 Weights
49 "What a pity!"
50 Sophia __
53 Consumer
54 "__ Gratia Artis"
57 Loathings
60 Shared belief
62 Older youth
63 Learned by __; memorized
64 Mr. Pyle
65 Stops
66 Black residue
67 30 Across and others

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1 Sported
2 Not up
3 Others
4 Chi's follower
5 Group of 100
6 Keep moist while roasting
7 __ for; picks
8 Grassy area
9 Make a boner
10 Baby carrier
11 Spoken
12 Tiger's cry
13 Inserts
19 Supported
22 Word of disgust
24 Auto maker
25 Traitor
26 B __ boy
27 Main area of study
28 Launch vehicle
29 Indicate one's awareness
30 Levels, in London
31 Fight site
32 Type of palm
33 Old car
35 Mixes
38 Marsha and Jackie
39 Actress Moran
40 Bites
46 Stein contents
47 Split
48 Gulls' cousins
49 Thing worth having
50 Overdue
51 Hot spot
52 Marsh growth
53 "Do __ others..."
54 "__ and the King of Siam"
55 Harness part
56 Holy mlles.
58 Apr. addressee
59 Tic Tac Toe win
61 Poet's word

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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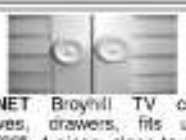

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Today's deal is from Eddie Kantar's "Take Your Tricks," a series of helpful tips supported by deals that show you how to implement the advice he has given you.

Before you read today's tip, consider the contract of four spades on a trump lead. Then read Kantar's advice to see if you spotted declarer's potential problem.

Kantar says, paraphrasing Gertrude Stein: a finesse is a finesse is a finesse, but not when there is a shortage of entries. With three red-suit losers staring at you, you must work with those clubs. Don't finesse! If the finesse loses and a trump is returned, the clubs are blocked with no way to untangle them. You will be left with a club loser and three inevitable red-suit losers, while dummy's club winner withers on the vine.

Once you see the problem, your urge to finesse will vanish. Simply play the club ace and a second club at once, unblocking the clubs and establishing your 10th trick in clubs with the spade king as your entry.

If the club finesse is right and the clubs are 6-2, so that the defenders ruff away your second club winner, then please ask for a refund ... but do not hold your breath!

(Incidentally, on an initial heart lead, win and lead a LOW club from hand. When you win the return, unblock the clubs and cash both spades; then try to take the third club winner.)

03-31-A

NORTH
♠ A K
♥ 8 7 6 5 2
♦ 7 6 4
♣ Q J 10

WEST
♠ 7 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ K 9 7 2

EAST
♠ 5 4 3
♥ Q 10 9
♦ K J 9
♣ 8 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 9 8 6
♥ A J
♦ A 5 2
♣ A 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: Spade two

BID WITH THE ACES

03-31-B

South holds:
♠ A K
♥ 8 7 6 5 2
♦ 7 6 4
♣ Q J 10

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
?			

ANSWER: It may be tempting to bid no-trump, but this is not the time. First raise diamonds — your hand may actually be very suitable for play in that suit, especially facing short hearts. As the auction progresses, you will have a better feel about whether to play in no-trump.

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

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Utah up early, trail late, then finish strong to top Knicks for 15th straight home win.

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Kael Pope considers open doors

Wendell grad ponders future after helping Salt Lake win NJCAA title

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

The choices are plentiful for Kael Pope these days. That's what happens when you're a NJCAA national champion.

"Winning the national tournament opens a lot of doors for you," Pope said in a recent phone interview.

The 2004 Wendell High graduate helped his Salt Lake Community College Bruins claim their first-ever junior college national title on March 21, rallying past Midland (Texas) College in the championship game.

The big question now: Which open door will Pope choose?

Not even he is certain.

When the celebration in Hutchinson, Kan., died down, Pope found himself staring down a tough question.

"Now that I've won it, what do I work for?" he wondered.

Throughout his career, there's always been a challenge ahead. At Wendell High, he helped the Trojan football team claim the Class 2A title in 2003, catching a touchdown pass in the 24-14 win over Grangeville. His 17-point, 12-rebound average as a senior keyed the Wendell basketball team to a 25-0 record, including a 79-46 shellacking of Ririe in the 2A title game in 2004.

Pope earned a basketball scholarship at Southern

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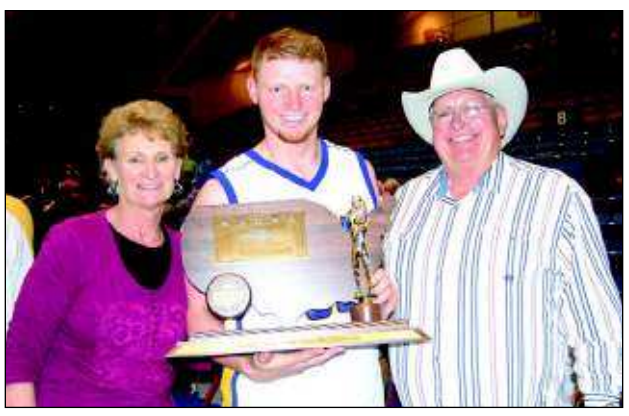

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Wendell High graduate Kael Pope, center, poses with his parents Marilyn and Clayton Pope after helping the Salt Lake Community College men win the NJCAA national championship March 21 in Hutchinson, Kan.

UConn, 'Nova, UNC ready to invade SPARTAN COUNTRY

Though technically an 'away' team at Final Four, Michigan State playing 90 miles from campus

By Andrew Bagnato
Associated Press writer

As the higher seed, the Connecticut Huskies will wear their white home uniforms against Michigan State in the national semifinals Saturday.

The rest of Ford Field will probably be awash in Spartans green.

This spring, there's nothing neutral about the Final Four.

The Huskies' third trip to the Final Four is a virtual road game: Michigan State's East Lansing campus is 90 miles from Detroit, and many in the expected record crowd of 70,000-plus will be Spartans fans.

"We'll have the white uniforms on. That's as close we'll get to being a home team, I think," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said on a Final Four coaches teleconference Monday. "I'm very aware ... that there will be a little bit of noise for the guys in green. No question."

Ford Field, the domed home of the Detroit Lions, is expected to set the record for the largest Final Four attendance in the 71-year history of the event. Last spring, the stadium drew 114,591 to the two sessions of the Midwest regional, another record.

The larger configuration opened up more seats to local fans, a goal of the tournament committee, and NCAA organizers say about one in seven spectators will be Michigan residents.

That can only work to Michigan State's advantage, although playing in Ford Field didn't help the Spartans much in a hideous 98-63 loss to North Carolina on Dec. 3.

And the Huskies (31-4) hardly shrink when they venture out of Connecticut.

UConn went 9-1 on the road this year, its only loss coming at then-No. 3 Pittsburgh on March 7, and the Huskies are 8-1 in neutral-site games, losing only to Syracuse in six overtimes in the Big East tourney in Madison Square Garden.

Though they're a No. 2 seed and finished first in the rough-and-tumble Big Ten, the Spartans (30-6) are being portrayed as gritty underdogs carrying the hopes of a depressed region.

"We've always stated our team's a blue-collar team ever since I came here," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "And there's no better blue-collar city than Detroit, and all the things they go through."

Michigan State hopes to fare better on this visit to Ford Field. But there may be an upside to the Spartans' 35-point loss to Carolina, which was part of a rugged nonconference schedule that included games against Kansas, Oklahoma State and Maryland and trips to Texas and Wichita State.

That competition helped steel the Spartans for the rigors of the NCAA tournament — and it may have paid off when they beat Big East champion Louisville in the Midwest regional final in Indianapolis, about 115 miles from the Cardinals' campus.

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– Michigan State coach Tom Izzo

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Illustration by BILL WAMBEKE/ Times-News

T.F. golfers prepare for key 5A meet

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The Class 5A state golf championship isn't until May, but a preview of the possible matchups is happening today at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The Twin Falls Bruins will host Treasure Valley teams from Capital, Centennial, Boise, Timberline, Meridian, Eagle and Mountain View as well as Region Four-Five-Six opponents from Highland, Idaho Falls, Skyline and Madison for the Twin Falls Invitational.

"We haven't played any of the Boise schools yet, so we don't know what they've shot," said senior Sara Federico, who was part of last season's state championship team. "But we've played with Highland and I.F. a couple of times. We're waiting to see what the Boise schools have to bring. We haven't heard anything yet."

The Highland Rams, who placed third at state last season, were bested a few weeks ago at Blue Lakes Country Club by a Bruin squad that is largely unchanged this season. Hannah McNeley, who finished third as an individual medalist, alluded to the team makeup being a key part to their overall success.

"We're all really close, get along good," she said. "Playing-wise, our varsity team is close together."

Of course, a refined short game will play a huge part in matches, especially at a course like Highland, where the greens can be tough.

"(Coach Mike Hamblin) always harps on us on the short game," McNeley added. "It's always important. Anyone can hit the ball to the green, but from there on ..."

The boys team, which finished third at state in 2008, will see the defending champion and runner-up in Eagle and Centennial, respectively. Jordan Hamblin placed second in the individual scores in 2008 and called Eagle a favorite to repeat. Teammate Casey Faught expressed confidence that the Mustangs are within reach.

"I've just heard that Eagle will be pretty good, same as last year," he said. "But I think we can beat them."

Both Faught and Hamblin said that course management will be a priority for the boys team, which also defeated Highland at Blue Lakes and previously won the March Madness event with the girls team earlier this month at the Muni.

Action begins today with a 9 a.m., shotgun start. Bruin coach Mike Hamblin said that overall, it should be a good meet to gauge the competition.

"All the best teams will be here," he said. "We'll get a good chance to see how we stack up against everybody."

Bradley Guire may be reached at 208-735-3229 .

Oklahoma's Griffin leads AP All-America team

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press writer

Blake Griffin and Tyler Hansbrough spent a lot of time together on the court last weekend and were back together Monday as the top vote-getters on The Associated Press' All-America team.

Griffin, the sophomore forward from Oklahoma who led the nation in rebounding, was the only unanimous selection for the team. Hansbrough, the consensus player of the year last season as a junior, repeated as a first-teamer the day after his Tar Heels beat the Sooners 72-60 to advance to the Final Four.

Joining them on the team were players from schools with little All-America history, sophomores DeJuan Blair of Pittsburgh, James Harden of Arizona State and junior Stephen Curry of Davidson.

