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COULD temps continue this week

Scientists look to Dec. to make up for dry Nov. snowpack

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The skies are clearing. But forecasters say the cold snap that's encompassed southern Idaho these past few days is set to continue at least a little longer this week.

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T.F. officials urge home owners to prevent frozen pipes.

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The area hasn't set any records for cold nights yet, said Jay Breidenbach with the National Weather Service's Boise office. But with the weekend's cloud layers set to fade away, the unusual cold will continue at least through Wednesday night. Lows for Monday night were expected to range from 8 to 9 degrees Fahrenheit in the southern Magic Valley to minus 14 degrees near Sun Valley, according to data on the NWS Web site.

Blame Canada. The culprit behind the cold weather, Breidenbach said, is a cold northern flow out of the U.S. neighbor that combined with a storm system moving east through California's Sierra Nevada Mountains.

The bulk of the storms have actually hit just south of Idaho; the snow that arrived this weekend and Monday was actually just the fringe, Breidenbach said. Once those insulating

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BUNDLE UP

Forecasters say the current cold snap is set to continue this week. As of Monday, here's a sampling of forecasts for the next couple of days:

	Today's high	Tonight's low	Wed. high	Wed. low
Twin Falls	20	6	25	10
Burley	17	9	18	5
Shoshone	17	4	21	8
Ketchum	9	-11	10	-5

All temperatures are in degrees Fahrenheit

MEAGAN THOMPSON/
Times-News

Packed snow created by vehicles crisscrossing a portion of the Magic Valley Mall parking lot form a pattern as a pedestrian makes her way to a parked car Monday afternoon in Twin Falls.

New CEO sees St. Luke's potential for 'excellence'

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Dr. David Pate has only been in Idaho for three months.

But the new CEO of St. Luke's Health System knows what he wants to become of his new company — he plans to nurture it into a "national player of excellence."

The head of Idaho's largest private employer spoke about ongoing efforts to streamline the young hospital system and what he believes will come of federal health-care reform during a conversation with the *Times-News* on Monday.

Formerly the CEO of the unaffiliated St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston, Pate takes the reins in Idaho from outgoing CEO Ed Dahlberg. Dahlberg



Pate

is sticking around to advise Pate through March.

Pate was a general internist in private practice for 10 years before shifting into the administration of the Texas hospital, taking time to earn a law degree in the process.

He spoke glowingly of the Houston medical community. But, he said, his move to the decidedly more rural Idaho company provides him a chance to build on Dahlberg's efforts at an integrated health-care delivery system — one more progressive in some ways than the hospital he left behind.

At the Boise-based St. Luke's, he's now working to implement the "Lean" production system derived from Toyota's practices, a

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WATCH a video of the interview with David Pate.

Judge seeks word from convicted killer

Watts' lawyer says petition for relief has changed

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A judge wants convicted killer Cameron Watts to write the courthouse in Twin Falls to confirm what his lawyer said on Monday.

Lodged at the Idaho Correctional Center in Boise, Watts, 32, isn't eligi-

ble for parole until 2027, after he pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in the 2007 death of Dale Miller, 18, whose body was found in a barrel following a kidnapping.

Watts' lawyer, Dan Taylor, said Monday in court — where Watts wasn't present — that Watts wants to dismiss all claims but one from a petition for post-conviction relief filed in August.

In post-conviction relief petitions, convicted people ask the court to set aside their conviction, modify or reduce their sentence.

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Historic EPA finding: Greenhouse gases harmful to humans

By H. Josef Hebert and Dina Cappiello
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration took a major step Monday toward imposing the first federal limits on climate-changing pollution from cars, power plants and factories, declaring there was compelling scientific evidence that global warming from manmade greenhouse gases endangers

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READ Snake River Dispatches, an environmental blog by Nate Poppino.

Americans' health. Though the Environmental Protection Agency

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M-C centers gather gifts for seniors

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Many Mini-Cassia senior citizens will find a little something extra in their Christmas stockings this year.

Minidoka County Senior Center Director Holly Najera said the center hopes to put together 150 Christmas bags for seniors who receive Meals on Wheels, as well as another 100 seniors who attend the Christmas party at noon on Dec. 18. All donations must be received by Dec. 14 to be included.

"We hope to give them a little extra for Christmas and

Holiday helpers

Minidoka County Senior Center

WHERE: 702 11th St., Rupert
DONATE: Donations for 150 Minidoka County senior citizens' Christmas gift bags must be received by Dec. 14 and may be dropped off during business

help them feel special," Najera said. "Many of them don't have anyone else,

hours at the center. Pick-up can be arranged
INFO: 436-9107

Golden Heritage Senior Center

WHERE: 2421 Overland Ave., Burley
DONATE: Donations for 50 Christmas stockings for senior citizens who attend the center can be made during the center's business hours.
INFO: 878-8646

especially those who are homebound and get Meals on Wheels. For many of

them it's the only hot meal they get a day and the only people they see are the people who deliver it."

Lupita Martinez, who delivers Meals on Wheels, said sometimes they get letters of thanks from the seniors who receive the meals.

But, she said, you can see how much they enjoy the extra goodies just by their expressions.

"For many of them, all they get are the Christmas bags," Martinez said. "They are always really happy and the people really enjoy it."

Najera said there are about

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• Help a kid in need this Christmas. Take new and unwrapped toys to Lava Java, Second Time Around, MovieLand, Ace Hardware, Valley Co-op and Buzzuto's Furniture in Shoshone for the Secret Angels program.

• The holidays have hit the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for the Arts and Science in Twin Falls. It's presenting two holiday-themed shows:

"Season of Light" at 7 p.m. and "Steamrolling" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets start at \$4.50 for adults.

• Laugh at Comedy Night at 7 p.m. at the Sage Mountain Grill, 251 N. St., Albion. Admission is \$10.

Have your own pick to share? Something unique to the area that may surprise people? E-mail me at patm@gmagicvalley.com.

EPA

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and the White House say they'd prefer Congress be the one to develop any regulations, Monday's action was one more step toward allowing the EPA to regulate greenhouse-gas emitters itself — including power plants such as the coal plant Sempra Energy attempted to build in the Magic Valley back in 2006.

It was a stark departure from U.S. policy under former Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, who prominently fought to keep the listing of the polar bear under the Endangered Species Act from becoming a tool for regulating greenhouse gases.

The announcement by the EPA was clearly timed to build momentum toward an agreement at the international conference on climate change that opened Monday in Copenhagen, Denmark. It signaled the administration was prepared to push ahead for significant controls in the U.S. if Congress doesn't act first on its own.

The price could be steep for both industry and consumers. The EPA finding clears the way for rules that eventually could force the sale of more fuel-efficient vehicles and require plants to install costly new equipment — at a cost of billions or even tens of billions of dollars — or shift to other forms of energy.

Energy prices for many Americans probably would rise, too — though Monday's finding will have no immediate impact since regulations have yet to be written. Supporters of separate legislation in Congress argue they could craft measures that would mitigate some of those costs.

Environmentalists hailed the EPA announcement as a clear indication the United States will take steps to attack climate change even if Congress fails to act. And they welcomed the timing of the declaration, saying it will help the Obama administration convince delegates at the international climate talks that the U.S. is serious about addressing the problem. Obama will address the conference next week.

But business groups said regulating carbon emissions through the EPA under

existing clean air law would put new economic burdens on manufacturers, cost jobs and drive up energy prices.

"It will choke off growth by adding new mandates to virtually every major construction and renovation project," declared Thomas Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which in recent months has been particularly critical of the EPA's attempt to address climate change.

In Idaho, state regulators likely paid close attention to the news, which came just one week after the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality issued an air-quality permit for a coal gasification fertilizer facility in Power County that included limits on carbon-dioxide emissions.

The agreement came from negotiations among the project developer, the Idaho Conservation League and the Sierra Club. But it's not likely to be repeated soon; DEQ made it clear when announcing the news that it does not plan to include any similar limits in future permits until federal regulations are finalized.

The EPA signaled last April that it was inclined to view heat-trapping pollution as a threat to public health and welfare and began to take public comments for formal rulemaking. That marked a reversal from the Bush administration, which had refused to issue the finding, despite a conclusion by EPA scientists that it was warranted.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said Monday, "There are no more excuses for delaying," adding that the so-called endangerment analysis from global warming had been under consideration at the agency for three years. After the official finding, she said the agency is now "obligated to make reasonable efforts to reduce greenhouse pollutants under the Clean Air Act."

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said President Obama "still believes the best way to move forward is through the legislative process" — something Obama has expressed on a number of occasions as he has pressed Congress to shift the nation's energy priorities away from fossil fuels and to reduce climate-changing pollution.

But the EPA has begun the early stages of developing permit requirements on carbon dioxide pollution from large emitters such as power plants. The administration also has said it will set the first-ever greenhouse gas emissions standards for automobiles and raise fuel economy to 35 miles per gallon by 2016 to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

Staff writer Nate Poppino contributed to this report.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Footlight Dance Centre Holiday Dance with two performances, 12:30 p.m. at Blaine County Senior Center, 721 S. Third Ave.; and 1:30 p.m. at Blaine Manor, 706 S. Main St., Hailey, no cost, 788-3468.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Gifts of Love Christmas party, includes entertainment and assistance with gift selection, wrapping and tagging of items for a resident's loved ones; volunteers requested, 2 p.m., Oak Creek Care Center, Kimberly, donate new unwrapped gifts for any age group or monetary (tax deductible) gifts to the Gifts of Love, 944-4407, 404-8825, 733-4924 or giftsoflove97@live.com.

Gifts of Love Christmas party, includes entertainment and assistance with gift selection, wrapping and tagging of items for a resident's loved ones; volunteers requested, 7 p.m., Bridgeview Estates, Twin Falls, donate new unwrapped gifts for any age group or monetary (tax deductible) gifts to the Gifts of Love, 944-4407, 404-8825, 733-4924 or giftsoflove97@live.com.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Mary Time Club meeting, Christmas dinner, 12:30 p.m., home of Ilene Mai, 735-5213.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Twin Falls Company Christmas luncheon, 2 p.m., Norm's Catering, 827 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, 420-3922.

American Post Legion No. 7 and Auxiliary Unit No. 7 dinner and meetings, members of the post and auxiliary, their spouses or dates and prospective members are welcome, 5:30 p.m. social hour and 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner with separate meetings to follow, Post Home, 447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls, ham provided, bring a dish to share, www.twinfallslegion.org or 733-9306.

Twin Falls Chess Club/Magic Valley Chess Club meeting, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1239 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls, 208-733-6186 or MOL@q.com.

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

EXHIBITS

Opening reception for Mike Youngman's and Karl Brake's art show, "High Plains Hamlet: An Idaho Frontier Tragedy," 7 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the

Arts and Science, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E., 734-9490

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 to 10 a.m., Hagerman High School gym; and 11:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 732-6475.

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

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

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls

YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for uninsured, 733-4384.

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

Mental Health Support Group meeting, member-based, member-run support group designed to provide encouragement to individuals in the Magic Valley with a mental health diagnosis, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Family Health Services/Behavioral Health, 1102 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-1281.

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

Divorce Care, a place to find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce, 6 p.m., Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 960 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, 737-4667.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Line dance classes, smoke- and alcohol-free dance, all ages welcome, 6 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$3 admission, no cost for children under age 14 accompanied by an adult, 410-5650 or galenslatler.com.

LIBRARIES

Teen Flicks, movies and snacks for grades six through 12, 4 p.m., in Yscapes, Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., no cost, 733-2964.

Twin Falls Public Library Book Club, discussion: "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak, 5:30 p.m., Program Room, at the library, light refreshments, 208-733-2964, ext. 109 or www.twinfallspublib.org.

"New Moon" Event, for ages 13 and older to celebrate the Twilight Saga books and release of new film, includes "New Moon" talks about the book versus the movie, the upcoming "Eclipse" film, opportunities to play "Twilight" and "New Moon" games; also refreshments and prizes, 7 to 9 p.m., Buhl Public Library, no cost, 543-6500.

SCHOOLS

Shoshone High School and Middle School Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m., at the school, 21 E. Idaho Highway 24, Shoshone, no cost, 886-2381.