Former College of Southern Idaho center Artsiom Parakhouski was named the honorable mention team after averaging 16.2 points and 11.2 rebounds at Radford. Utah center Luke Nevill and Utah State big man Gary Wilkinson also made the honorable mention list along with Weber State guard Kellen McCoy.

Griffin, who averaged 21 points and 14.3 rebounds while shooting 63.5 percent from the field, became college basketball's image for toughness when he returned from a concussion only to drive headlong onto the scorer's table.

He received 71 first-team votes and 335 points from the same national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. Balloting was done before the NCAA tournament.

Hansbrough, a unanimous pick last season along with Kansas

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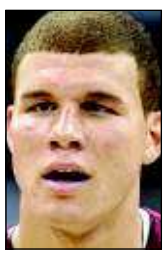

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Stanford women back in Final Four

BERKELEY, Calif. — The Big Appel is headed back to the Final Four after a low-post performance surpassing anything in Stanford's long, illustrious basketball history.

Jayne Appel had a career-high 46 points and 16 rebounds in the third highest-scoring performance in NCAA tournament history, overwhelming Iowa State's helpless defense and securing Stanford's second straight Final Four appearance with a 74-53 victory in the Berkeley Regional final on Monday night.

At the Final Four in St. Louis, the Cardinal will meet the winner of Connecticut's Trenton Regional final meeting with Arizona State. Stanford is the last team to beat the undefeated Huskies, doing it in last season's semifinal game in Tampa.

LOUISVILLE 77, MARYLAND 60

RALEIGH, N.C. — As the Louisville Cardinals circled around to cut down the nets for the first time, the scoreboard clock still showed one-tenth of a second remaining.

Louisville is headed to the Final Four for the first time, after Angel McCoughtry finished with 21 points and 13 rebounds in a 77-60 upset of top-seeded Maryland in the Raleigh Regional final Monday night.

Deseree Byrd added 17 points and nine assists and Candyce Bingham had 15 points for the third-seeded Cardinals (33-4).

— The Associated Press

ND showing Big East might in NIT

NEW YORK (AP) — The best indicator of how mighty the Big East was this season might not come from Detroit, where two of its teams are in the Final Four. It may be how well Notre Dame finishes in the NIT.

After all, the Irish were expected to contend for a national championship this season. Luke Harangody and Kyle McAlarney formed one of the nation's best inside-outside tandems, and there was plenty of depth and experience with three seniors in the starting five.

They didn't even finish in the top half of the league.

"I've been in the Big East nine years, and I've never seen anything like it," coach Mike Brey said. "It was off the charts."

After losing in the conference tournament to West Virginia, the NCAA tournament long ago removed from the picture, Brey stood before his guys in the locker room and said their new goal should be to return to Madison Square Garden two weeks later for the NIT title game.

NIT semifinals

Baylor vs. San Diego State, 5 p.m., ESPN2
Notre Dame vs. Penn State, 7 p.m., ESPN2

They're one step away, playing Penn State in the semifinals Tuesday night. San Diego State and Baylor play in the other semifinal.

Notre Dame (21-14) got caught in the spin cycle of one of the toughest conference schedules anyone can recall, an 18-game grind where the Irish lost seven straight, all but one of them to teams ranked in the top 20. They didn't snap out of that funk until February, when they routed conference champ Louisville by 33.

Penn State (25-11), one of the last teams bumped from the NCAA bubble, is playing its first postseason in three years. San Diego State (26-9) surpassed its Division I postseason win total (two) from the past 38 years in just one week with three wins in the NIT.

Then there's Baylor (23-14), the once-downtrodden program that has overcome so much in the past four years. The Bears have never played a game in April and will be playing in New York for the first time since losing in the 1950 Final Four.

Pope

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Utah University and served an LDS mission in Chihuahua, Mexico. When he returned from his church service, SUU had a new coaching staff and the assistant who encouraged Pope to come to Cedar City had joined the staff at SLCC.

So Pope followed Russ Beck, now an assistant at CSI, to Salt Lake City.

"When I was presented the chance to play for him, I jumped on board immediately," said Pope.

Turned out to be a good decision. In two seasons, Pope helped the Bruins to a 63-10 record and two appearances in the NJCAA title game.

But for the first time in his life, he is facing the prospect of not having a "next season" on his horizon. While the 6-foot-8 center has plenty of offers to continue his collegiate career at a four-year school, he said, "Part of me just wants to hang it up."

Pope said some people may call him crazy for walking away from his playing days, but he has his reasons.

"There's other goals in life," he said. "I have other dreams."

For starters, he and fiancée Ashley Swenson, a member of the SLCC dance team, plan to marry on May 8. Pope also feels a need to focus on school and said he has several prospects for coaching high school basketball in the Salt Lake area, something he feels would best use his basketball knowledge and ability.

Whatever he does next, Pope plans to employ the attributes he's learned in basketball. Throughout his career, he's done whatever his coaches and his teams have required of him.

This season, that meant taking on a smaller role as reserve. Pope missed the beginning of the season with a separated shoulder. When he returned, he found himself playing limited minutes behind all-region players D.J. Wright and Nate Bendall.

"I'm not going to lie, it's always a tough transition when you have to change roles," said Pope, who averaged 3.9 points and 2.1 rebounds this season. But in the end, "it was all about winning," and that's something Pope has done all his life.

And while winning the NJCAA title was certainly special, nothing can replace Pope's experiences at Wendell.

"The emotion of a state championship was so much different," he said. "You spend your entire life working toward that one goal. As little kids on the playground we grew up talking about winning a state championship. There were so many days of life spent preparing for that.

"It was a lot of hard work and a lot of dedication for years to do it."

Whether Pope pursues another title at a new level as a player or tries to coach others to a crown, he'll never forget the triumphs of which he's had part.

"They're memories that I'll always have," said Pope. "The ring for (the NJCAA title) will go with the rings from Wendell. I won't wear any of them, but they'll all sit right together in the safe. Maybe my kids will want to pull them out and look at them some day. If not, it's no big deal."

That's the wisdom, the perspective of a true winner — one at a crossroads where all signs point to future success.

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Spartans

Continued from Sports 1

"I do think we became a little closer and a little tougher team," Izzo said. "I'd say the way we played the last two weeks, I think it helped it some, I really do."

Duke is the last team to play in a Final Four in its home state, losing to Arkansas in the 1994 national final in Charlotte.

Detroit is a long way from Chapel Hill, N.C., but the Tar Heels (32-4) ought to feel comfortable returning to the site of their romp past Michigan State.

After Carolina coach Roy Williams finished his postgame news conference that night, someone said, "See you in April."

"I'll be back, and I hope my team is with me," Williams replied.

His hopes came true in a decisive victory over Oklahoma in the South regional final.

North Carolina is seeking its fifth NCAA title. UConn and Michigan State have two apiece.

Villanova (30-7) has one NCAA title — and it came in 1985, the last time the Wildcats made it to the Final Four.

Villanova coach Jay Wright is making his first Final Four trip. This is Williams' seventh Final Four, the fifth for Izzo and the third for Calhoun — and all three have national titles on their resumes.

All-Americans

Continued from Sports 1

State's Michael Beasley, got 50 first-team votes and 304 points. This is the fourth straight season the 6-foot-9 forward received All-America recognition. He was a third-team pick as a freshman and was on the second team after his sophomore season.

Harden is Arizona State's first AP All-America.

Griffin, the Big 12 player of the year, is the third Oklahoma player to be selected and the first since Stacey King in 1989.

Hansbrough, who is in his second straight Final Four with the Tar Heels, is the third North Carolina player to repeat. He joins Phil Ford (1977-78) and Michael Jordan (1983-84).

Blair, who was third in the voting with 294 points, averaged 15.6 points and 12.2 rebounds, was the only postseason All-America player not to be on the preseason team.

Harden was the Pac-10 player of the year after a sophomore season that saw him average 20.8 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.4 assists in 35.8 minutes.

Curry averaged 28.6 points, 4.3 rebounds and 5.7 assists as the Wildcats won the Southern Conference regular season title but lost in the tournament and didn't make the NCAA field.

Connecticut center Hasheem Thabeet led the second team with 238 points and was joined by three other juniors, Ty Lawson of North Carolina, Luke Harangody of Notre Dame and Jodie Meeks of Kentucky, along with senior Jerel McNeal of Marquette.

Big sixth lifts Wendell baseball past Buhl

Times-News

A six-run sixth inning lifted Wendell High School's baseball team to a 7-5 win over Buhl in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference action on Monday. A two-run double by Keegan Anderson and a two-RBI single from Nolan Stouder keyed the pivotal inning.

Buhl led 3-1 entering the bottom of the sixth, but walks, errors and hit batters added to Wendell's offensive explosion.

The Trojans (2-2, 1-1 SCIC) got 11 strikeouts from Stouder. Wendell won the JV game 11-10.

The Trojans host Filer today, while Buhl hosts the Twin Falls junior varsity on Thursday.

Wendell 7, Buhl 5

Buhl	000 030 2 – 5 4 2
Wendell	100 006 x – 7 7 9

Matt Hamilton and Jack Hamilton; Nolan Stouder and Jasper Peterson. W: Stouder. L: M. Hamilton.
Extra-base hits – 2B: Wendell, Keegan Anderson, Stouder.

GLENNS FERRY 21, MARSING 4, FIVE INNINGS

Cody Crawshaw struck out five on the mound and aided his own cause by going 3-for-4 with five RBIs at the plate as Glenns Ferry hammered Marsing 21-4 on Monday.

Crawshaw smacked a two-run homer, while Mike Crane went 2-for-4 with a double and Destry Royce added an RBI triple.

"I'm really pleased with our progression," said Glenns Ferry coach Denis Uhl, who praised the pitching performance of Crawshaw.

The 4-4 Pilots host New Plymouth for a doubleheader on Saturday.

Glenns Ferry 21, Marsing 4, five innings

Marsing	000 04 – 4 4 6
Glenns Ferry	91(10) 1 – 21 16 4

Martin Galvez, Neal Sevy (3) and Ray Evans and Ricky Miller (3); Cody Crawshaw, John Acord (5) and Rory Hance.
Extra-base hits – 2B: Glenns Ferry, Crawshaw, Mike Crane. 3B: Glenns Ferry, Destry Royce. HR: Glenns Ferry, Crawshaw.

Softball

GLENNS FERRY 19, MARSING 4, FOUR INNINGS

For the first time this school year, a Glenns Ferry girls varsity team has a win. After going winless in volleyball and basketball, the Pilots picked up a softball win on Monday, routing Marsing 19-4 in Glenns Ferry.

A good pitching effort from Amy Young led the way and the Pilots took advantage of five errors and numerous walks issued by Marsing's pitching staff.

"We put the ball in play and ran the bases well," said Glenns Ferry coach Kelli McHone.

The Pilots (1-6) travel to Declo on Thursday.

Glenns Ferry 19, Marsing 4, four innings

Marsing	200 2 – 4 3 5
Glenns Ferry	533 8 – 19 4 3

Kinney, Loueks (4) and Rost; Amy Young and Cassie Garza.
Extra-base hits – 2B: Marsing, Clawsca.

BUHL 10, WENDELL 0, FIVE INNINGS

Kendyl Hamilton's fourth-inning grand slam highlighted Buhl's 10-0 run-rule win over Wendell on Monday. The Indians' Katherine Hunter kept Wendell off the scoreboard.

"Buhl's got a good team," said Wendell coach Jim Prince, "and we've got to learn how to get on base and score."

The Trojans (3-5, 0-4 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) host Filer in a conference doubleheader today. Buhl visits Declo on Wednesday.

Buhl 10, Wendell 0, five innings

Buhl	301 42 – 10 7 1
Wendell	000 00 – 0 2 3

Katherine Hunter and Katy Hulse; Krystyl Miller and Laurie Andrus.
Extra-base hits – HR: Buhl, Kendyl Hamilton.

Golf

RIGBY, SHELLEY BOYS WIN JEROME INVITE

Led by Brian Panther's 72, Rigby took first place in the Class 4A ranks at the Dale Mower/Subway Jerome Invitational.

Bishop Kelly was second with a 329 at Jerome Country Club. Wood River, led by Jonathon Hobbs' 79 and Chance McCroskey's 81, took third with a 331. Jerome's Jordan Roberts and Minico's Kody Miller shot 83s to finish just out of the top 10 individually. Minico wound up 10th overall, while Burley was 11th and Jerome shared 12th with Nampa.

The Class 3A boys title went to Shelley with a 307 as Tommy Higham and Tanner Higham fired the two best individual rounds of the day with a 73 and a 74, respectively. Kimberly's Gage Huft was third with a 75 as Kimberly took second in the team standings. Filer finished fifth behind Nate Simon's 89, while Buhl, led by Joel Christensen's 89, was seventh overall.

In the girls tournament at Blue Lakes Country Club in Twin Falls, Burley's Shawna Pace shot a 98 to take second individually, one stroke behind Century's Hannah Newhouse. Burley was second in the team scoring with a 472, while Wood River and Jerome finished sixth and seventh, respectively.

Dale Mower/Subway Jerome Invitational

Boys
At Jerome Country Club
Class 4A

Team scores: 1. Rigby 326, 2. Bishop Kelly 329, 3. Wood River 331, 4. Middleton 339, 5. Century 343, 6. Columbia 351, 7. Pocatello 355, 8. (tie) Mountain Home and Skyview 361, 10. Minico 362, 11. Burley 370, 12. (tie) Nampa and Jerome 386.
Individual top 10: 1. Brian Panter, Rigby, 72; 2. Taylor Judy, Bishop Kelly, 75; 3. (tie) Ryan Pearson, Pocatello, and Sterling Wood, Middleton 78; 5. Jonathon Hobbs, Wood River, 79; 6. (tie) Chance McCroskey, Wood River, and B. Skinner, Rigby, and Nick Spalding, Bishop Kelly, 81; 9. (tie) Taylor Schmidt, Bishop Kelly, and Josh Kuhn, Century, 82.

Individual scores

Bishop Kelly: Taylor Judy 75, Nick Spalding 81, Taylor Schmidt 82, Julian Aguirre 91, Kyle Hinkle 93.
Blackfoot: Dylan Hammond 85, Skyler Jensen 92, Garrett Buck 122.
Burley: Josh Thurston 90, Zane Harman 93, Tyler Baumgartner 93, Jordan Kisler 94, Brogan Searle 94.
Century: Josh Kuhn 82, Weston Dykman 86, Cory Christensen 86, Cole Pape 89, Brant Leo 97.
Columbia: Scott Weston 81, Mark Bolinske 87, Ian Hannu 88, Adam Hanson 95, Tanner Preece 96.
Jerome: Jordan Roberts 83, Pete Barnes 89, Brady Craig 101, Joey Avila 113, Cory Cummings 128.
Middleton: Sterling Wood 78, Kyler Scott 83, Karson Schrader 83, Collin Haydock 95, Jay Simmons 97.
Minico: Kody Miller 83, Bronson Miller 84, Bryon Pinther 90, Kody Andrew 105, Zale Amen 109.
Mountain Home: Nick Reynolds 87, Travis Goldsby 88, Stephen Elliott 89, Tyler Bennett 97, Mike Heinen 108.
Nampa: Jarod Curtis 86, Preston Myers 96, Christian Rohnert 100, Grayson Bosen 104, Cody Schlabach 107.
Pocatello: Ryan Pearson 78, Mike Decker 90, Dave Murley 90, Colten Morton 97, Garrett Hennessy 111.
Rigby: Brian Panter 72, B. Skinner 81, J. Groth 86, D. Bell 87, B. Pence 87.
Skyview: J.T. Anderson 83, Geoff Endicott 89, Colby Snyder 93, Tom Statkus 96, Adam Freiburghaus 107.
Wood River: Jonathon Hobbs 79, Chance McCroskey 81, Davis Hague 85, Rex Nilsen 86, Ian Murphy 88.

Class 3A

Team scores: 1. Shelley 307, 2. Kimberly 342, 3. Sugar Salem 364, 4. Marsh Valley 367, 5. Filer 380, 6. Snake River 410, 7. Buhl 423.
Individual top 5: 1. Tommy Higham, Shelley, 73; 2. Tanner Higham, Shelley, 74; 3. Gage Huft, Kimberly, 75; 4. Will Higham, Shelley, 77; 5. Dallin Davids, Marsh Valley, 82.

Individual scores

Buhl: Joel Christensen 89, Garett Schilz 97, Chris Newell 117, Brody McClain 120, Ethan Compton 124.
Filer: Nate Simon 89, Ben Shelter 92, Tyler Rue 97, Jesse Vierstra 102, Cody Massie 112.
Kimberly: Gage Huft 75, Dalton Harmon 86, Sam Wasko 89, Dylan Wheeler 92, Stephen Clements 93.
Marsh Valley: Dallin Davids 82, Tanner Hunsaker 84, Gary Davids 95, Skylar Hatley 106, Devin Shurtliff 107.
Shelley: Tommy Higham 73, Tanner Higham 74, Will Higham 77, Clarke Huntsman 83, Mason Higham 85.
Snake River: McKay Harper 87, Tate Murdock 104, Dallin Truman 105, Austin Garrett 114, Wayde Phillips 122.
Sugar Salem: Fletcher Rydalch 88, Wilson Rydalch 89, Kalin Miyasaki 98, Ladd Spackman 112, Zach Dennison 112.

Girls
At Blue Lakes Country Club, Twin Falls

Team scores: 1. Century 448, 2. Burley 472, 3. Skyview 484, 4. Mountain Home 496, 5. Rigby 500, 6. Wood River 548, 7. Jerome 556.
Individual top 5: 1. Hannah Newhouse, Century, 97, 2. Shawna Pace, Burley, 98; 3. Ashley Ray, Century, 101; 4. Mindi Howard, Rigby, 111; 5. Taryn Staley, Blackfoot, 112.

Individual scores

Blackfoot: Tayrn Starley 112, Dusti Rodriguez 129, Hailey Frederick 146.
Burley: Shawna Pace 98, Kortni Karlson 116, Jessie Winmill 123, Annelise Tilley 135.
Century: Hannah Newhouse 97, Ashley Ray 101, Brittany Bollinger 116, Kayla Payne 134, Adrianna Degivli 143.
Jerome: Brittany Smith 126, Morgan Burke 131, Sara Valdez 133, Kirsten Fernandez 166.
Minico: Ashley Cook 140.
Mountain Home: Shayla Streeter 115, Shelby Stevens 118, Alicen Wendall 121, Kelsey Equsquiza 126, Melanie Bates 142.
Nampa: Elena Macovei 141, Bailey Luna 153, Amber Zachorisen 155.
Skyview: Taylor Harris 115, Krissy Galeai 116, Michell Meininger 123, Ashley Brewer 130.
Wood River: Jennie Williams 115, Kylee Richard 133, Karli Jeneson 139, Ali Town 161.

Amateur golf

MUNI HOSTS PEPSI OPEN

Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course hosted the 2009 Pepsi Open pro-am on Monday. The Canyon Springs team of Michael Ericson, Larry Adams, Dwayne Tucker and Fred Saltz won the team title with a 193.

2009 Pepsi Open results

Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course

Team results: 1. Canyon Springs (Michael Ericson, Larry Adams, Dwayne Tucker, Fred Saltz) 193; 2. Desert Canyon (Justin Ellis, Dave Tapp Jr., Dave Tapp Sr., Mike Brown) 199; 3. Sand Creek (John Graham, Paul J. Morgan, Brent Thompson, Dan Hanson) 200, 4. Juniper Hill (Dave Crozier, Jerry Magee, Dave Heinson, Charles Woodworth) 201; 5. (tie) Clear Lake (Steve Meyerhoeffer, Gary Paulsen, Doug Mackay, Norman Lancaster) and Crane Creek (Ron Rawls, Dave Leech, Kenny Walker, Mike Redman) 202.

Individual results
Championship flight

Gross: 1. (tie) David Tapp, Kenny Walker, Shawn Aicher 72; 4. Kurt Marostica 74; 5. Ronnie Ward 75.
Net: 1.Charles Woodworth 65; 2. Tom Hersh 67; 3. (tie) Dick Krapff and Gary Paulsen 68; 5. Stanley Kolby 69.

First flight

Gross: 1. Brad Smith 76; 2. Mike Bosma 78; 3. Dwayne Tucker 80; 4. Larry Adams 81; 5. Bob Dickson 82.
Net: 1. Fred Saltz 66; 2. (tie) Dan Hanson, Gerald White and Jack Hansen 67; 5. James Carr 68.