Gifts

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50 seniors signed up for Meals on Wheels and the rest of the bags are given out by Santa Claus at the center's party.

Keith Gentry is a member of the center's board and plays Santa Claus for the seniors each year, which he says is a pretty good gig.

"The seniors like it and they don't ask for much," Gentry said.

This year the center needs sturdy cloth bags, personal-care items and nonperishable food items such as candy, dried nuts and fresh fruit, cocoa, popcorn, beans, crackers, macaroni and cheese, Ramen noodles, oatmeal and granola bars. Personal items can include socks, gloves, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, laundry soap and even pet food.

"You would be surprised at how many elderly people



Laurie Welch/Times-News

Minidoka County Senior Center Director Holly Najera organizes donations Monday for Minidoka County seniors' Christmas gift bags.

who are only getting the one meal a day will share it with their pet because they can't afford pet food," Najera said.

Golden Heritage Senior Center Director Sharon Hardy-Mills said this year a private company has

stepped up to provide Christmas stockings for the Meals on Wheels recipients but the center would like to gather donations to provide Christmas stockings for 50 seniors who attend the center.

Both centers also take donations year round for the Meals on Wheels programs.

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Killer

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Judge Randy Stoker, however, needs to hear first from Watts before dismissing any of his claims, the judge said Monday.

Watts wants to continue with his claim of ineffective assistance from the public defenders that had helped him through his plea last year, according to Taylor.

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Prosecutor Grant Loeb said all of Watts' other claims have no merit and are "so weak his attorney decided they should be dismissed."

Taylor told the court that Watts believes he was coerced into sticking with a guilty plea to first-degree murder. He said Watts' counsel was ineffective for not trying to withdraw the plea before Watts underwent a psychological evaluation.

Separate allegations of lewd and lascivious conduct

against Watts were discussed in connection to plea negotiations, but were never charged as crimes.

Loeb said Monday the alleged incidents from 2003 were connected to each other but not to the murder of Miller. They involved a child family member in the county jurisdictions of Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding, though the cases were challenged by a victim who did not want to participate with law enforcement at the time,

Loeb said after Monday's hearing.

Watts quickly lost his 2008 appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court, where he claimed innocence despite previously pleading guilty to the crime. In his plea agreement, Watts had waived his right to appeal, court records show.

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St. Luke's

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move he said will remove inefficiencies and standardize processes across the system's four hospitals.

The three-year-old health system, formed when St. Luke's acquired then-Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in 2006, has been through a time of great growth. Current improvements, including

new strategic plans for each hospital and the system itself, will help pull everyone together and hopefully resolve local concerns such as those recently voiced by Carey residents upset with the closure of a sparsely used clinic.

That coordination may be needed if health-care reform goes the way Pate believes it will. A combination of factors, including slashed federal reimbursements and states burdened

by an expanded Medicaid system, will lead to a new "cost crisis," he predicted. And that won't solve the current problems, which he said were exacerbated by the health-care industry and some patients who — with the help of their insurance — have spent large sums on unneeded care.

"I'm disappointed in both my professions that we haven't taken the lead long ago to fix this ourselves," he said, speaking of

both doctors and administrators.

And while growth won't be his main priority, he said he does believe St. Luke's will continue to expand, partly because small rural operations in southwest Idaho will continue to periodically ask for help. At the same time, he said, the company shouldn't succumb to the mentality of a monopoly.

"We shouldn't act like we own the market," he said.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	Seasonal % of Avg.	percentage peak
Salmon	64%	16%
Big Wood	66%	16%
Little Wood	38%	9%
Big Lost	57%	13%
Little Lost	79%	21%
Henrys Fork/Teton	45%	11%
Upper Snake Basin	45%	12%
Oakley	44%	9%
Salmon Falls	43%	10%

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Twin Falls council mulls smoking ban for bars

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

One day, it may be against the law to light up in a Twin Falls bar.

Twin Falls City Council members plan to look into the possibility of an ordinance that would ban smoking in the city's bars. The idea, brought up at Monday's council meeting, comes following an Association of Idaho Cities event that Mayor Lance Clow attended last week in Boise that included discus-

sion about the issue.

Smokefree Idaho, a grassroots organization, is encouraging cities to ban smoking in public places and bars.

Clow said that the principle behind a smoking ban in bars would be to provide a smoke-free atmosphere for the employees there, not just the patrons who choose to go there.

Smokefree Idaho's goal is that if enough cities pass ordinances, the Legislature eventually will pass state laws after see-

ing the local support.

Councilman Lee Heider expressed interest seeing the ordinance at least discussed in detail by the council. But like other council members, he stressed that input from the public is needed before a decision could be made.

"I personally feel that our city ought to be one that sets an example," Heider said.

Council members said that if an ordinance is presented, it would need to have a public hearing so

people have an opportunity to respond, including bar owners.

"They may actually be in favor of it," Councilman Greg Lanting said.

In other business, the council approved:

- An ordinance amending a planned unit development agreement for 6.8 acres west of Canyon Ridge High School on Park View Drive to allow a professional office development.
- An ordinance allowing outdoor or patio seating at a commercial zoned business.

The change still requires the business to get approval from planning and zoning officials.

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Cold

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clouds dissipate, the region may not see temperatures above freezing for three more days, Breidenbach said Monday.

The biting cold isn't fun for most people, but may be welcomed by one group — ski resorts. Chilling weather will help preserve the light, dry powder that fell over the past few days and will make it easier to make more snow, said Ron Abramovich, a water-supply specialist for the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Some ski areas have had problems making enough snow at this point in recent years, Abramovich said. It certainly didn't help this fall that November precipitation statewide ranged from 40 to 75 percent of normal, a dry start to the three vital months for winter precipitation, he said.

The good news is that October was above-average across Idaho, and fall rains improved the amount of moisture in the ground, leaving more to melt and become useful runoff next spring. Now, Abramovich said, December storms need to make up for



A Twin Falls city snowplow sands Eighth Avenue North Monday afternoon.

ASHLEY SMITH/
Times-News

T.F. officials: Beware of frozen pipes

Times-News

Temperatures are hitting a magic number this week for the city of Twin Falls. Residents confronting below-20-degree weather this week should make sure their water pipes do not freeze and break, the city advised Monday in a press release.

City officials recommend leaving a pencil-lead-sized stream of water flowing from faucets inside your house, especially during the night. People who have had problems in the past with freezing pipes should also open cabinet doors enclosing pipes to allow more heat to reach them. All outside faucets should be turned off and hoses should be disconnected from them.

As happens every winter, city staff will no longer read water meters until the third week in February. Water bills for December, January and February are based upon March readings from the previous year. Any inconsistencies will be resolved in the spring through charges or credits to residents' accounts.



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In cold times, a warm house becomes even more important. WATCH staff from South Central Community Action Partnership talk about their efforts to keep low-income people warm this winter.

November's losses. "Hopefully we're back in the storm track," he said.

That seems to be the case, at least in the short term,

Breidenbach said. A weather pattern set to appear starting next weekend looks wet and stormy, he said, especially in the southern

part of the state. "That's probably a little bit of good news for the mountains and the ski areas," he said.

T.F. man accused of raping teen girl

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A 34-year-old Twin Falls man is accused of drugging a teenage girl, raping her, and then preventing her from calling police for help, according to court records filed Monday.

Scott Glen Pufahl appeared Monday in a Twin Falls courtroom and heard the charges filed against him, including rape, sexual battery of a minor, interfering with a 911 call, resisting police and providing false information.

According to court records, police at about 3:30 a.m. on Monday went to 1298 Harmony Road in Twin Falls County after a 16-year-old girl tried calling 911.

Pufahl allegedly disconnected the call to police Monday morning, but police traced it to the Harmony Road address where they found the girl and took her into custody for her protection, according to court records. She "appeared to be under the influence of

methamphetamine, and had been hallucinating people 'whispering to her and standing at the windows trying to get in the house.'"

That was after the girl went to Pufahl's home on Dec. 3 to visit with her "friend" and Pufahl's girlfriend, according to court records.

On Dec. 4, Pufahl allegedly began "forcing" the girl to ingest methamphetamine. The girl told police that Pufahl administered methamphetamine to her body in multiple ways, and also drew with a marker on her chest, according to the court records.

The girl called a parent in Richfield on Sunday who confirmed to police that her daughter sounded "out of it." The girl underwent a sexual assault examination and also exhibited bruises, scratches and torn clothes, according to court records.

Pufahl is lodged at the Twin Falls County Jail on \$175,000 bond, with a Dec. 18 preliminary hearing on the rape and sexual battery charges.

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Door prizes through out the day
Lunch by 40 an 8 group
Wreath decorating contest winners announced 2PM

GOODING
Gooding Craft Fair 4PM @ Gooding HS
Christmas Cantata Dec. 5, 7PM @ Walker Center
Christmas Cantata Dec. 6, 4PM @ Walker Center
Cantata Dinner Dec 6, 12:30-2:30 @ Methodist Church

December 12

DOWNTOWN GOODING 10AM-2PM
Festival of Trees 10AM-4PM @ Gooding Fairgrounds
Santa arrives at 11AM by fire truck
Visits w/Santa (bring your camera!)
Horse drawn carriage rides on Main Street
Free gift wrapping @ GCMH Thrift Shop
Face painting by GHS Art Students
Sidewalk Sales
J&E Thrift Store - Kid's Movie
Kiss-A-Pig Fundraising Winner Announced!
Winner will kiss the pig at 1:30PM
Grand Opening 10:30 AM @ Clover Creek Trading Co. & Real Estate - FREE Chili & Potato Bar until 2PM!

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COMMUNITY

SIRCOMM staff complete training

Times-News

Two employees of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center recently earned new communications certificates through the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy.

Lead supervisor Chris Churchman earned her Level III communications specialist certificate, which requires 200 hours of POST-certified training and six years of experience. SIRCOMM Director John Moore received his advanced certificate, which requires 500 hours of training, 10 years of experience and completion of the POST Basic and Advanced Dispatch Academies.

The two were both recognized for their achievements at the Nov. 23 meeting of SIRCOMM's Joint Powers Board.

LENDING A HAND



Courtesy photo

On Nov. 27, students, instructors and parents of Success Martial Arts students assisted the Twin Falls Salvation Army with preparing Christmas food boxes and various other projects to prepare for the holiday season through instructor Brian Higgins' Action Hero Training Program. Information: 733-8910.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Buhl library hosts 'Twilight' event

The Buhl Public Library will host a "New Moon" event from 7 to 9 tonight at the library to celebrate the "Twilight" books and the release of the new film.

The event is for ages 13 and up and will include talks on the books and movies, along with "Twilight" games and discussions. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded. Information: 543-6500.

M-C Retired Educators meet

The Mini-Cassia Retired Educators Association held its October meeting at Connors' Café in Heyburn, welcoming six new members.

President Linda Croft gave a speech on the education of visually impaired students after the lunch.

Meetings, held at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of each month September through May, are open to all retired educators living in the area.

Twin Falls Golf Club holds logo design contest

The Twin Falls Golf Club is holding a contest for a new logo. The winner will receive a 2010 punch card that is good for 10 rounds of golf. Entries will be accepted through Dec. 31. Applicants may submit their logo, along with their name, address, phone number and e-mail address to: City of Twin Falls, Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 1907 or e-mail dbowyer@tffd.org.

Information: 208-736-2265

Santa Claus to headline event Thursday in Filer

Santa Claus will be in Filer at 6:30 p.m. Thursday to hear kids' Christmas lists.

The Filer High School Madrigals will sing at the intersection of Yakima Avenue and Main Street to welcome Santa, along with fourth- and fifth-grade students. The Filer Key Club will serve chili, crackers, cookies and hot cocoa for a donation. All money raised will go to the Filer Ministerial Association to help with its Christmas food basket program.

Waggoner completes Army basic training

Army Pvt. Timothy A. Waggoner recently graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training period, Waggoner received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions and core values.

Waggoner is the son of Connie L. Ihler, and stepson of Carl A. Ihler, both of Hansen. He is a 2009 graduate of Kimberly High School.