Professional

1. Jim Empey 69; 2. Michael Ericson 70; 3. (tie) Ben Bryson, John Graham, John Wallace, Mike Hamblin, Steve Meyerhoeffer 71.

Senior professional

1. Jeff Thomsen 68.

OSTROM, RAY WIN COVE-PEPSI BEST BALL

Todd Ostrom and James Ray rallied from four shots back to win the championship flight of the 2009 Cove-Pepsi Best Ball golf tournament at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Sunday.

The duo overcame heavy winds to shoot a two-day 142 and take the title from Day 1 leaders Chase Schaniel and Isaac Wright, who finished second.

Sal Acevedo and Gary Philips from the net title in the championship flight. The first flight title was claimed by Shawn Florke and Jake Wanhala, while Jaynie Chase and Nancy Elliot won the ladies flight with a 157.

2009 Cove-Pepsi Best Ball

Final Results
Mens Championship Flight

Gross: 1. Todd Ostrom and James Ray 142, 2. Chase Schaniel and Isaac Wright 143. Lap: Roberto Velasquez and Victor Velasquez 74.
Net: 1. Sal Acevedo and Gary Phillips 138, 2. Gary Duncan and Mike Rawls 139. Lap: Tracy Harr and Kendal Kowitz 73.

First flight

1. Shawn Florke and Jake Wanhala 143, 2. (tie) Shay Lawley and Wes Startin, Dan Schnoebelen and Brad Smith 146, 4. Duane Schneberger and Tom Standly 146, 5. (tie) Larry Amen and Rich Birrell, Al Mulkey and Brad Richards 149. Lap: Steve Hofland and Chris Schmahl 78.

Second flight

1. Tim Andresen and Dave Slotten 148, 2. (tie) Brent Powlus and Bill Schmahl, Rob Sellars and Dwayne Wall 153, 4. Art Rathe and Chuck Skaggs 155, 5. Blaine McAllister and Harold Stroud 156. Lap: Doug Barber and Brandon Buckway 77.

Ladies Flight

Gross: 1. Jaynie Chase and Nancy Elliot 157, 2. Larie Hash and Rexanne Wheeler 167. Lap: Heidi Fleshman and Val Wardle 93.
Net: 1. Jean Hanson and Patty Lee 147, 2. Nancy Bastida and JoAnne Odiaga 155. Lap: Marguerite Astorquia and Chris Sterling 85.

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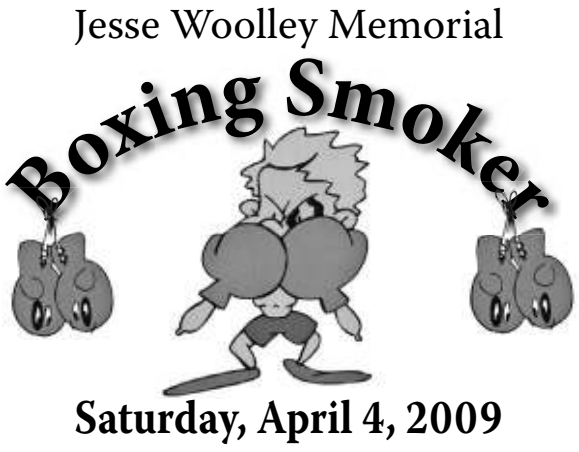
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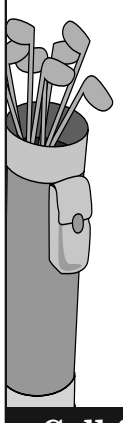
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Williams, Jazz survive Knicks rally at home

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams had 24 points and 13 assists and the Utah Jazz beat the New York Knicks 112-104 on Monday night, rallying after blowing a huge lead at home for the second straight game.

The Jazz led by 24 early in the third quarter, but fell behind by a point in the fourth before regrouping and closing the game on a 20-11 run.

Carlos Boozer added 21 points and 11 rebounds and Kyle Korver scored 16 as the Jazz won their 15th straight home game.

Al Harrington scored 24 to lead the Knicks before getting ejected with two technicals for arguing a foul call with 22 seconds left.

MAGIC 101, HEAT 95

MIAMI — On the night Miami retired Alonzo Mourning's number, Orlando's big man wrecked the party.

Dwight Howard scored 22 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, passing Wilt Chamberlain as the youngest NBA player to reach the 5,000-board mark, and the Magic kept their grip on the No. 2 spot in the Eastern Conference.

Rashard Lewis scored 21 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:32 remaining for Orlando (55-18), which stayed five games behind Cleveland and percentage points ahead of defending champion Boston in the East race.

Dwyane Wade scored 13 of his 42 points in the fourth quarter for the Heat.

BUCKS 107, NETS 78

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Richard Jefferson had 29 points and 10 rebounds against his former teammates and the Milwaukee Bucks snapped a season-high, five-game losing streak.

Charlie Villanueva added 20 points for the Bucks, who kept their slim hopes for a playoff berth alive by snapping a seven-game road losing streak and sending the Nets to their fifth straight loss, matching their season high.

– The Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

MLB Spring Training

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	23	6	.793
New York	20	10	.667
Texas	18	12	.600
Kansas City	16	11	.593
Boston	17	12	.586
Minnesota	16	12	.571
Detroit	13	14	.481
Tampa Bay	13	14	.481
Seattle	14	16	.467
Chicago	14	17	.452
Oakland	14	17	.452
Toronto	11	15	.423
Baltimore	12	17	.414
Cleveland	11	17	.393

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Milwaukee	18	9	.667
Atlanta	18	10	.643
St. Louis	17	11	.607
Pittsburgh	16	12	.571
Chicago	17	15	.531
San Francisco	17	17	.500
New York	14	14	.500
Colorado	13	16	.448
Washington	12	15	.444
Cincinnati	13	17	.433
Los Angeles	13	18	.419
Florida	11	16	.407
Philadelphia	11	16	.407
Arizona	11	18	.379
Houston	9	18	.333
San Diego	8	18	.308

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Monday's Games

Atlanta 4, Boston 3, 10 innings
Detroit 3, Washington 2
N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 1
St. Louis 2, Florida 1
Minnesota 3, Tampa Bay 2
Philadelphia 13, Houston 3
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee 9, Seattle 7
Oakland 9, L.A. Dodgers 5
Texas 7, San Francisco 5, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs 8, Kansas City 8, tie, 10 innings
L.A. Angels 13, Chicago White Sox 3
Colorado 10, Arizona 3
N.Y. Mets 2, Baltimore 1
Cleveland 5, San Diego 2

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Washington vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
St. Louis vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Kansas City vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Houston at Kississimme, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA

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EASTERN

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	56	19	.747	–
Philadelphia	37	35	.514	17½
New Jersey	30	44	.405	25½
New York	29	45	.392	26½
Toronto	28	45	.384	27
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
y-Orlando	55	18	.753	–
x-Atlanta	43	31	.581	12½
Miami	39	35	.527	16½
Charlotte	33	40	.452	22
Washington	17	58	.227	39
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
y-Cleveland	60	13	.822	–
Detroit	36	37	.493	24
Chicago	36	39	.480	25
Milwaukee	32	43	.427	29
Indiana	31	43	.419	29½

WESTERN

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	48	25	.658	–
x-Houston	48	26	.649	½
New Orleans	45	27	.625	2½
Dallas	43	30	.589	5
Memphis	18	54	.250	29½
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Denver	48	26	.649	–
Portland	46	27	.630	1½
Utah	46	27	.630	1½
Minnesota	21	53	.284	27
Oklahoma City	20	53	.274	27½
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
z-L.A. Lakers	58	15	.795	–
Phoenix	40	34	.541	18½
Golden State	25	48	.342	33
L.A. Clippers	18	56	.243	40½
Sacramento	16	56	.222	41½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 102, Dallas 74
Toronto 134, Chicago 129, OT
Atlanta 86, L.A. Lakers 76
Minnesota 108, New Jersey 99
Detroit 101, Philadelphia 97
Indiana 124, Washington 115
Boston 103, Oklahoma City 84
New Orleans 90, San Antonio 86
Sacramento 126, Phoenix 118

Monday's Games

Milwaukee 107, New Jersey 78
Orlando 101, Miami 95
Utah 112, New York 104
Memphis at Golden State, late

Tuesday's Games

Chicago at Indiana, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Denver, 7 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Toronto at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Washington at Memphis, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

NBA Boxes

Bucks 107, Nets 78

MILWAUKEE (107)

Jefferson 8-12 9-10 29, Villanueva 8-16 2-3 20, Gadzuric 1-1 0-0 2, Sessions 4-11 5-6 13, Bell 2-9 0-0 5, Elson 2-3 0-0 4, Mbah a Moute 4-9 1-3 9, Ridnour 3-6 0-0 7, Alexander 6-11 2-5 16, Bogans 0-0 0-0 0, Allen 1-2 0-0 2, Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-81 19-27 107.

NEW JERSEY (78)

Hassell 0-3 0-0 0, Anderson 2-6 2-2 6, Lopez 3-6 4-8 10, Harris 3-11 4-6 10, Carter 3-11 3-4 9, Hayes 2-6 0-0 4, Dooling 0-2 2-2 2, Yi 2-5 5-6 11, Douglas-Roberts 6-11 1-2 14, Boone 1-1 0-0 2, Ager 3-6 1-2 7, Williams 1-2 1-1 3. Totals 26-70 23-33 78.

Milwaukee	32	28	24	23	–	107
New Jersey	13	24	16	25	–	78

3-Point Goals–Milwaukee 10-21 (Jefferson 4-5, Alexander 2-3, Villanueva 2-5, Ridnour 1-2, Bell 1-5, Jones 0-1), New Jersey 3-16 (Yi 2-3, Douglas-Roberts 1-2, Harris 0-1, Ager 0-1, Anderson 0-2, Carter 0-3, Hayes 0-4). Fouled Out–None. Rebounds–Milwaukee 53 (Jefferson 10), New Jersey 51 (Lopez 10). Assists–Milwaukee 27 (Sessions 8), New Jersey 15 (Douglas-Roberts 4). Total Fouls–Milwaukee 24, New Jersey 22. Technical–New Jersey coach Frank. Flagrant Foul–Dooling. A–12,205 (19,990).

Magic 101, Heat 95

ORLANDO (101)

Turkoglu 5-10 6-7 16, Lewis 8-12 0-0 21, Howard 8-11 6-9 22, Alston 4-12 4-6 13, Lee 4-7 0-0 10, Pietrus 3-7 0-0 8, Johnson 1-2 0-0 2, Gortat 2-4 0-0 4, Battie 0-1 0-0 0, Redick 0-3 5-5 5. Totals 35-69 21-27 101.

MIAMI (95)

Moon 1-2 0-0 3, Haslem 3-7 0-0 6, O'Neal 5-10 0-0 10, Chalmers 5-11 0-3 13, Wade 16-34 10-13 42, Head 0-2 0-0 0, Magloire 3-5 3-5 9, Jones 1-2 0-0 2, Beasley 3-6 0-0 6, Cook 2-7 0-0 4. Totals 39-86 13-21 95.

Orlando	26	20	24	31	–	101
Miami	21	22	26	26	–	95

3-Point Goals–Orlando 10-19 (Lewis 5-6, Lee 2-3, Pietrus 2-4, Alston 1-4, Redick 0-1, Turkoglu 0-1), Miami 4-12 (Chalmers 3-3, Moon 1-1, Wade 0-1, Jones 0-1, Head 0-1, Cook 0-5). Fouled Out–Lee. Rebounds–Orlando 51 (Howard 18), Miami 44 (Magloire 8). Assists–Orlando 20 (Turkoglu, Alston 5), Miami 19 (Chalmers 7). Total Fouls–Orlando 19, Miami 21. Technicals–Miami defensive three second 2. A–19,600 (19,600).

Jazz 112, Knicks 104

NEW YORK (104)

Chandler 5-10 3-4 14, Harrington 7-17 8-8 24, Lee 8-14 5-8 21, Duhon 3-5 0-0 8, Hughes 1-3 0-0 3, Robinson 3-7 4-4 11, Jeffries 4-8 3-5 11, Wilcox 4-6 1-2 9, Curry 1-1 1-3 3. Totals 36-71 25-34 104.

UTAH (112)

Miles 3-6 0-0 8, Boozer 8-13 5-7 21, Okur 3-7 0-1 8, Williams 10-21 4-4 24, Brewer 8-12 1-3 17, Millsap 4-7 4-5 12, Korver 4-6 7-8 16, Knight 1-1 0-0 2, Kirilenko 1-4 0-0 2, Harpring 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 42-77 23-30 112.

New York	24	22	32	26	–	104
Utah	36	31	19	26	–	112

3-Point Goals–New York 7-23 (Duhon 2-4, Harrington 2-10, Hughes 1-1, Robinson 1-3, Chandler 1-3, Jeffries 0-1, Lee 0-1), Utah 5-11 (Okur 2-2, Miles 2-3, Korver 1-2, Brewer 0-2, Williams 0-2). Fouled Out–Duhon. Rebounds–New York 44 (Lee 10), Utah 42 (Boozer 11). Assists–New York 19 (Duhon 7), Utah 27 (Williams 13). Total Fouls–New York 26, Utah 25. Technicals–New York coach D'Antoni, Harrington 2, New York defensive three second, Utah defensive three second. Ejected–Harrington. A–19,911 (19,911).

Sunday's Late NBA Box

Kings 126, Suns 118

PHOENIX (118)

Barnes 1-6 2-2 4, Hill 9-15 1-1 19, O'Neal 9-13 6-15 24, Richardson 5-13 2-4 16, Nash 12-21 2-2 31, Amundson 1-3 0-0 2, Dudley 7-13 2-2 17, Dragic 1-3 0-0 2, Tucker 0-2 0-0 0, Swift 1-3 1-2 3, Lopez 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 46-93 16-28 118.

SACRAMENTO (126)

Nocioni 7-11 2-2 19, Thompson 8-14 5-9 21, Hawes 10-16 0-0 20, Martin 6-17 3-4 17, Udrih 6-10 4-5 16, Jackson 1-6 0-0 2, Garcia 7-13 3-3 19, McCants 4-8 4-4 12, Booth 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 49-95 21-27 126.

Phoenix	33	31	32	22	–	118
Sacramento	35	35	35	21	–	126

3-Point Goals–Phoenix 10-26 (Nash 5-8, Richardson 4-9, Dudley 1-4, O'Neal 0-1, Dragic 0-1, Tucker 0-1, Barnes 0-2), Sacramento 7-22 (Nocioni 3-6, Garcia 2-3, Martin 2-6, Jackson 0-1, Udrih 0-2, Hawes 0-2, McCants 0-2). Fouled Out–None. Rebounds–Phoenix 59 (Dudley 11), Sacramento 52 (Hawes 10). Assists–Phoenix 26 (Nash 14), Sacramento 25 (Udrih 7). Total Fouls–Phoenix 21, Sacramento 24. A–13,623 (17,317).

Men's NCAA Tournament

All Times MDT
FINAL FOUR
At Ford Field
Detroit
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 4

Michigan State (30-6) vs. Connecticut (31-4), 4:07 p.m.
Villanova (30-7) vs. North Carolina (32-4), 6:47 p.m.

National Championship
Monday, April 6

Semifinal winners

Men's NIT

All Times MDT
Semifinals
Tuesday, March 31
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Semifinals

Baylor (23-14) vs. San Diego State (26-9), 5 p.m.
Penn State (25-11) vs. Notre Dame (21-14), 7:30 p.m.

Championship
Thursday, April 2

Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Burley at Preston, 3:30 p.m., DH
Filer at Wendell, 3:30 p.m., DH
Kimberly at Wood River, 4 p.m.
Minico at Twin Falls, 4 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Boise, Capital, Centennial, Eagle, Highland, Idaho Falls, Madison, Meridian, Mountain View, Skyline, Timberline at Twin Falls Invitational, T.F. Muni, 9 a.m.
Community School, Declo, Hagerman, Magic Valley Christian, Murtaugh, Valley at Burley CC, 10 a.m.
Buhl, Filer, Gooding, Kimberly, Wendell at Clear Lake CC, 1 p.m.
Castleford, Glenns Ferry, Gooding, Lighthouse Christian, Oakley at Gooding CC, 1 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

District V cutting event, 5:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Century at Minico, 3:30 p.m., DH
Wood River at Highland, 3:30 p.m, DH
Skyline at Burley, 3:30 p.m., DH

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Century at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.

TV SCHEDULE

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m.

ESPN2 — NIT, semifinal, Baylor vs. San Diego State

7 p.m.

ESPN2 — NIT, semifinal, Notre Dame vs. Penn State

NHL HOCKEY

5:30 p.m.

VERSUS — Chicago at Montreal

TENNIS

11 a.m.

FSN — ATP World Tour/WTA Tour, Sony Ericsson Open, round of 16, at Miami

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m.

ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, regional final, Connecticut vs. Arizona State at Trenton, N.J.

7 p.m.

ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, regional final, Purdue vs. Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City

2008-09 AP All-America Basketball Teams

Statistics through March 15

First Team

Blake Griffin, Oklahoma, 6-10, 251, sophomore, Oklahoma City, 21.9 ppg, 14.3 rpg, 2.3 apg, 63.5 fg pct (71 first-place votes, 335 points)
Tyler Hansbrough, North Carolina, 6-9, 250, senior, Poplar Bluff, Mo., 21.4 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 52.2 fg pct, 85.6 ft pct (50, 304)
DeJuan Blair, Pittsburgh, 6-7, 265, sophomore, Pittsburgh, 15.6 ppg, 12.2 rpg, 59.9 fg pct, 1.5 steals (49, 294)
James Harden, Arizona State, 6-5, 218, sophomore, Los Angeles, 20.8 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 4.2 apg, 35.8 minutes, 50.2 fg pct (45, 290)
Stephen Curry, Davidson, 6-3, 185, junior, Charlotte, N.C., 28.6 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 5.7 apg, 87.6 ft pct, 2.6 steals (49, 288)

Second Second

Hasheem Thabeet, Connecticut, 7-3, 263, junior, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 13.7, 10.9 rpg, 4.6 blocks, 64.3 fg pct (19, 238)
Ty Lawson, North Carolina, 5-11, 195, junior, Clinton, Md., 15.9 ppg, 6.5 apg, 46.7 3-pt fg pct, 80.9 ft pct, 2.0 steals (28, 232)
Luke Harangody, Notre Dame, 6-8, 255, junior, Schererville, Ind., 23.2 ppg, 12.0 rpg, 2.1 apg (6, 135)
Jodie Meeks, Kentucky, 6-4, 208, junior, Norcross, Ga., 24.2 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 40.1 3-pt fg pct, 89.7 ft pct (8, 117)
Jerel McNeal, Marquette, 6-3, 200, senior, Chicago, 19.3 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 3.8 apg, 40.6 3-pt fg pct (7, 114)

Third Team

Terrence Williams, Louisville, 6-6, 215, senior, Seattle, 12.3 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 5.1 apg, 2.5 steals (4, 103)
Sherron Collins, Kansas, 5-11, 200, junior, Chicago, 18.3 ppg, 5.0 apg (3, 94)
Toney Douglas, Florida State, 6-2, 200, senior, Jonesboro, Ga., 21.3 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 36.4 minutes, 1.9 steals (4, 85)
Sam Young, Pittsburgh, 6-6, 220, senior, Clinton, Md., 18.7 ppg, 6.1 rpg (1, 79)
Gerald Henderson, Duke, 6-4, 215, junior, Merion, Pa., 16.6 ppg, 4.8 rpg (4, 74)

Honorable Mention

Jeff Adrien, Connecticut; Josh Akognon, Cal State Fullerton; Cole Aldrich, Kansas; Alex Barnett, Dartmouth; Marqus Blakely, Vermont; Craig Brackins, Iowa State; Michael Bramos, Miami (Ohio); Jon Brockman, Washington; Brandon Brooks, Alabama State; John Bryant, Santa Clara.
Chase Budinger, Arizona; DeMarre Carroll, Missouri; Jeremy Chappell, Robert Morris; Dionte Christmas, Temple; Earl Clark, Louisville; Darren Collison, UCLA; Dante Cunningham, Villanova; Devan Downey, South Carolina; Tyreke Evans, Memphis; Levance Fields, Pittsburgh.
Jonny Flynn, Syracuse; Kenny Hasbrouck, Siena; Jordan Hill, Arizona; Matt Howard, Butler; Lester Hudson, Tennessee-Martin; Matt Kingsley, Stephen F. Austin; Kalin Lucas, Michigan State; Eric Maynor, Virginia Commonwealth; Kellen McCoy, Weber State; Tywain McKee, Coppin State.
Orlando Mendez-Valdez, Western Kentucky; Derrick Mercer, American; Luke Nevill, Utah; Ahmad Nivins, Saint Joseph's; Artsiom Parakhouski, Radford; A.J. Price, Connecticut; Alex Renfroe, Belmont; Tyrese Rice, Boston College; Kyle Singler, Duke; Jermaine Taylor, Central Florida.
Jeff Teague, Wake Forest; Marcus Thornton, LSU; Evan Turner, Ohio State; Jarvis Varnado, Mississippi State; Gary Wilkinson, Utah State; Booker Woodfox, Creighton; Ben Woodside, North Dakota State.