CSI Forensics Team earns honors at tournament

Speech and debate students from the College of Southern Idaho's Forensics Team placed second among community colleges at the recent Linfield Tournament in Portland, Ore.

Beth Hewes, director of the CSI Forensics program and communication professor, said the students were just two points away from first place.

The following students received individual awards: Beth Blank placed first in impromptu speaking and fourth in persuasive speaking; Johnny Gonzales was a semifinalist in impromptu speaking; Shelby Roberts received fifth place in informative speaking and fourth place in prose; Anahi Felix was second in dramatic speaking; and Kyle Lantz was fourth in extemporaneous speaking.

The tournament season is now over for the team this semester. Their next event will be in late January.

- Staff reports

WEST MINICO MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

West Minico Middle School in Paul recently announced its first-quarter honor roll:

EIGHTH GRADE

Sierra Anderson, Carly Bailey, Jaraka Ball, Linzy Bingham, Kelsey Blincoe, Chloe Bradford, Meg Broadhead, McKenzie Caldwell, Megan Dibb, Elizabeth Freiburger, Naomi Koyle, Tanisha Lopez, Skylar Luna, Kailee May, Alexandria Pool, Raylee Reeves, Nicole Reynaga, Brett Smith, Kolbee Tibbets, Gabriel Torre, Dakota Twiss, Tiana Wheeler, Mackenzie Bair, Kamil

Blacker, Kelsea Carlsen, Shelbie Chapa, Elaine Dougal, Brandon Duncan, Joseline Estrada, Greyson Garner, Miranda Noriyuki, Roman Rivera, Adina Ruiz and Brittany VanLeuven

SEVENTH GRADE

Jordyn E. Anderson, Jordyn M. Anderson, Joshua Barclay, Justin Borden, Willem Bradford, Christian Caldera, Cailin Carter, Kadiesha Craythorn, Wade Evenson, Kayleann Hawkes, Camilla Korth, Nestor Madrigal, Tyler Maughan, Katie

Perrigot, Dalton Robbins, Clancy Sayer, Lucas Stevenson, Jaylee Stimpson, Garrett Stocking, Hayley VanTassel, Jacie Wilkins, Maria Acosta-Lopez, Charly Ball, Bridget Bishop, Brianna Bodey, Domenico Chavez, Shelby Doyle, Hunter Graefe, Bradley Higgins, Jazzmine Jacobs, Genesis Montoya, Seth Nye, Cherydan Onishi, Yaqueline Vasquez and Jonathan Webb

SIXTH GRADE

Alexis Arteaga, Tara Astwood, Bryn Evans, Michael Gil, Amaranda

Hardcastle, Arlette Iturra, Kaylee Knopp, Koby Kunzler, Kabre Madrigal, Alexis Reyes, Cindy Reynaga, Sarah Sanderson, Dakota Smith, Kimberly VanEvery, Cameron Winnett, Maria Woodland, Jose Acosta-Lopez, Vanessa Arteaga, Sonia Hernandez, Rachel Howard, Alyssa Labra, Nicole Leon, Alexis May, Alejandra Pena, Marcela Pena, Adrianna Perelez, Maycee Rasmussen, Tailor Rasmussen, Conner Rice, Nylene Ruiz, Montana Swanson, Karina Trejo, Loreli Ulloa, Ariana Vega, Alyssa Walton and Ethan Wright

BURLEY KIWANIS CLUB DONATES

On Nov. 25, Jon Garn, president of the Burley Kiwanis Club, presented a \$500 donation to the Burley Junior High School Builders Club. Pictured, from left to right, are Burley Kiwanis President-elect Chris James, Garn, BJHS Builders Club President Shyla Pincock and BJHS Principal Steve Copmann. Builders' Club members are involved in school and community service efforts. They have been involved this year with Project Rudolph, Festival of Trees, and will also visit residents in care centers during the holidays.

Courtesy photo



Mini-Cassia libraries have new items

DeMary Memorial Library book notes

Here are the most recent book notes from DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert.

Fiction "Breaking the Rules" by Barbara Taylor Bradford

The woman who has fled New York and adopted the initial "M." as her new name was a top supermodel and someone was trying to kill her.

She flees to the quiet of the English countryside where she becomes a star model to a French designer and eventually falls into the arms of actor Larry Vaughan, who she marries. However, the

psychopath from her past is not finished with her yet.

"The Siege" by Stephen White

In the tomb of one of Yale University's oldest secret societies, Book & Snake, the man in charge has his own agenda; he starts by killing some hostages and freeing others.

Meanwhile, in Miami, suspended police detective Sam Purdy is attending a party when a woman confides to him that she's received a note from someone in the society warning her not to tell anyone about it. Her daughter, a recent inductee in the society, has gone missing and Sam is suddenly thrown into the quest for a peaceful conclusion.

Nonfiction "Going Rogue" by Sarah Palin

Following the 2008 presidential campaign and election, Sarah Palin recounts her beginnings, her political career and her status as the first female Republican vice-presidential candidate. Sharing her personal and professional successes, as well as her challenges, she tells her story, in her own words for the first time.

DVDs: "Superman Returns," "West Side Story"

Burley library has new books and DVDs

New items at the Burley Public

Library include: DVD: "Angels & Demons," "Four Christmases," "Shorts"

Fiction: "Christmas Homecoming" by Debby Mayne, "Christmas Love at Lake Tahoe" by Lena Nelson Dooley, "Liberating Atlantis" by Harry Turtledove, "Pirate Latitudes" by Michael Crichton, "Taste of Fame" by Linda Evans Shepherd, "U is for Undertow" by Sue Grafton, "Under the Big Sky" by Kelly Eileen Hake, "The Vanishing Sculptor" by Donita K. Paul

Young-adult fiction: "Candor" by Pam Bachorz, "Ruby Unscripted" by Cindy Martinusen-Coloma, "Shudder" by Jennie Hansen

Medications help fight psychiatric disorders

DEAR DR. GOTT: Could you please tell me what sertraline hydrochloride is used for? What are the side effects? Is this product habit-forming? I would appreciate any information you can provide.

DEAR READER: Sertraline hydrochloride is the generic name for Zoloft, a drug prescribed for depression, obsessive-

ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott



compulsive disorder, panic, bipolar disorder, severe forms of premenstrual syndrome, social anxiety, post traumatic stress and other psychiatric disorders.

This drug and others in the same class may interact with certain other antidepressants and anti-psychotics, St. John's wort, aspirin, aspirin-like drugs, ibuprofen, specific diet drugs, sleep medications and anticoagulants.

Warnings are posted for an elevation of depression, suicidal thoughts, agitation, irritability and psy-

chiatric and non-psychiatric changes during the early stages of use. Patients must be closely monitored for behavioral changes that should be reported to the prescribing physician.

Premarketing evaluation of Zoloft was performed on more than 4,000 adults, and side effects included palpitations, chest pain, appetite increase, joint and

muscle pain, and tinnitus (ringing in the ears). Some of the less common symptoms included hypertension, hypotension, abnormal gait, anemia, thirst and gastroenteritis.

I am not aware of addiction issues with this drug. However, abrupt discontinuation can produce dizziness, confusion, numbness or tingling sensations, irri-

tability, agitation, headache, insomnia and lethargy. Should a person fail to do well on sertraline, a reduction in dosage over a period of time and under the strict supervision of the prescribing physician is appropriate. While the effects are generally self-limiting, there have been

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Those Republicans from Portugal

It was a storm-tossed minority, but south-central Idaho Portuguese played a significant part in the area's early history.

A surprising number of Azores Islanders constitute Idaho's Portuguese element, according to the Idaho State Historical Society.

Enterprising Azorian prospectors made a long journey from their Atlantic homeland to participate in Idaho's early mining development. When George Grimes' 1862 gold hunters decided to set out from Fort Boise to try their luck in Boise Basin, 20 percent of their number were Azores Portuguese, and after they succeeded in opening up Idaho's largest placer mines, hundreds of their countrymen joined then.

As late as 1870, after Boise Basin's initial wave of population had passed on to seek out other opportunities, more than 200 Azorian miners still were at work on Grimes Creek. Along with Irish settlers, they constituted a major ethnic element there, retaining their distinctive island identity.

Unlike peninsular Portuguese, 19th century

YOU DON'T SAY

Steve Crump



Azores colonists had to search for new homes in large numbers because of overpopulation at home. With an area less than Ada County, their Azores vineyards, orange groves, sugar plots and wheat fields had been settled less than a century before Columbus sailed by on his way west in 1492. After their population density exceeded that of practically any rural European area, North America became a preferred haven for thousands of Azorian migrants.

Idaho was by no means their only destination when their 19th century exodus had to accommodate ever-increasing numbers of people who could not acquire land to work on at home.

Two decades after their participation in Boise Basin gold discoveries, Azorian immigrants were active laying Oregon Short Line Railway tracks across southern Idaho.

In 1882, they got

involved in a hotly-contested Alturas County election, in which they participated with more enthusiasm than most other voters showed. They took enough time off from their construction duties to roll up a large Republican margin in a Democratic county by voting all day.

Casting more than one ballot per person, they helped provide 700 Republican votes, compared with only 50 for some surprised Democratic office-holders who were defeated by that interesting tactic by which their construction camp cast more votes than were recorded in Hailey or Bellevue.

Idaho's Azorian voters clearly were inexperienced in local elections, they may have had no idea that their participation was unconventional. Alturas County's Democratic officials were resourceful enough to throw out an entire precinct's vote on a technicality unrelated to Azorian voting customs, but by that time their construction camp had moved westward anyway.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

Jerome Co. Commission hears disaster plan

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jerome County's emergency management director, Clint Blackwood, told county commissioners on Monday that the county must be prepared for plane crashes and other disasters with large numbers of fatalities, even though such situations are unlikely to occur.

He presented commissioners with a memorandum of understanding between his office and Penn Pacific Inc., a trucking company based in Jerome.

The agreement authorizes Jerome County to pay Penn Pacific for the rental of

refrigerator trailers to transport human remains in the event of a plane crash or other large disaster. The payment amount would depend on the rate the federal government would establish for the time of a disaster.

Blackwood said the trucking company uses those refrigerator trailers, also known as refers, to haul potatoes and other produce between Idaho and California.

"These refers would only be put into service if other means are not available," Blackwood said.

Commissioner Joe Davidson questioned Blackwood about the possibility that

Penn Pacific's trucks could all be on the road at a time a disaster occurs.

"I realize they could be on the road. Every time I have driven by there, there have always been one or two," Blackwood said.

In other business, the commission reappointed Airport Advisory Board members Jerry Callen Jr., Breck Glassinger, Chuck Schabacker and Albert Lockwood to three-year terms beginning Jan. 1. There are seven members on the board.

John Plestina may be reached at jplestina@magic-valley.com or 208-358-7062.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County Monday arraignments
Christina M. Combs, 30, Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance, \$10,000 bond, public defender appointed, Dec. 18 preliminary hearing
Bennett Lawton, 19, Wendell; possession of paraphernalia, unlawful possession or use of prescription, possession of controlled substance, Dec. 29 pretrial, \$500 bond, public defender appointed
Scott David Hall, 28, Twin Falls; possession of controlled sub-

stance, \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed, Dec. 18 preliminary hearing
Scott David Hall, 28, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, no insurance, Dec. 29 pretrial, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed
Jeffery Helseth, 31, Buhl; domestic battery, Dec. 29 pretrial, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed
Kevin Lynn Kay, 55, Buhl; possession of paraphernalia, Dec. 29 pretrial, \$500 bond, public defender appointed

Charles Thomas Shaffer, 23, Filer; possession of controlled substance, Dec. 18 preliminary hearing, \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed
Scott G. Pufahl, 34, Twin Falls; interfere with 911 call, resisting/obstructing police, provide false information, Dec. 29 pretrial, \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed
Scott G. Pufahl, 34, Twin Falls; rape, sexual battery of minor, public defender appointed, \$150,000 bond, Dec. 18 preliminary hearing

A FRESH COAT



Courtesy photo

Milo Svoboda, left, of Crop Production Service in Rupert, and Dave Garner of CPS of Paul, recently repainted the ticket booth at Minidoka County fairgrounds. Also pictured is Greg Walton, fairground manager.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

BLAINE COUNTY FELONY SENTENCING
Francisco Llamas-Espino, 35, drug trafficking in cocaine, \$10,000 fine, \$110.50 court costs, four years prison, after which will be deported.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING
Karen E. Terrell, 42, driving under the influence, \$2,000 fine, \$1,400 suspended, \$212.50 court costs, driver's license suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, 365 days jail, 355 suspended.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Robert O. Nicholson, 71, careless driving, \$312 fine, \$75.50 court costs.
Johnathan R. Casey, 25, driver's license violation, \$68.50 fine, \$87.50 court costs.
Mauricio Roman Teran, 37, driving without privileges, \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, \$104.50 court costs, 18 months probation, 60 days jail, 58 suspended, 16 hours community service in lieu of two

days jail.
James A. Todd, 18, petit theft, \$1,000 fine, \$988 suspended, \$75.50 court costs, 24 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 10 days discretionary time, 48 hours community service in lieu of eight days of jail.
Richard Lee Chada, 59, trespass, \$300 fine, \$87.50 court costs, 18 months probation, 60 days jail suspended.
Michael A. Uptmor, 53, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, \$210 fine, \$127.50 court costs.
Richard A. Osenga, 55, failure to have appropriate Fish and Game tag, \$200 fine, \$95 court costs, \$50 restitution.

Maria Delores Flores, 39, failure to purchase driver's license, \$68.50 fine, \$87.50 court costs.
Margaret Forbes Cosby, 62, willful concealment of goods or merchandise, \$100 fine, \$127.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 60 days jail, 55 suspended, 40 hours community service in lieu of five days jail.
Wayne I. Olson, trespass, \$300 fine suspended, six months probation, 90 days jail, 78 suspended.

CIVIL DISPOSITIONS
Ore House, LLC, vs. Thomas E. Challenger for money owed, judgment of \$75,000 awarded to plaintiff.

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reports of serious symptoms from abrupt discontinuation.

This and other similar drugs should be prescribed by psychiatrists who are familiar with the potential side effects and can monitor each case for adverse reactions.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have vitiligo. My skin is losing its pigment. I'd appreciate you sharing what you know about the condition.

DEAR READER: We receive our skin, hair and eye coloring from a pigment known as melanin. Vitiligo occurs when the cells that produce melanin

die or fail to manufacture it. The process results in white patches on the skin that enlarge slowly. People of every race can be affected; however, those with darker skin suffer a more noticeable contrast.

Premature graying or whitening of hair on the scalp, face, eyebrows and eyelashes is less common, as is a loss of color of the retina of the eye and the tissues that line the inside of the mouth. While vitiligo can begin at any age, it commonly appears between the ages of 10 and 30.

There is no cure, and medical treatment is purely optional. There are a number of cosmetic processes available. On the home front, using sunscreen when outside and avoiding tanning top the list. The

use of ginkgo has been met with some success. However, studies performed have been small, and the product requires more research before it can be endorsed. Treatment, which is lengthy and costly, can include the use of corticosteroids, specific topical ointments, skin grafting and photochemotherapy.

If you are able to live with your condition, I recommend you do so and avoid subjecting your body to unnecessary medications and chemicals. This is not the result of anything you did.

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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Fri. Dec. 11th Ladies Luncheon & Style Show, 2 seatings 11:15am & 1:00pm Tickets: \$10.00	Sat. Dec. 12th Santa Visit/Pictures Live Entertainment 10:00am - 4:00pm

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AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON
Abortion emerges as obstacle of passage of health bill

The divisive issue of abortion emerged Monday as an obstacle to Senate passage of President Obama's health care overhaul as a moderate Democrat proposed tough restrictions that liberals said they could not possibly accept.

The amendment by Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., would bar any private insurance company from offering plans to cover abortion if they receive federal subsidies. In practice, the restriction would apply to most plans within a proposed new insurance marketplace, or exchange, since most people shopping in the exchange would be using federal subsidies to purchase coverage.

The amendment also would block a proposed new government insurance plan from covering abortions except in cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life.

Joining Nelson in sponsoring the amendment was another anti-abortion Democrat, Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, along with eight Republicans. The measure is unlikely to get the necessary 60 votes to pass, but Nelson has threatened to oppose the underlying health care legislation if it doesn't.

Obama eyes bailout funds to create jobs

Under heavy pressure to get Americans back to work, President Obama on Monday suggested using a suddenly available pot of money left over from the government's bank bailout to help create more jobs.

Obama, who will address the subject in a speech today, has been struggling to trim the nation's painfully high unemployment rate, now at 10 percent, just below a quarter-century high.

He said there may be "selective approaches" for tapping into the money that was to go for propping up seriously ailing financial institutions. The administration and its allies on Capitol Hill would have to get around a provision of the 2008 bailout legislation that requires money that is paid back by banks or left over to be used exclusively for reducing the federal deficit.

The administration now estimates that the financial rescue program known as the Troubled Asset Relief Program, will cost about \$200 billion less than the \$341 billion the White House estimated in August.

IRAN
Protesters clash with police

TEHRAN — Tens of thousands of students, many shouting "Death to the Dictator!" and burning pictures of Iran's supreme leader, took to the streets on more than a dozen campuses Monday in the biggest anti-government protests in months.

Riot police and pro-government Basij militiamen on fleets of motorcycles flooded Tehran's main thoroughfares, beating men and women with clubs as crowds of demonstrators hurled bricks and stones. Some protesters set

tires and garbage cans ablaze.

"Death to the oppressor, whether it's the shah or the leader!" the students chanted, according to witnesses — making a daring comparison between Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the pro-U.S. shah, despised in Iran since his overthrow in the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The protests reflected how university students — the driving force of the 1979 Islamic Revolution — have revitalized the anti-government movement even as mainstream opposition politicians struggle to dent the power of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Iran's clerical leadership.

N. CAROLINA
Mullen expects U.S. casualties to rise in Afghanistan

CAMP LEJEUNE — The nation's highest-ranking military officer told soldiers and Marines Monday that the insurgency in Afghanistan has grown in the last three years and he expects casualties to rise next year as additional U.S. troops pour into the war.

"This is the most dangerous time I've seen growing up the last four decades in uniform," Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told about 1,000 Marines at Camp Lejeune.

Many attending Mullen's talks at Camp Lejeune and Fort Campbell, Ky., will be sent to Afghanistan in President Obama's plan announced last week.

After the first of the year, the Marines will begin sending an additional 6,200 from Lejeune and Camp Pendleton, Calif., the Pentagon announced Monday. The Army will also begin sending in the first of its forces in the spring — a training brigade with about 3,400 soldiers from Fort Drum, N.Y.

CALIFORNIA
Virgin Galactic unveils first commercial spacecraft

MOJAVE — The sleek, bullet-shaped spacecraft is about the size of a large business jet — with wide windows and seats for six well-heeled passengers to take a ride into space.

It's billed as the world's first commercial spaceship, designed to be carried aloft by an exotic jet before firing its rocket engine to climb beyond the Earth's atmosphere.

On Monday, Virgin Galactic took the cloak off SpaceShipTwo, which had been under secret development for two years. The company plans to sell suborbital space rides for \$200,000 a ticket, offering passengers 2½-hour flights that include about five minutes of weightlessness.

"We want this program to be a whole new beginning in a commercial era of space travel," said Virgin Galactic founder Sir Richard Branson, who partnered with famed aviation designer Burt Rutan on the venture.

The British billionaire hopes to begin passenger flights out of New Mexico sometime in 2011 after a series of rigorous safety tests. Branson said he, his family and Rutan will be the first to fly on SpaceShipTwo.

— The Associated Press

Plan to round up wild horses draws opposition

By Martin Griffith
Associated Press writer

SPARKS, Nev. — One of most stirring symbols of the American West — mustangs thundering freely across the range — could be heading east.

The government wants to carry out what is believed to be the biggest-ever roundup of wild horses on federal land, moving as many as 25,000 mustangs and burros to pastures in the Midwest and East out of fear their fast-multiplying numbers will lead to mass starvation.

The plan is facing heated opposition from advocates, including celebrities Sheryl Crow, Bill Maher and Ed Harris, who contend the proposal is itself inhumane and unnecessary. They say the situation is not as dire as the government has painted it.

"The Obama administration must craft a new policy that protects these animals and upholds the will of Congress and the public's desire to preserve this important part of our national heritage," said William Spriggs, lawyer for the group In Defense of Animals.

He and other advocates spoke out Monday at a hearing on the proposal, held by a federal advisory panel at a hotel-casino near Reno. The panel took no immediate action.

The government argues that the mustang population in 10 Western states is growing so rapidly that the horses are quickly running



AP photo

This Oct. 5, photo released by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management shows wild horses after a BLM roundup at the Caliente Complex near Panaca, Nev. A federal advisory panel that met in Nevada on Monday heard reasons as to whether they should support or not a proposal to relocate thousands of wild horses from Western rangeland.

out of food, in part because of drought ravaging the region.

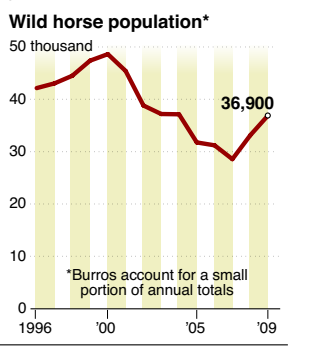
The federal Bureau of Land Management says the number of wild horses and burros on public lands in the West stands at nearly 37,000, about half of them in Nevada. An additional 32,000 wild horses already live away from the range in federal-run corrals and pastures, and those are nearly full.

"We are concerned about the numbers," Robin Lohse, chairwoman of the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board, said during the hearing. "Time is not on our side."

The BLM said last year it would have to consider destroying wild horses because of their escalating numbers and the costs of caring for them. But earlier this year, Interior Secretary

Herds increase

In 2009, the Bureau of Land Management said it was responsible for overseeing about 37,000 wild horses on public lands.



1971, when the practice was banned. The government has made numerous efforts of its own over the years to control the population, including using a contraceptive vaccine. But capturing and injecting mares with the vaccine one at a time has proved costly and time-consuming.

Ken Salazar said the BLM, a part of the Interior Department, would instead ship 11,500 to 25,000 horses from the range to pastures and corrals in the Midwest and East.

The exact destinations have not been decided, but Salazar believes Plains states would make the most sense in terms of water and forage, said Don Glenn, chief of the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program. He said Salazar also wants at least one site in the East.

The relocation plan is part of a long-running feud over wild horses in the West, where mustangs have roamed ever since they arrived with Spanish settlers centuries ago.

Ranchers view wild horses as a menace to their grazing land and were allowed to kill them until

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Experts: Colon cancer deaths could make big drop

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Colon cancer deaths could drop dramatically in the next decade because of better screening and treatment, according to an optimistic new prediction by top researchers.

The estimate was made in an annual report that shows that, overall, the U.S. cancer death rate is continuing to decline, as it has since the 1990s.

The report released Monday focuses largely on cancers of the colon and rectum, which together are the third leading cancer killer in the United States. An estimated 50,000 people will die from it this year.

The battle against colorectal cancer has been a growing success story: The death rate dropped roughly 20 percent in the last 10 years, according to American Cancer Society figures.

The new report — by researchers at the advocacy group and other organizations — predicts that death rate will drop even more over the next decade. By 2020, the rate could be half what it was in 2000, they said.

The prediction assumes colon cancer screening and improved chemotherapy treatment will become

more and more common, and colon cancer contributors like smoking and red meat consumption will decline.

The prediction is "optimistic but realistic," said Elizabeth Ward, who oversees surveillance and health policy at the American Cancer Society.

But some other experts said such a large drop could require far-reaching changes in how many people eat a healthier diet, have health insurance and can get good medical care.

"I think it's a little bit more optimistic than realistic," said Dr. Edward J. Benz Jr., president of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

The new report looks at cancer trends from 1975 through 2006. The Cancer Society and others reported 2006 cancer death statistics in May, but this report provides further analysis and adds the predictions about colorectal cancer.

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Gerald James Hite

BEND, Ore. — Gerald James Hite passed away Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, in Bend, Ore., following a short illness.