Women's NCAA Tournament

All Times MDT
TRENTON REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Sovereign Bank Arena
Trenton, N.J.
Sunday, March 29

Connecticut 77, California 53
Arizona State 84, Texas A&M 69

Regional Championship
At Sovereign Bank Arena
Trenton, N.J.
Tuesday, March 31

Connecticut (36-0) vs. Arizona State (26-8), 5 p.m.

BERKELEY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Haas Pavilion
Berkeley, Calif.
Saturday, March 28

Iowa State 69, Michigan State 68
Stanford 84, Ohio State 66

Regional Championship
At Haas Pavilion
Berkeley, Calif.
Monday, March 30

Stanford 74, Iowa State 53

RALEIGH REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At RBC Center
Raleigh, N.C.
Saturday, March 28

Louisville 56, Baylor 39
Maryland 78, Vanderbilt 74

Regional Championship
At RBC Center
Raleigh, N.C.
Monday, March 30

Louisville 77, Maryland 60

OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Ford Center
Oklahoma City
Sunday, March 29

Purdue 67, Rutgers 61
Oklahoma 70, Pittsburgh 59

Regional Championship
At Ford Center
Oklahoma City
Tuesday, March 31

Purdue (25-10) vs. Oklahoma (31-4), 7 p.m.

FINAL FOUR
At Scottrade Center
St. Louis
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 5

Trenton champion vs. Stanford (33-4), 7 or 7:30 p.m.
Louisville (33-4) vs. Oklahoma City champion, 7 or 7:30 p.m.

National Championship
Tuesday, April 7

Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

GOLF

PGA Tour FedExCup Leaders

Through March 29

Rank Name	Points	YTD Money
1. Geoff Ogilvy	1,204	$2,730,577
2. Phil Mickelson	1,153	$2,704,290
3. Nick Watney	1,137	$2,333,660
4. Kenny Perry	948	$1,952,263
5. Zach Johnson	900	$1,827,850
6. Retief Goosen	793	$1,547,595
7. Pat Perez	783	$1,395,396
8. Sean O'Hair	759	$1,606,342
9. Dustin Johnson	750	$1,591,191
10. Steve Stricker	726	$1,434,923
11. Charley Hoffman	629	$1,153,590
12. Tiger Woods	622	$1,317,500
13. John Rollins	604	$1,233,979
14. Y.E. Yang	580	$1,142,271
15. Mike Weir	547	$1,097,485
16. Kevin Na	532	$1,080,540
17. Charles Howell III	525	$887,666
18. David Toms	507	$925,505
19. Davis Love III	465	$855,489
20. Brett Quigley	455	$901,886
21. John Merrick	427	$771,507
22. D.J. Trahan	412	$701,275
23. Camilo Villegas	401	$854,400
24. Mark Wilson	397	$832,833
25. Jeff Klauk	387	$586,505
26. Brian Gay	384	$622,195
27. Luke Donald	375	$671,976
28. Tim Clark	364	$648,976
29. Mathew Goggin	359	$618,357
30. Ben Crane	355	$686,482
31. Paul Casey	354	$918,500
32. Stewart Cink	347	$783,992
33. Jim Furyk	345	$675,081
34. Ernie Els	332	$629,579
35. Lucas Glover	329	$533,430
36. Justin Leonard	328	$703,645
37. Adam Scott	323	$635,992
38. J.J. Henry	319	$621,967
39. Scott Piercy	313	$574,906
40. Anthony Kim	305	$661,500
41. K.J. Choi	299	$622,308
42. Charlie Wi	299	$515,315
43. John Senden	293	$503,548
44. Ryuji Imada	293	$380,876
45. Briny Baird	291	$372,316
46. Webb Simpson	288	$524,894
47. Matt Kuchar	286	$468,268
48. Robert Allenby	272	$516,395
49. James Nitties	268	$492,244
50. Bob Estes	264	$478,546

LPGA Money Leaders

Through March 29

	Trn	Money
1. Ji Yai Shin	5	$448,517
2. Lorena Ochoa	4	$398,369
3. Angela Stanford	4	$342,185
4. Yani Tseng	5	$291,369
5. Karrie Webb	3	$285,183
6. Paula Creamer	4	$230,280
7. Angela Park	4	$228,241
8. Pat Hurst	4	$214,863
9. Katherine Hull	4	$197,223
10. Hee Young Park	5	$173,988
11. Cristie Kerr	5	$170,251
12. Na Yeon Choi	5	$164,983
13. Song-Hee Kim	4	$148,447
14. Eun-Hee Ji	5	$148,242
15. Brittany Lang	5	$145,879
16. Suzann Pettersen	5	$140,625
17. Sun Young Yoo	5	$138,201
18. In-Kyung Kim	4	$130,011
19. Michelle Wie	2	$112,321
20. Ai Miyazato	4	$109,497
21. Jane Park	5	$103,701
22. Jee Young Lee	5	$101,565
23. Stacy Prammanasudh	5	$97,889
24. Lindsey Wright	5	$79,607
25. Kristy McPherson	5	$72,681

HOCKEY

NHL

All Times MDT

EASTERN

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-New Jersey	47	25	4	98	228	189
Philadelphia	41	24	10	92	242	217
Pittsburgh	41	27	8	90	239	225
N.Y. Rangers	40	28	9	89	199	208
N.Y. Islanders	25	41	9	59	189	244
NORTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
y-Boston	48	17	10	106	254	179
Montreal	38	27	10	86	226	229
Buffalo	37	30	8	82	226	217
Ottawa	33	32	10	76	200	215
Toronto	31	32	13	75	230	271
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
x-Washington	46	23	7	99	245	222
Carolina	42	28	7	91	220	214
Florida	37	28	11	85	213	216
Atlanta	32	38	6	70	237	262
Tampa Bay	24	35	17	65	196	252

WESTERN

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
y-Detroit	49	18	9	107	279	225
Chicago	40	23	11	91	242	202
Columbus	39	29	8	86	212	211
Nashville	38	30	8	84	196	209
St. Louis	37	30	9	83	214	219
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Calgary	43	26	6	92	241	230
Vancouver	41	25	9	91	229	203
Edmonton	36	31	9	81	218	231
Minnesota	36	32	8	80	195	187
Colorado	31	43	2	64	193	247
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
y-San Jose	49	15	11	109	243	187
Anaheim	38	32	6	82	219	217
Dallas	33	33	9	75	209	234
Los Angeles	31	33	11	73	191	219
Phoenix	31	37	7	69	186	230

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Sunday's Games

Nashville 4, Detroit 3
St. Louis 5, Columbus 2
Ottawa 3, Tampa Bay 0
Vancouver 4, Chicago 0
Boston 4, Philadelphia 3
Anaheim 4, Colorado 1
Minnesota 3, Edmonton 2

Monday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 3, New Jersey 0
San Jose at Calgary, late
Dallas at Phoenix, late

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay at Boston, 5 p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Montreal, 5:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 5:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Buffalo at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 5 p.m.
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 5:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

Sony Ericsson Open

Monday
At The Tennis Center at Crandon Park
Key Biscayne, Fla.
Purse: Men, $4.5 million (Masters 1000) Women, $4.5 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Third Round

Juan Martin del Potro (6), Argentina, def. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, 6-4, 6-1.
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Frederico Gil, Portugal, 7-5, 6-3.
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Nicolas Massu, Chile, 6-4, 6-4.
David Ferrer (11), Spain, def. Marin Cilic (17), Croatia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Stanislas Wawrinka (16), Switzerland, def. Igor Andreev (20), Russia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Radek Stepanek (18), Czech Republic, def. Fernando Gonzalez (12), Chile, 7-6 (1), 6-4.
Fernando Verdasco (8), Spain, def. Feliciano Lopez (32), Spain, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Women
Fourth Round

Caroline Wozniacki (13), Denmark, def. Elena Dementieva (4), Russia, 7-5, 6-4.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (8), Russia, def. Alisa Kleybanova (24), Russia, 6-2, 6-1.
Victoria Azarenka (11), Belarus, def. Agnes Szavay (25), Hungary, 6-2, 6-4.
Venus Williams (5), U.S., def. Agnieszka Radwanska (10), Poland, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Samantha Stosur, Australia, def. Amelie Mauresmo (20), France, 6-4, 6-4.
Iveta Benesova (26), Czech Republic, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues (19), Spain, 6-4, 6-1.
Serena Williams (1), U.S., def. Zheng Jie (17), China, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX–Optioned RHP Lance Broadway, RHP Jack Egbert and RHP Jeff Marquez to Charlotte (IL). Reassigned INF-OF Josh Kroeger and LHP Randy Williams to their minor league camp. Placed INF Jayson Nix on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 27.
CLEVELAND INDIANS–Placed OF David Dellucci on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Trevor Crowe from Columbus (IL). Traded LHP Shawn Nottingham to Pittsburgh for future considerations.
TAMPA BAY RAYS–Released INF Morgan Ensberg.
TEXAS RANGERS–Released LHP Jimmy Gobble.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS–Assigned OF Gerardo Parra and OF Chris Roberson to their minor league camp.
ATLANTA BRAVES–Acquired RHP Rudy Darrow from Detroit for OF Josh Anderson and assigned Darrow to Mississippi (SL).
CHICAGO CUBS–Released C Paul Bako and LHP Mike Stanton unconditionally.
CINCINNATI REDS–Optioned OF Norris Hopper and RHP Daryl Thompson to Louisville (IL). Reassigned OF Jacque Jones to their minor league camp.
COLORADO ROCKIES–Optioned OF Carlos Gonzalez, OF Matt Murton and LHP Greg Smith to Colorado Springs (PCL). Reassigned C Edwin Bellorin, LHP Randy Flores and C Paul Phillips to their minor league camp.
HOUSTON ASTROS–Released INF David Newhan unconditionally. Reassigned RHP Chad Paronto to their minor league camp.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS–Agreed to terms with LHP Will Ohman on a one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS–Placed RHP Trevor Hoffman on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 27. Optioned INF Hernan Iribarren to Nashville (PCL). Assigned C-INF Vinny Rotino to their minor league camp.
NEW YORK METS–Agreed to terms with LHP Ken Takahashi on a minor-league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES–Optioned INF Brian Bixler to Indianapolis (IL). Reassigned OF Andrew McCutchen to their minor league camp.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS–Optioned RHP Chris Perez to Memphis (PCL). Reassigned C Matt Pagnozzi to their minor league camp.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS–Reassigned RHP Ryan Wagner to their minor league camp.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS–Named Pete Guelli executive vice president and chief sales and marketing officer.

NBA Development League

RIO GRANDE VALLEY VIPERS–Acquired G Cliff Clinkscales from the player pool. Waived G Jeff Trepagnier.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

HOUSTON TEXANS–Signed DT Shaun Cody.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS–Re-signed QB Joey Harrington.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS–Signed OT Marvel Smith to a two-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS–Signed D Mark Mitera to a three-year entry-level contract and assigned him to Iowa (AHL).
MINNESOTA WILD–Signed C Cody Almond.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS–Recalled F Mike Santorelli from Milwaukee (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS–Reassigned C Jim O'Brien from Seattle (WHL) to Binghamton (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS–Signed D Nick Petrecki and D Joe Loprieno.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS–Recalled G Simeon Varlamov from Hershey (AHL).

COLLEGE

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE–Suspended the New Mexico State mascot one game for an incident during a March 13 men's basketball tournament game against Utah State.
FLORIDA–Announced junior G Nick Calathes will enter the NBA draft.
GEORGETOWN–Announced junior F DaJuan Summers will enter the NBA draft.
MINNESOTA–Announced the resignation of diving coach Jason Baumann.
NEBRASKA–Signed football coach Bo Pelini to a contract extension through Feb. 2014.
NEBRASKA-OMAHA–Announced the resignation of athletic director David Miller who is taking the same position at Upper Iowa.
TRINITY, TEXAS–Named Allison Lawrence assistant volleyball coach.
UNION, TENN.–Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Ralph Turner.
VIRGINIA–Named Tony Bennett men's basketball coach.

Dice-K makes first start with Boston since WBC

Daisuke Matsuzaka got a kick out of facing countryman Kenshin Kawakami in his first start since he helped Japan win the World Baseball Classic. Rich Harden also was feeling pretty good about his first start for the Chicago Cubs in two weeks.

Matsuzaka allowed two hits and an earned run over five innings in his return to the Boston Red Sox. Kawakami gave up a two-run homer to Rocco Baldelli for his only runs, and the Atlanta Braves rallied to beat the Red Sox 4-3 in 10 innings on Monday.

More than 30 Japanese media members in the press box made the game a bit more intense for the starters.

"With so many media, I guess I felt a little more excited," Kawakami said through an interpreter. "If I was in Japan, I'd probably enjoy (the matchup) also."

Kawakami, who was signed by the Braves this winter after starring in Japan, pitched six innings and gave up four hits in Kissimmee, Fla. He did not play in the WBC.

Matsuzaka, who was the MVP of the tournament, liked the timing of the pitching pairing as he adjusted from the pressure of the WBC to spring training.

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Woolley Memorial smoker set

FILER — Boxers are needed for the Jesse Woolley Memorial Boxing Smoker on Saturday. Interested men and women are invited to a tryout and weigh-in at noon Saturday at the Filer High gymnasium. The event begins at 8 p.m., doors open at 7. Tickets are $7 for general admission and $12 for ringside seats. The event is sponsored by the Filer Booster Club.

Information: Ed White 731-4095.

Gooding hosts best-ball tourney

GOODING — The Gooding Golf Course Two-man Best-ball tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday. The cost is $120 per team and the entry deadline is 7 p.m., Thursday.

Information: 934-9977.

Burley men hold scramble

BURLEY — Burley Golf Course will hold its opening golf scramble for the Burley's Men's Club on Saturday. The two-man, best ball event begins with a 9 a.m. meeting, followed by a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is $10 and includes lunch. Green and cart fees are additional.

Information: 208-878-9807.

Mini-Cassia all-star tryouts set

RUPERT — Mini-Cassia all-star baseball tryouts will be held Thursday and Friday at Big Valley Park in Rupert. Tryouts are for the Express team (ages 9-10) and the Braves (ages 11-12). Registration will begin at 5 p.m., Thursday.

Information: Eric at 431-8811.

Filer holds sports sign-ups

FILER — Filer Community Recreation District will hold registration for baseball, softball, pitching machine and T-ball from 6-8 p.m., Thursday at Filer Middle School. Sign-ups continue from 6-8 p.m., April 6-10, at the Filer File Station. The cost is $30, with the exception of T-ball, which is $25. Insurance is $8.50 is necessary.

Information: Bob Hansing at 326-3327.

District V rodeo holds smoker

GOODING — The 17th Annual Fifth District High School Rodeo Boxing Smoker will be held at 7:30 p.m., Friday at the Gooding High School Gymnasium.

Tickets may be purchased at Seiferts in Gooding or at the door. Proceeds support Rotary scholarships and Fifth District Rodeo scholarships. Information: Kent Seifert at 934-4119 or Craig Hobdey at 934-4309 or 934-4429.

Filer YBA seeks sponsorship help

FILER — Cedar Lanes in Filer will host the Idaho State Youth Championship Bowling Tournament, beginning Saturday and continuing each weekend through April.

The usual number of entries is between 650 and 700 children that range in age from 3 to 22. The Filer Youth Bowling Association is responsible for providing bowling towels and goody bags to every participant. The association is looking for sponsorships from local businesses to help provide goodies, fliers or coupons.

Information: Juliet Ridgeway at Cedar Lanes (326-5903) or bowling@filertel.com.

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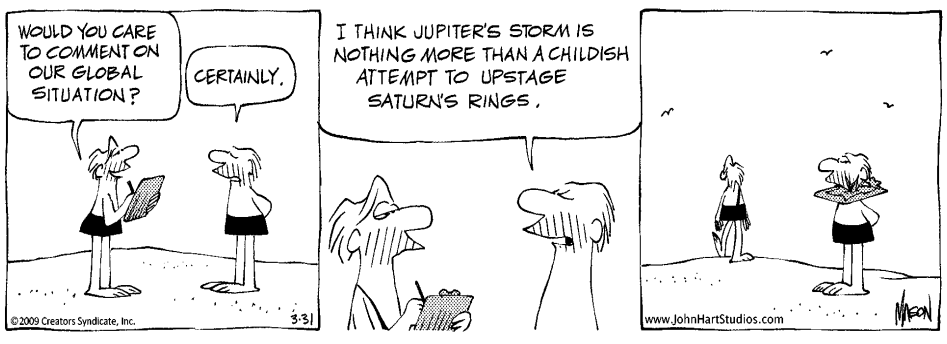

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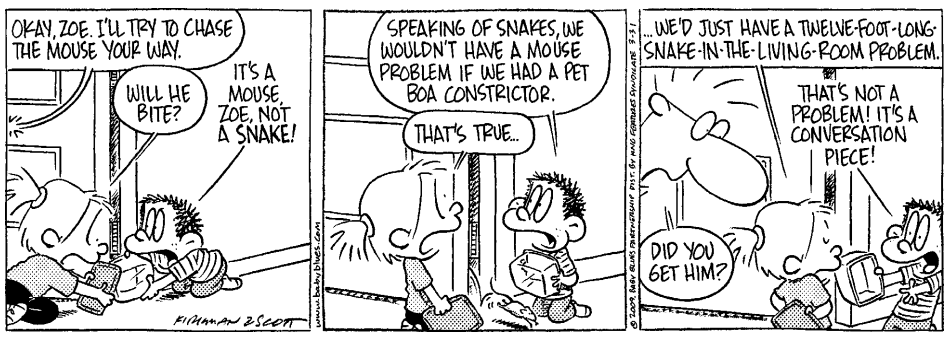

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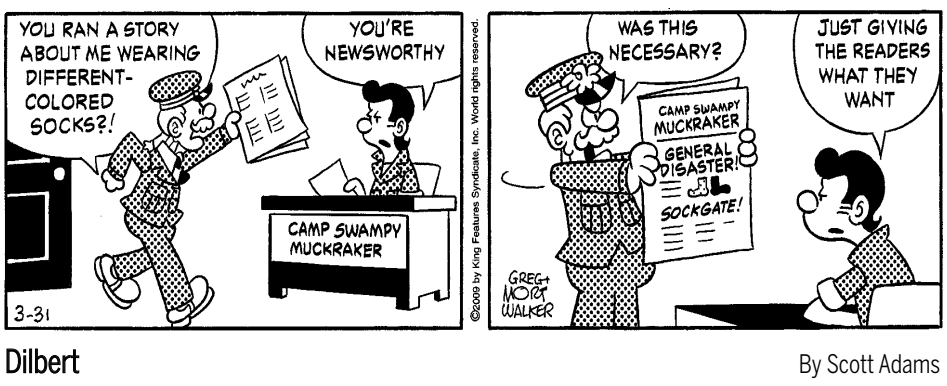

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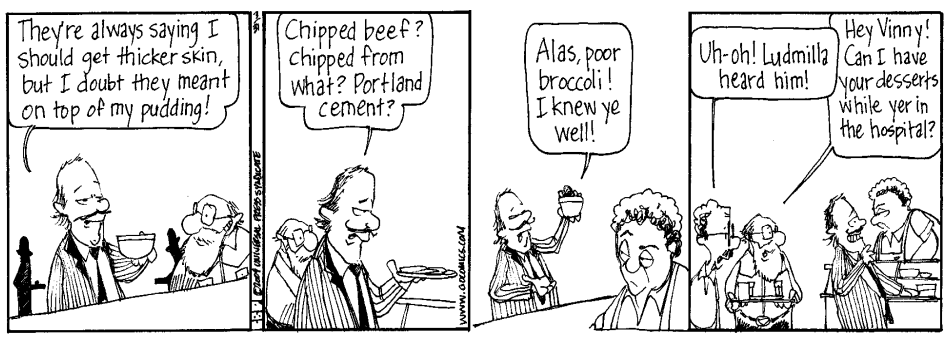