He was a longtime resident of Jerome and Nampa, Idaho, before moving to Bend in September 2009. Gerald was born Jan. 23, 1922, in Jerome, Idaho, to Percy and Jennie Hite. The family farmed in the Jerome area, where Gerald attended Jerome schools and graduated from Jerome High School in 1940. Gerald married Dolly Snyder on Dec. 14, 1940, in Jerome. They lived and farmed southwest of Jerome while also operating a successful insurance business. In 1991, they moved to the Boise area. He loved family activities, friends, history, reading and the outdoors. Following retirement, he and Dolly often wintered in California or Arizona, traveling far and wide, visiting every state and many foreign countries. He was an active member of the First Christian Church and worked with the Gideons for many years.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Dolly; his children, Sheryl Wubker and Marilyn (Jeff) Lebowitz; four grandchildren, Fred Gano,



Stephanie Gano, Angela (Doug) Winter and Sidney (Steve) Collier; four great-grandchildren, Madison Winter, Andrew Winter, Jake Collier and Ben Collier; two brothers, Gene (Sylvia) Hite Sr. and Robert (Patricia) Hite; and one sister, Donna (Gerald) Ostler. He also leaves his special friend, Molly, the Boston terrier who gave him many hours of pleasure and companionship. He was preceded in death by his parents, Percy and Jennie Hite; infant twin siblings; and a sister, Bernadine Shockley.

A funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 5, in Bend, Ore. followed by burial at Pilot Butte Cemetery. A special gathering will be scheduled in Idaho at a later date for family and friends to meet and celebrate Gerald's life. We love and miss you, Papa!

Baird Funeral Home of Bend, Ore., was honored to serve the family (541-382-0903).

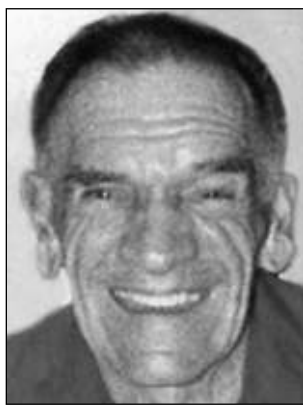
Loy George Smith

BURLEY — Loy George Smith, age 86, of Burley, passed away Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Loy was born Nov. 20, 1923, in Shelley, Idaho, the son of George William and Lestra Harriett (Cook) Smith. He had five brothers and three sisters. Loy spent his early years living in Jerome, where he worked side-by-side with his father on a potato sorter and later as professional painters. Following the death of his parents, Loy moved to Heyburn, where he lived with his brother, LaMar and his wife, Florence. These were some of the happiest years of Loy's life.

He is survived by his brothers, LaMar Smith of Rupert, Darrell Smith of Burley and Ardell Smith and Orel Smith, both of Twin Falls; one sister, Glenda Patterson of Kimberly; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Loy was a very special man who always had a smile on his face and thought of others first. He enjoyed fishing, camping, playing horseshoes and going to Jackpot. He was always trying to rig



up a special fishing pole to catch more and bigger fish. Given his physical challenges he had since birth, Loy never complained or let them slow him down. He was an example and inspiration to all who knew him. The twinkle in his eye may be gone; however, the smile and love that he left in our hearts will always be present.

The family extends a special thanks to the staff and management at Parke View Care Center for the loving care given to Loy.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Pleasant View Cemetery, 1645 E. 16th St. in Burley. Friends and family may call from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Judy I. Salvador

BURLEY — Judy Salvador, 62-year-old Burley resident, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at her home in Burley.

Judy was born Aug. 2, 1947, in Vallejo, Calif., the daughter of Lester and Fern Criner Howard. Judy was raised and educated in northern California. She married Vance Salvador on Aug. 15, 1964, in Benicia, Calif. She raised their children in Vacaville, Calif., where she also worked for the school district for 19 years. In 1997, she moved to Burley, where she and her husband started Quilts by Judy. Judy also volunteered at Dworshak Elementary School in Mrs. Murphy's second-grade class for 11 years, where she touched the lives of many



students who affectionately called her "Grandma Judy."

Survivors include her husband, Vance Salvador of Burley; her children, Marquita Mitchell, Denise Tolness and Kimberly Salvador, all of Burley, and Vance Salvador of Chico, Calif.; her brother, Bill Howard of Dixon, Calif.; her sister, Cynthia Lucas; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at noon, Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Burley Foursquare Church, 1819 Albion Ave. in Burley. Cremation services are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory in Rupert.

John Crofton, TB researcher, dies at 97

LONDON (AP) — John Crofton, a researcher renowned for his groundbreaking work on the treatment of tuberculosis, has died at his home in Scotland. He was 97.

Dr. Crofton died on Nov. 3 in Edinburgh, according to his family and the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. The cause of death was not given.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, into a doctor's family, Crofton was particularly instrumental in finding the combination of drugs needed to combat tuberculosis in

the 1950s, when doctors were trying to perfect the use of antibiotics against the often lethal disease, the Royal College of Physicians said.

After attending school in England and serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps in World War II, Crofton turned his attention to tuberculosis in 1951. He led a team of doctors and bacteriologists in Edinburgh who developed effective drug treatment combinations that greatly reduced death rates attributed to the disease.

Kathleen Gale Jenkins (Bastian)

KIMBERLY — Kathleen Gale Jenkins (Bastian), of Kimberly, was born Aug. 6, 1946, and was sent to our heavenly father and became our angel on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, due to an automobile accident.



included cooking, sewing and genealogy. She loved all animals. Kathleen was a very caring person and was a loving mother to everyone.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 10, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, with burial following at Twin Falls Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Kathleen and her family were members of the LDS Church.

Kathleen is survived her wonderful husband, Kent; and her children, Kelly, Kyle, Jeremy and Michel; four grandsons; and two granddaughters.

Kathleen's passions

Mary Lou Hoggan Christiansen

JEROME — Our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away quietly at home on Dec. 6 2009.

Mary Lou was born June 14, 1921, to Alma John Hoggan and Ellen Jardine in Lewisville, Idaho. She was the fifth of eight children. She was raised on a farm near Lewisville, Idaho, by a loving family with eight children.

Mary Lou graduated from Midway High School in 1939. She attended Ricks College and graduated in 1943. She started her teaching in St. Leon (Idaho Falls) for two years and then Downey, Idaho, where she met Willis W. Christiansen, recently returned from service in World War II. They were married in Libby, Mont., on Dec. 26, 1945, and sealed for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple in May 1946. Willis and Mary Lou lived in Libby, Mont.; Colville, Wash.; and Preston, Idaho, before moving to Jerome County to homestead a farm in Hunt in 1949. There they raised four children, Neal of Jerome, Michael (Anette) of Hailey, Eric (Bev) of Provo, Utah, and Coy (Larry) Cisney of Roy, Utah. She is also survived by two sisters, Ruthe

Searle of Idaho Falls and Luana (Bob) Widerburg of Idaho Falls.

Willis died in 1976, but Mary Lou continued being a wonderful mother, grandmother and teacher. She has 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and three more to be born soon. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother who spent her time caring for her family, gardening, canning, needlework and teaching. Mary Lou also taught for 21 years in the Jerome School District.

Mary Lou served in many capacities in the LDS Church, serving in Primary and the Relief Society. As she got older, she especially enjoyed her work in the church library, the Church Extraction program and volunteering at the Jerome Library.

We will miss you, Mom, but know you are in a better place now.

Friends and family are invited to visit with the family at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln St. in Jerome, Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A graveside service and interment will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, 2296 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Bertha E. Hedlind

RUPERT — Bertha Eleanor Hedlind, 93, of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, in Oregon.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Bertha Munsee

RUPERT — Bertha Munsee, 93, of Rupert, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at Valley Vista Assisted Living Center in Rupert.

A graveside service will be held at noon Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Paul Cemetery (Morrison Funeral Home in Rupert).

Stuart L. Mandelkow

BUHL — Stuart Leroy Mandelkow, 68, of Buhl, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at his home.

A viewing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

C. Max Allen

BURLEY — C. Max Allen, 67, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, in Mountain Home.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Burley LDS 7th Ward, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and for one hour before service Saturday at the church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary of Burley).

Kandace K. Armstrong

Kandace Kemp Armstrong, 63, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

No service will be held at

this time (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Harold D. Beard

RUPERT — Harold D. Beard, 85, of Rupert, died Monday, Dec. 7, 2009, at Country Side Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert.

Arrangements will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Archie L. Wells

Archie L. Wells, 43, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 7, 2009, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

John Garcia

John Garcia, 55, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

Clive M. Holland

BURLEY — Clive Murdell Holland, 86, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, in Logan, Utah.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Morgan T Ward

Morgan T Ward, 63, of Elba, died Monday, Dec. 7, 2009.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Antonette Bothof

Antonette Bothof, 88, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 7, 2009, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

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

SERVICES

Vernon Raymond MacNeil of Paul, graveside service at noon today at the Mountain View Memorial Cemetery, 3115 E. 7800 S. in Cottonwood Heights, Utah (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Shirley Burton of Twin Falls, information memorial gathering at 11 a.m. today in the Community Room at Leavitt's Mortuary, 836 36th St. in Ogden, Utah.

Gladys L. Mitchell of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Free Will Baptist Church, 810 S. Cleveland St. in Jerome; visitation hour before the service today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel in Jerome).

Benjamin John Freeman of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Andrew Ryan Schorzman of Castleford, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St.

John's Lutheran Church in Buhl; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Wes Veeder of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Friday at Eastside Southern Baptist Church in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Kerry Lee Crumbliss of Leander, Texas, and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the LDS Church, 2101 Bagdad Road in Cedar Park, Texas (Koenig and Strickland Funeral Home in Leander, Texas).

Linda Beth Burgoyne of Homer, Alaska, memorial service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome LDS Church, 50 E. 100 S. (Peninsula Memorial Chapel in Kenai, Alaska).

Robert Raymond Martin Sr. of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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"For those who have made a decision to be supportive, I think (Obama) was persuasive."
 — Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., after President Obama rallied Senate Democrats to deliver on their quest to provide health care for all

EDITORIAL

Leasegate: Time to stop welfare for Idaho wealthy

To his great credit, Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden grabbed the third-rail of Idaho politics last summer.

In an August legal opinion reported by the Idaho Statesman this week, the state's chief legal officer said Idaho's elected officials have shirked their duty as trustees of \$252 million in resort real estate, shorting schools and other endowment funds tens of millions of dollars.

Wasden said it's "shocking" that the Idaho Land Board is undercharging for the rental of 521 endowment-owned cottage sites and Payette and Priest lakes in violation of the state's Constitution.

Article IX, Section 8 requires the board to "secure the maximum long-term financial return" for endowment lands.

"The obligation isn't to do favors for your friends," Wasden said. "It isn't to advance public policies. It's not to produce someone's way of life. There's only one responsibility: Get the maximum long-term return."

Through their management of the lakefront leases, the Land Board — through both Republican and Democratic administrations — has been handing out sweetheart deals to rich people.

Many of whom are profiting from selling leases, often on prime lakefront lots. Between 2003 and 2009, 79 leaseholds on the two lakes sold for \$23.6 million. Leaseholders kept 90 percent of that, or \$21.2 million. Endowments received just 10 percent, or \$2.4 million.

Wasden said the \$21.2 million should have gone public schools, higher education and State Hospital South at Blackfoot. The attorney general said higher losses are likely but uncountable, because the Legislature has barred public auctions of cottage sites, contrary to the constitution.

No statewide elected official — not even former Govs. Phil Batt and Cecil Andrus, both noted for their political courage — has taken on the leaseholders for years.

It's about time.

"I was known as the obnoxious SOB who wanted to stir up the leaseholders," said former Superintendent of Public Instruction Jerry Evans, a Republican who served from 1979 to 1995. "Every time we would come up to the point we could get close to what the experts said was a lease rate based on market conditions, the Land Board would just lose their courage."

As a consequence, for decades students in Idaho public schools have gone without textbooks or attended overcrowded classes so that leaseholders could profit.

"Why do rich people not want to pay for the advantages that they have?" said Margaret Bird, co-director of the Utah-based Children's Land Alliance. "What they need to recognize is they got a heck of a good deal for 60 years, until somebody woke up and said, 'Wait a minute, children are going without books in order for your rich home to be on leased land!'"

One member of the Land Board — Secretary of State Ben Ysursa — is floating a proposal that would partially redress the situation by extending lease terms from 10 years to 35 years and boost annual rents from 2.5 percent to 4 percent of assessed or appraised value.

Good start, but not good enough.

The endowments should get 100 percent of leasehold value because it represents the true worth of a below-market lease.

The Payette and Priest lake leaseholders are basically wealthy people from the Treasure Valley and the Spokane, Wash., area. It's about time the rest of us stopped subsidizing their lifestyles.

Our view:

Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden has thrown a brick through the window of privilege.

Rejecting principles in the name of progress

The health reform debate has sparked numerous questions about the cost and scope of government involvement in health care. But few members of Congress have bothered to ask what the Constitution has to say on the topic — even though they are sworn to uphold the principles articulated in that document.



Matt Spalding

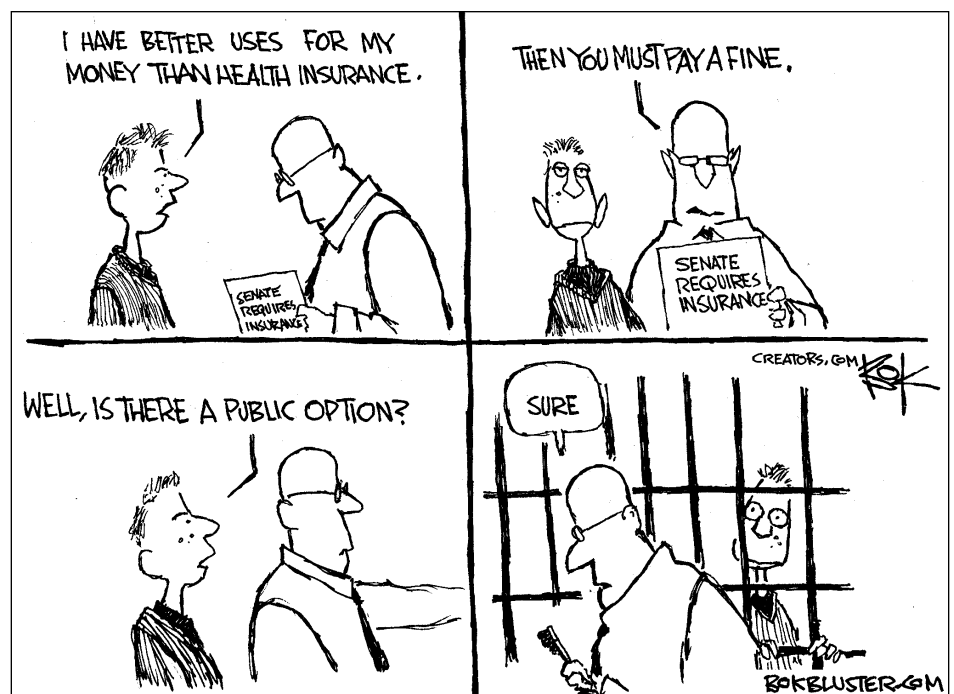
One reporter dared to ask House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Oct. 22 where the Constitution grants Congress authority to require individuals to buy health insurance. An obviously annoyed Speaker Pelosi replied: "Are you serious? Are you serious?"

It is a very serious matter indeed. The speaker's vexed response reveals the extent to which many of America's intellectual, cultural and political elites have blithely abandoned the principles of America's founding. They see these principles as outdated if not outright defective, with little or no relevance to modern governance.

How — and why — did this come to be? It all began 100 years ago as an intellectual project involving mostly of academics and writers. It evolved into a popular reform effort under the banner of "progressivism." Today, it's the foundation of modern liberalism.

It's important to understand how deeply the progressive movement has transformed our politics and society — and where, if left unchecked, it will take us.

Progressive thinkers sought to "re-found" America according to ideas alien to Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Hamilton and Madison. Repudiating the Founders' belief in the



existence of self-evident truths, Progressives asserted that there are no truths, only relative values. Similarly, they claimed, man enjoys no permanent rights endowed by God, only changing rights held at the indulgence of government. Thus, lacking eternal truths and rights, Americans must be governed by a "living" Constitution, one that endlessly "evolves" and "grows" with the times.

The Progressive Movement — first under a Republican president, Theodore Roosevelt, and then a Democratic one, Woodrow Wilson — set forth the platform of modern American liberalism: Progress means a form of government able to engineer a better society, assuring equal outcomes and redistributing wealth. A distant, patronizing welfare state regulates more and more of our economy, politics and society.

President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society were grand steps toward achieving the progressive platform.

Today we see a new, more aggressive move in this direction. Progressives insist that the modern

world is so complex and problematic, an activist government is required to manage political life and human affairs.

This new liberalism seeks to transform America's constitutional structure of limited government into an increasingly powerful, centralized government focused on social reform. The rise of the modern administrative state, the growth of bureaucracy at every level and the host of benefits the public has come to expect from government all undercut and pervert the American idea of self-government.

The result: America is moving ever further away from the nation's original principles and constitutional design. No, progressive ideas have not completely won the day. And in important ways, the progressive liberals have had to adapt to realities defined by the American political tradition.

Even so, the dominance of progressive arguments — in our schools and in the public square, as well as in our politics — has significantly weakened the very foundations of American constitutionalism and limited government. That, of course, makes it all the more

necessary to defend and recover the ideas of the Founders.

To flourish in the 21st century, America doesn't need to redefine or remake itself by rejecting its core principles and in favor of more stylish beliefs. Rather what's needed is a great renewal of the foundational principles that are the true roots of American greatness.

We must look to the principles of the American founding. They provide our philosophical grounding, practical wisdom and limitless spirit of self-government and independence.

This isn't merely a matter of historical curiosity. In a world of moral confusion, of arbitrary and unlimited government, the founding is our best access to permanent truths. It's our best ground from which to repulse the whole progressive project to remake America.

So yes, Mrs. Pelosi, we're serious.

Matthew Spalding is director of the Kenneth B. Simon Center for American Studies at The Heritage Foundation. He wrote this commentary for McClatchy-Tribune Newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Digital TV is not high definition television

Don't be fooled! Digital is not the same as high definition.

Local television stations seem to have the Magic Valley fooled into believing that the change to a digital signal last spring is the same as an HD signal. It's not.

In talking to people throughout the community, it's amazing how many think that they are indeed receiving an HD signal of the major networks. The truth is only NBC, PBS and certain ABC signals are even being broadcast locally in high definition (with a quality over-the-air antenna). The last I checked, Cable One only offers NBC in HD and that is available only with the extra expense of a DVR receiver.

In other words, as it stands, there is no way you

are currently or can ever see an HD program on FOX-KFTF or CBS-KMVT regardless of the equipment or service you choose. Sorry football fans, the Super Bowl is going to look pretty fuzzy for the next two years. They just haven't and/or don't intend to invest the funds to provide this for local consumers.

I've made several attempts to contact the local CBS-KMVT station about a future date for an upgrade and have not heard back from them. With the amount of money spent by consumers locally on HD TVs and equipment, it's sad that the decision-makers have ignored the needs and desires of the community. Email, write, or call them about it, maybe you'll get their attention. But "don't hold your breath."

JIM LEE
Twin Falls

Concerned about lawmakers stance on income tax hike

I am a concerned Idaho citizen.

Since I read the article that Rep. Shirley Ringo and Judith Brown wrote, I am concerned and scared; do these two representatives really want to add a temporary income tax hike?

Do these two representatives want us to believe that when they ask for our money, we will believe that a tax hike is really temporary? This has never been the case in the past.

Do these two representatives realize that in the past 10 months, companies have cut employees' work hours, unemployment has risen to 10 percent and the banks and credit card companies have raised interest rates on credit card balances to 29.99 per-

cent, some to 36.99 percent? No cost of living increases for Social Security and federal retirement and military pay.

Did these two representatives do anything to stop this? (I guess not.)

I think the stress of these two representatives' jobs in dealing with these cuts that have to be made has clouded their judgment.

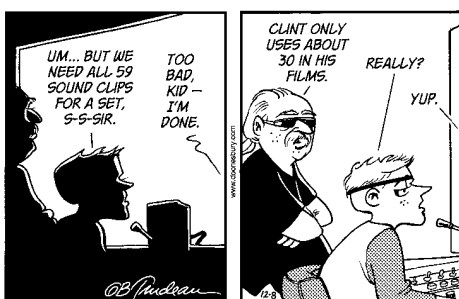
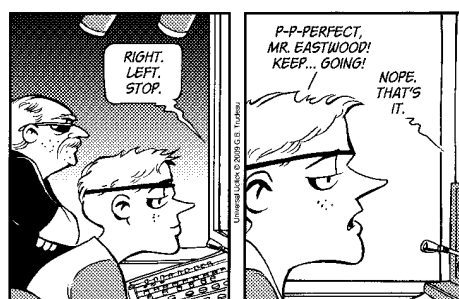
Do these two representatives realize that every working person in this state is hanging on by a thread to their jobs and homes and to add any tax on this burden could result in hundreds of more foreclosures and small-business closures?

I think these two representatives better do the cuts and leave the citizens of this state alone.

GREG PAOLI
Twin Falls

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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Pres. Obama embraces the complexities of governing

Many Democrats are nostalgic for Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign — for the passion, the clarity, the bliss-to-be-alive fervor. They argue that these things are missing in a cautious and emotionless White House.



David Brooks

But, of course, the Obama campaign, like all presidential campaigns, was built on a series of fictions. The first fiction was that government is a contest between truth and error. In reality, government is usually a contest between competing, unequal truths.

The second fiction was that to support a policy is to make it happen. In fact, in government power is exercised through other people. It is only by coaxing, prodding and compromise that presidents actually get anything done.

The third fiction was that we can begin the world anew. In fact, all problems and policies have already been worked by a thousand hands and the clay is mostly dry. Presidents are compelled to work with the material they have before them.

The fourth fiction was that leaders know the path ahead. In fact, they have general goals, but the way ahead is pathless and everything is shrouded by uncertainty.

All presidents have to adjust to these realities when they move to the White

House. The only surprise with President Obama is how enthusiastically he has made the transition. He's political, like any president, but he seems to vastly prefer the grays of governing to the simplicities of the campaign.

The election revolved around passionate rallies. The Obama White House revolves around a culture of debate.

His policies are often a balance, as he tries to accommodate different points of view. He doesn't generally issue edicts. In matters foreign and domestic, he seems to spend a lot of time coaxing people along. His governing style, in short, is biased toward complexity.

This style has never been more evident than in his decision to expand the war in Afghanistan. America traditionally fights its wars in a spirit of moral fervor. Most war presidents cast themselves as heroes on a white charger, believing that no one heeds an uncertain trumpet.

Obama, on the other hand, cloaked himself in what you might call Niebuhrian modesty. His decision to expand the war is the most morally consequential one of his

presidency so far, yet as the moral stakes rose, Obama's emotional temperature cooled to just above freezing. He spoke last week in the manner of an unwilling volunteer, balancing the arguments within his administration by leading the country deeper in while pointing the way out.

Despite the ambivalence, he did act. This is not mish-mash. With his two surges, Obama will more than double the number of American troops in Afghanistan. As Andrew Ferguson of the *Weekly Standard* pointed out, he is the first Democratic president in 40 years to deploy a significant number of troops into a war zone.

Those new troops are not themselves a strategy; they are enablers of an evolving strategy. Over the next year, there will be disasters, errors and surprises — as in all wars. But the generals will have more resources with which to cope and respond.

If the generals continue to find that stationing troops in the villages of Helmand province leads to the revival of Afghan society, they will have the troops to do more of that. If they continue to find that order can be maintained only if social development accompanies military action, they will have more troops for that. We have no way of knowing now how those troops will end up being used. And we have no clue if it will be wise to withdraw them in July 2011.

The advantage of the Obama governing style is that his argument-based organization is a learning organization. Amid the torrent of memos and evidence and dispute, the Obama administration is able to adjust and respond more quickly than, say, the Bush administration ever did.