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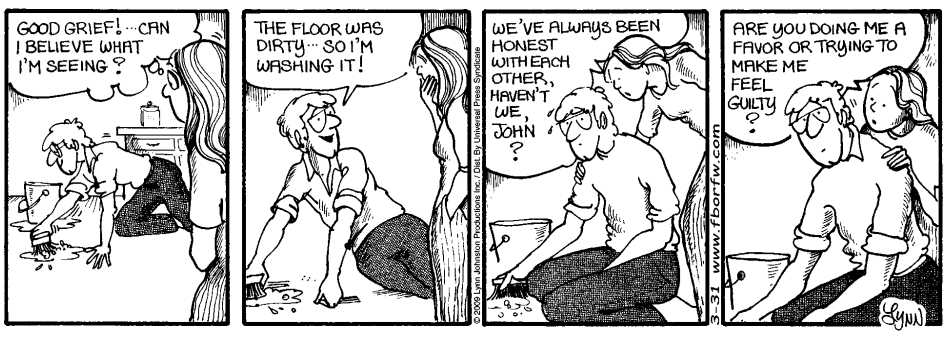

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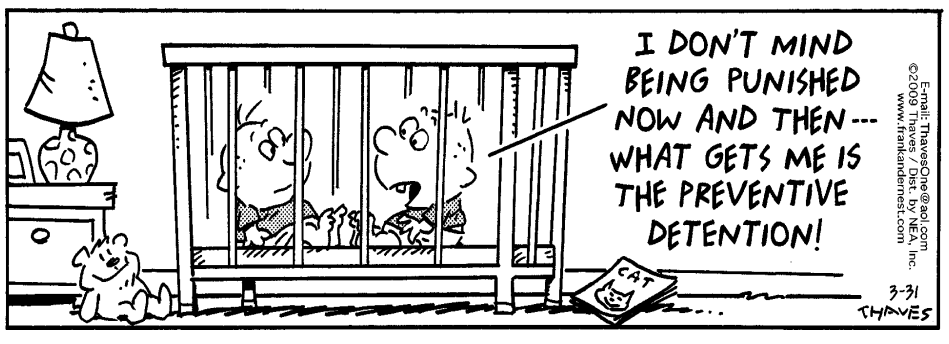

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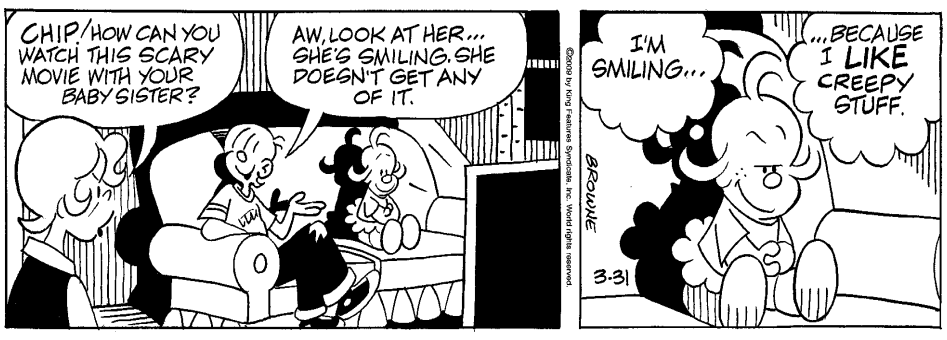

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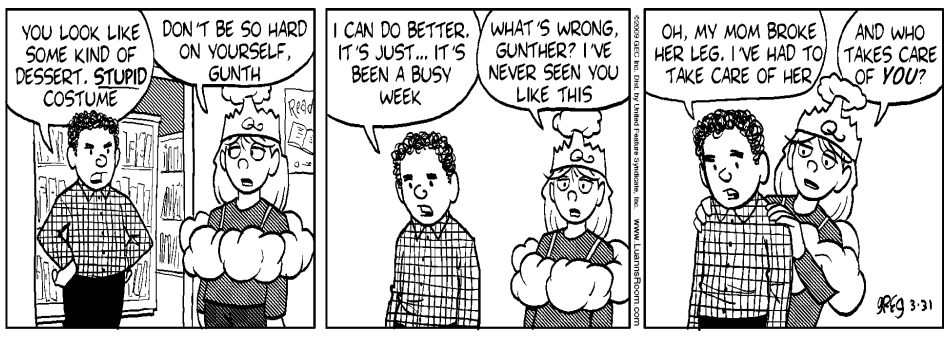

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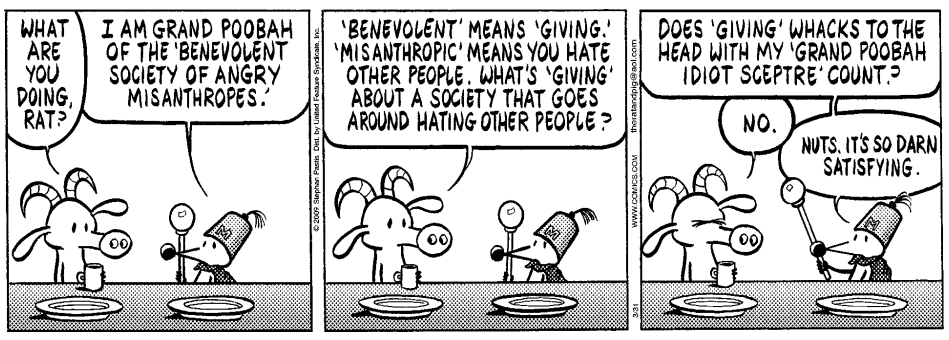

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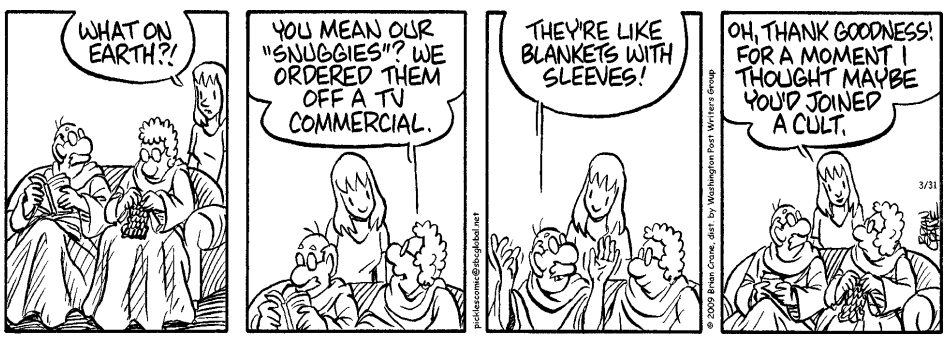

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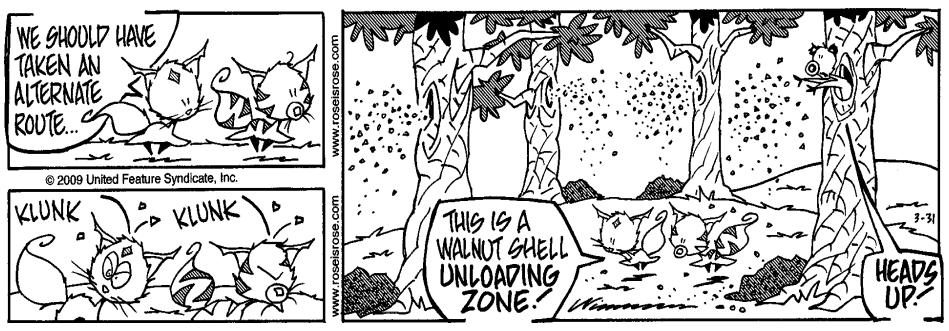

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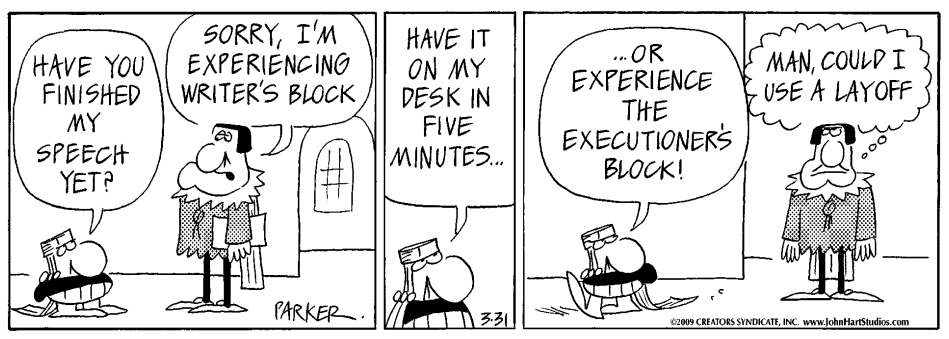

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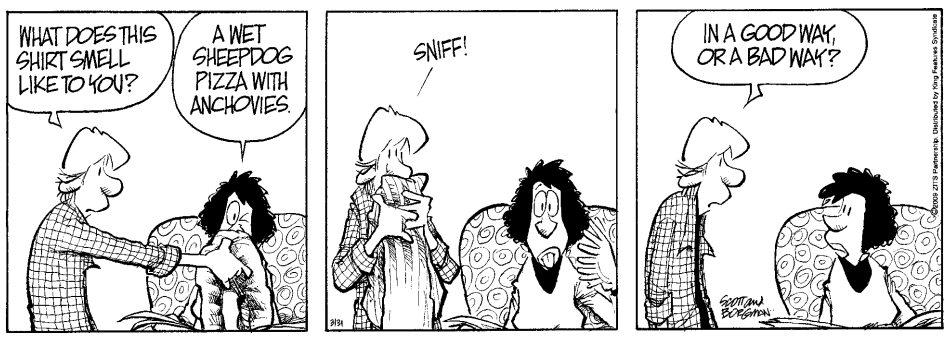

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