The disadvantage is the tendency to bureaucratize the war. Armed conflict is about morale, motivation, honor, fear and breaking the enemy's will. The danger is that Obama's analytic mode will neglect the intangibles that are the essence of the fight. It will fail to inspire and comfort. Soldiers and Marines don't have the luxury of adopting Obama's calibrated stance since they are being asked to potentially sacrifice everything.

Barring a scientific breakthrough, we can't merge Obama's analysis with George Bush's passion. But we should still be glad that he is governing the way he is. I loved covering the Obama campaign. But amid problems like Afghanistan and health care, it simply wouldn't do to give gauzy speeches about the meaning of the word hope. It is in Obama's nature to lead a government by symposium. Embrace the complexity. Learn to live with the dispensation.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Not satisfied by city response to request

We live at 1619 Albion Ave. in Burley. We take pride in our cottage-style home and our private backyard where we keep our large tree always trimmed from the city power lines and also recently hung an old fashioned tire swing for our grandchildren to enjoy.

Our private backyard sanctuary is always being threatened due to our cinder block fence always being run into by the constant excessive traffic in our back alley, due to the amount of people living in the apartments across the alley from us. There is not enough available space for all these individuals living in the two-lot area apartments there. After countless crashes into our fence due to back alley traffic and finally our cinder block fence repaired and banded together so very many times, we look out our patio doors and see such a terrible mess.

We decided to go to the city before we do a major repair on our fence. The final decision came down to

Mark Mitton. He denied our request for six inches. Since then our fence has been backed into again. Our fence is now in shambles and we will not let our grandchildren play on the tire swing. A phone conversation with Mark Mitton was just a joke.

He said, "We have to all make conscious decisions of where we choose to live."

We believe that having never met us, our last name being "Gallegos," and the area of town that we live in, his decision was biased and discriminating. His reasoning was it would make it too hard for the garbage truck to get through. The garbage truck would not be affected at all.

The weather is now too cold to do masonry work. But come spring and some new faces on the City Council, we will be there with our simple request to repair our fence, protect it and have our backyard sanctuary back. We invite anyone to drive by and see how little we ask to protect our home and our property.

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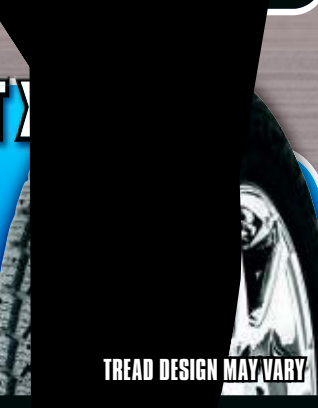
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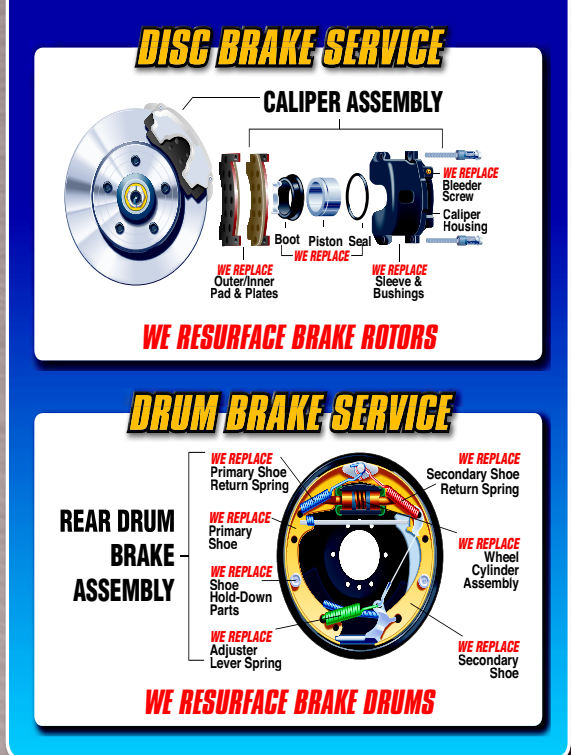
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Deal would keep Parma center open

Similar discussions may preserve other centers slated for closure

By **Joshua Palmer**
Times-News writer

The University of Idaho may have found a lifeline for at least one of its research and extension centers that was slated to be closed this month.

University officials said Monday that they reached an agreement with the J.R. Simplot Company to lease the Parma Research and Extension Center to the company's

research division. In return, the company would cover the cost of operating and maintaining the research center.

The agreement could be the saving grace for the Parma research center, which was one of three centers the university planned to shutter after the Idaho Legislature reduced the research and extension center budget by 17 percent — about \$4.7 million.

Bill Loftus, spokesman for the

University of Idaho, said the agreement will be presented to the University of Idaho Board of Regents and the Idaho State Board of Education on Wednesday for approval.

According to the agreement, which was posted on the Idaho State Board of Education's website, university and company officials propose a \$1.5 million multi-year agreement for the Parma Research and Extension Center.

Simplot would contribute \$300,000 each year for five years to the extension center that would give Simplot researchers use of facilities and acreage for crop research and development.

Simplot's research and the resulting intellectual property would be retained by the company.

The funds would be used to pay the university's labor, materials and other operating costs associated with management and opera-

tion of the land and facilities.

University of Idaho President Duane Nellis said a written statement that the agreement "marks a new era in public-private collaboration in Idaho agricultural research."

Bill Whitacre, Simplot's president and chief executive officer, said the agreement will allow the university and private sector to better coordinate research of production agriculture.

University officials said conversations concerning the Sandpoint and Teton Research and Extension Centers. See **CENTERS**, Agribusiness 3

Beefing up bees



MCT photo

A beekeeper inspects a bee hive in this file photo. Last winter, 29 percent of U.S. hives were lost to a mysterious phenomenon known as colony collapse disorder. Beekeepers and researchers hope nutritional supplements will curb the losses.

Idaho beekeepers and researchers to track effects of supplements

By **Joshua Palmer**
Times-News writer

About half of all honey bees in Idaho are sheltered inside potato cellars, waiting out the frigid winter months before being released to pollinate regional crops.

But many of them won't survive.

Last winter, 29 percent of U.S. hives were lost to a mysterious phenomenon known as colony collapse disorder, according to a survey conducted by the Apiary Inspectors of America and the U.S. Agriculture Department.

Those losses put a big dent in a relatively small industry in southern Idaho, which reported less than \$4 million



Courtesy of Idaho State Department of Agriculture

in cash receipts in 2008.

Colony collapse disorder has a variety of suspected causes: pesticides, varroa mites, viruses, stress from shipping hives long distances to pollinate crops —

or some combination.

Colony collapse disorder typically affects commercial hives and generally not those kept by hobbyists.

The disorder begins to thin out bee populations over time,

sometimes putting entire colonies out of business.

According to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, bee colonies in Idaho have plummeted almost 40 percent from 130,000 in 1989 to about 80,000 in 2009.

But Idaho beekeepers and researchers say an old practice of providing bees with nutritional supplements may improve their chances of surviving whatever epidemic is killing them during dormancy.

"Most commercial operations are hired to set up hives so bees can pollinate very specific crops," said Bill Ahaus, secretary of the

See **BEEES**, Agribusiness 3

Idaho wheat growers brace for river closure

By **Cindy Snyder**
Times-News correspondent

COEUR D'ALENE — They know it's a year away, but north Idaho wheat growers are already bracing for the big one that will cause transportation nightmares and is expected to have market repercussions throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Nearly all — 97 percent — of the wheat grown in north Idaho is barged down the Columbia River system to export facilities in Portland. Growers are used to the river being closed for about three weeks each March for routine maintenance, but the Corps of Engineers is planning major renovations and repairs for the system from the Dalles to Lower Monumental dam.

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It's a logistics conundrum that has growers, elevators, railroad managers and barge operators alike looking for solutions.

Rob Rich, spokesman for Shaver Transportation, has been operating barges on the river for 30 years. He has never seen a closure last for four months. His See **RIVER**, Agribusiness 2



AP photo

Winter wheat thrives in the sunshine north of Billings after a wet spring.

Mont. historians seek to recognize 100-year farms

By **Matthew Brown**
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — Henry Armstrong's family has farmed the same patch of central Montana land for 100 years, hanging on through the Depression, low wheat prices and the ever-present risk that the next generation would move on.

Armstrong, 82, lives in the same house near Geraldine that his grandfather built and lived in as a homesteader. It's a little bigger now, but lonelier since his wife, Norma, died about six years ago.

"As long as I live, I've got rights to live here," he said.

"The one thing about this that I've been especially proud of is we were able to make it these 100 years on relatively small acreage."

Historians say tales like Armstrong's are becoming increasingly rare.

As employment pressures and the lure of far-away opportunities split apart agricultural families, many farms and ranches have been consolidated, sliced into subdivisions or converted into oversized estates for the wealthy.

But in a bid to capture and preserve a slice of the state's past, the Montana Historical Society has

See **FARMS**, Agribusiness 3

Classic Russet publication available

Times-News

KIMBERLY — Potato growers interested in producing the recently released Classic Russet variety will find detailed information on storing it in a new University of Idaho Extension online publication, "Storage Management of Classic Russet Potatoes."

An early- to mid-season

russet potato that produces a high proportion of U.S. No. 1 tubers, Classic Russet was studied for three storage years at the University of Idaho's Potato Storage Research Facility at the Kimberly Research and Extension Center. With culinary qualities comparable to Russet Burbank, it shows good potential for early processing, earns top

scores for fresh-market merit and appeals to growers looking for an alternative to Russet Norkotah, says Extension potato specialist Nora Olsen.

During the study's 2003-07 duration, the researchers found that dormancy length in Classic Russet is 20-30 days shorter than Russet Burbank and, while Classic Russet's glucose concentra-

tions are generally lower than Russet Burbank's at 45 and 48 degrees Fahrenheit, they are higher at 42 degrees Fahrenheit. Classic Russet's stem-end fry color was very similar to Russet Burbank's at 42 degrees Fahrenheit but lighter at higher temperatures. Perhaps the most significant difference between

See **RUSSET**, Agribusiness 2

MARKET SUMMARY

Market summary table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, GAINERS, LOSERS, DIARY, and INDEXES. Includes sub-sections for 'MOST ACTIVE' and 'GAINERS' for each exchange.

INDEXES table showing values for Dow Jones Industrials, Dow Jones Transportation, NYSE Composite, S&P 500, and Russell 2000.

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COMMODITIES REPORT

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Table of closing futures prices for commodities like Live cattle, Feeder cattle, Lean hogs, Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, BPF Milk, Sugar, and Natural gas.

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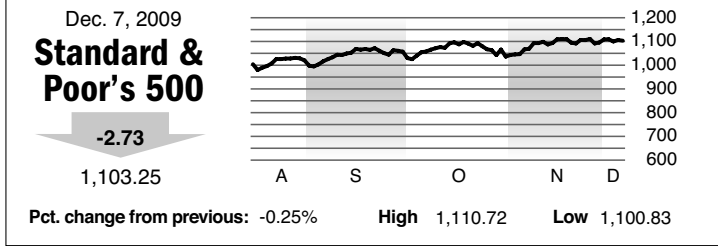
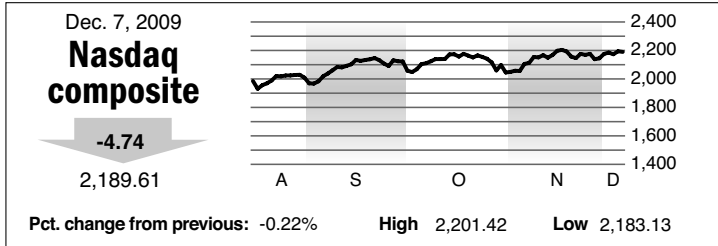
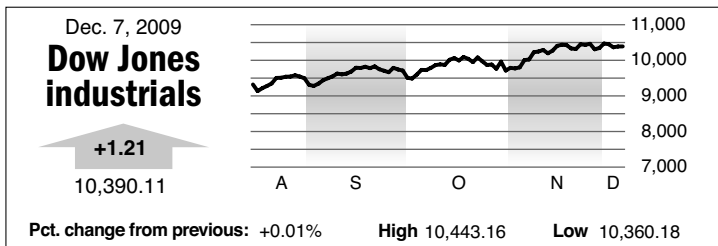
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YESTERDAY ON WALL STREET



SOURCE: SunGard

Even the prospect of interest rates staying low couldn't keep buyers in the stock market. Stocks ended little changed Monday, having given back a brief afternoon gain that followed comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke.

RESERVOIR LEVELS

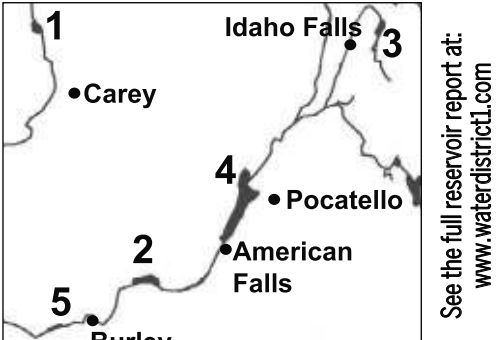


Table showing reservoir levels for Little Wood (55%), Lake Walcott (40%), Burley (69%), Ririe (53%), and American Falls (48%).

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy

Table of dairy commodity prices including Block, Barrel, Butter, Whey protein concentrate, Class III milk, and Class IV milk.

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Table of feed commodity prices including Corn (Per 100 pounds), Barley (Per 100 pounds), Hay (Mid/Ton), and Alfalfa (Supreme, Good, Fair).

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Table of small grain commodity prices including Soft white wheat and Ranges.

Livestock

Table of livestock commodity prices including Lambs and hogs, and Feeder hogs.

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.

Agriculture futures trade mixed on the CBOT

CHICAGO (AP) - Agriculture futures were mixed Monday on the Chicago Board of Trade. Wheat for March delivery dropped 10 cents to \$5.48 a bushel, while March corn fell 4.75 cents to \$3.8375 a bushel.

Russet

Continued from Agribusiness 1. The two varieties is that Classic Russet incurred an average 57 percent more weight loss in storage across the three temperatures.

Processors should also plan to store it at 48 degrees Fahrenheit to prevent cold-induced sweetening. Classic Russet was released in 2008 by the USDA Agricultural Research Service.

River

Continued from Agribusiness 1. Company is one of two barge lines that carry grain and grain accounts for 60 percent of Shaver's business. One option is to load the 80 grain barges owned by the two grain hauling barge companies with wheat ahead of the closure.

tion rail cars to help handle to extra grain, said Paul Hammes, vice president for agricultural products marketing. To handle a 20 to 30 million bushel shift of wheat to the railroad will require 300 to 500 rail cars per week.

WHEAT CROP MOVEMENT

Table showing % of state's crop, % exported, and % domestic for North Idaho, Southwest Idaho, South central Idaho, East Idaho, and Overall.

How does wheat get to market?

Railroad - 36%, Barges - 35%, Trucks - 29%

By region:

97% of north Idaho's crop is carried by barge to market; 3% goes by railroad

68% of south central Idaho's wheat crop is carried railroad; 32% is trucked

SOURCE: Idaho Wheat Commission

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Montana ranchers seek to curb residential wells

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — Agricultural interests and residential subdivisions across the arid West are vying for control of water supplies that have emerged as one of the region's most coveted natural resources.

In one of the latest skirmishes, five Montana ranch owners filed a petition this week asking the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to stop giving away water use rights for tens of thousands of new homes being built in areas once dominated by agriculture.

The ranchers' petition charges that the state's water rules are stacked against them.

The rules allow small wells used by each house within larger subdivisions to qualify for exemptions from state water laws. Those laws otherwise give precedence

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That means dozens or even hundreds of homes can be built in the same general area without any water permits and regardless of the strain that added demand might put on underground aquifers.

Rancher Polly Rex characterized the exemption as a loophole that ultimately could rob her of the means to grow hay and water her livestock. Rex said a subdivision of more than 60 homes going up next to her Absarokee ranch could eventually draw down the natural springs she uses on an adjacent 1,250-acre field. "I just really don't think I

should change how I do our business because of somebody else," said Rex, whose water rights date to the late 1800s. "We simply cannot hand out water rights in thin air. It's a dumb way to do business."

DNRC spokesman John Grassy said agency attorneys were reviewing the ranchers' petition, which would require the state to revisit its water regulations. "The petition raises issues of statewide significance," he said.

The state rejected a similar petition from the Gallatin County Commission in 2006. Grassy said the water rules proposed by the county

would have "completely halted development" across large areas of the state where all water rights already have been allocated.

Between 2000 and 2008, almost 30,000 exempt wells were drilled in Montana. During that period, the ranchers' petition claims, fewer than a dozen wells were drilled under state water use permits.

The exemption has been in place since 1993. It allows wells drawing up to 35 gallons per minute to be drilled without a permit.

Permits are needed only if at least two users are drawing water from the same well. The ranchers want that changed, so that two or more wells drawing from the same source would need a permit.

But in a rural state such as Montana, home builders often have no other realistic option, said Dustin Stewart with the Montana Building Industry Association.

Bees

Continued from Agribusiness 1

Idaho Honey Industry Association. "But what we believe happens is that those bees don't get the variety of nutrients they need to stay healthy."

To diversify the bees' diets and provide the correct balance of vitamins and nutrients, beekeepers are setting out large tablets that consist of various types of pollen, protein and fatty substances. The tablet acts like a giant multivitamin, providing colonies of bees with the additional nutrients they need within their five-mile working radius.

"It's something that has

been done for a long time, but was never really studied in the past," said Michael Cooper, deputy administrator of the Plant Industries Division of Idaho State Department of Agriculture. "We just started tracking it in hopes that we will see some positive signs."

Cooper said healthier bees can better withstand viruses, mites and stress.

Bees are crucial to U.S. agriculture, adding an estimated \$15 billion in value each year to staples such as nuts, vegetables and stock feed, many of which require bee pollination.

But some researchers and

environmentalists are looking beyond nutrient programs and focusing again on pesticides as the key culprit.

"We do feel like pesticides are playing a role in pollinator decline," said Maryann Frazier, a senior extension associate with Penn State University. "We know that the pesticides are there. We don't know yet exactly what role they're playing."

Penn State's research is undergoing peer review and is expected to be published by the end of the year.

Environmental groups, such as the Sierra Club, are

targeting chemically coated seeds, called neonicotinoids. They have called on the Environmental Protection Agency to suspend use of neonicotinoids, an artificial form of nicotine, until more conclusive research can be completed.

Italy, France, Germany and Slovenia have restricted the use of some of these pesticides.

The makers of neonicotinoids have insisted that there is no hard evidence against the seeds.

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Center

Continued from Agribusiness 1

Extension centers have helped the university to acquire sufficient pledges from industry parties to allow the institution to maintain

operations at the two facilities through June 30, 2010.

The university plans to continue seeking more sustainable permanent funding from industry partners for

those facilities.

Terms of the board's next meeting is scheduled Wednesday and Thursday in Twin Falls. At that time, the university will also present its

final recommendations for the research and extension centers.

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Farms

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started a drive to identify families that have farmed or ranched the same land for a century or more.

The Centennial Farm and Ranch Program was created under a bill passed by the 2009 Legislature. The intent is to honor Montana's heritage while compiling family histories to be archived and eventually compiled for the society's Web site.

Ellen Baumler, an interpretive historian who is helping lead the effort, said it's unknown how many of the state's farms and ranches fit the bill.

The number of agriculture operations in the state peaked in 1920, at about 57,000. It's now fallen to about half that number and industry representatives say the chances of a rebound are slim.

Despite the nationwide decline in property values, prices in Montana remain relatively high due to wealthy outsiders willing to pay a pre-

mium on acreage for their vacation or retirement homes.

Throw in the huge capital costs of starting a farm from scratch — a new grain combine can cost \$200,000 or more — and "it's almost impossible to get started in agriculture these days," said Scott Kulbeck, director of membership development for the Montana Farm Bureau.

Agriculture was booming in Montana when Henry Armstrong's ancestors arrived from Iowa in October 1909. His father and grandparents were intent on eking out a living on government land that would become theirs if they were willing to stay for at least five years.

Since their arrival, Montana's average farm has increased from about 500 acres to more than 2,000, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Armstrong's family farm has also grown, from the

combined 640 acres acquired by his grandfather and father through the Homestead Act, to roughly 1,400 acres today.

Still, Armstrong said he never felt the need to turn it into an industrial-sized operation, even if that meant taking on work as a crop insurance adjuster to make ends meet.

His ancestors and offspring have done the same. His grandfather was a county commissioner and his son's wife worked for 30 years as a schoolteacher.

Armstrong kept working the farm until last year, when he finally sold it to his son, Stuart, now 61 years old. Whether the next generation

will maintain the family farm is unclear. Henry Armstrong's two daughters both moved to Oregon and have no inclination to return. Stuart Armstrong's daughter lives in Seattle.

The best chance at carrying on the family legacy is Henry Armstrong's 20-year-old grandson, Alan.

At a recent Montana Farmer's Union convention, the Armstrong family was honored for its many years farming in the state. Armstrong brought Alan and later said the event had piqued his grandson's interest.

"But right now he's searching around. He's started school," he said.

Pork producers understand what's in a name

By P.J. Huffstutter
Los Angeles Times

NEVADA, Iowa — Hog farmer David Moody has stopped letting strangers into his barn because he's afraid they'll infect his pigs with swine flu.

Not that he would ever call the pandemic H1N1 influenza virus by its colloquial name.

Like many pork producers across the heartland, he has spent months railing against the use of the term "swine flu," which he says has caused so much fear that the bottom has fallen out of the pork market.

Everyone seems oblivious to the fact that the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that the disease is spread by humans and is impossible to get from eating pork or standing next to a pig.

"Every time I turn on the TV, they're talking about it: swine flu," said Moody, 46, from his farm located about 10 miles east of Ames. "Come on, how hard is it to say H1N1?"

The spread of the swine flu — er, H1N1 — has left in its wake a public relations nightmare for the nation's 67,000 pork producers.

Since April, when the virus was first reported, the industry has lost about \$1.5 billion, according to the National Pork Producers Council.

The losses have come on top of two rough years for the pork industry, hit hard by rising feed costs and slackening demand due to the recession.

Moody, who grew up on a hog farm, can't remember a time when things were this tough. His profits are down, his feed costs are high and the heating bill for his hog barns is growing too.

He glanced out the front window, past the pig wind chimes and the grinning porky statue standing guard at the front door, to the low-slung metal barns lined up alongside his front yard. The sound of 600 grunting sows mixed with the patter of falling rain.

"It's been two years of red ink," said Moody, who declined to talk about the specifics of his family's finances. "There was a chance things could have turned around earlier this year, until H1N1 hit. After that, it went from bad to worse."

What riles Moody is that the spread of the virus, which so far has claimed about 4,000 lives this year in the United States, is related only tangentially to his beloved pigs.

The H1N1 virus is related

to a virus common in North American pigs but also contains genetic pieces from birds and humans. The actual swine virus in pigs is harmless to humans. What makes it dangerous is the mutated combination of the three main pieces.

The scientific evidence, however, has meant little to a world fearful of this new disease.

In Egypt, the government killed 300,000 pigs in the mistaken belief that the animals spread the disease. In Afghanistan, the country's one known pig was ordered quarantined because of similar fears.

Twenty-six countries temporarily banned the export of pork from North America, even though cooked pork is perfectly safe. Other big consumers, such as Mexico, stopped taking orders altogether as consumers just stopped eating pork because of flu fears.

The impact on pig farmers was swift.

"The H1N1 outbreak was first reported on a Friday. It was April 24, and producers were losing an average of \$11 a head at that point," said Dave Warner, spokesman for the National Pork Producers Council. "By Monday, and over the next several weeks, those losses went to \$20 a head or more."

Farmers quickly mobilized to fight the misperceptions that pigs could spread the disease. David Struthers, 42, griped to TV and radio stations near his home in Collins, whenever they used the term. His wife, a hospital nurse, corrected doctors at work if they mentioned swine flu.

"It makes me so angry, this swine flu stuff," said Struthers, who has raised hogs since he graduated from high school. "I was cursing the anchor lady on the radio a couple nights ago."

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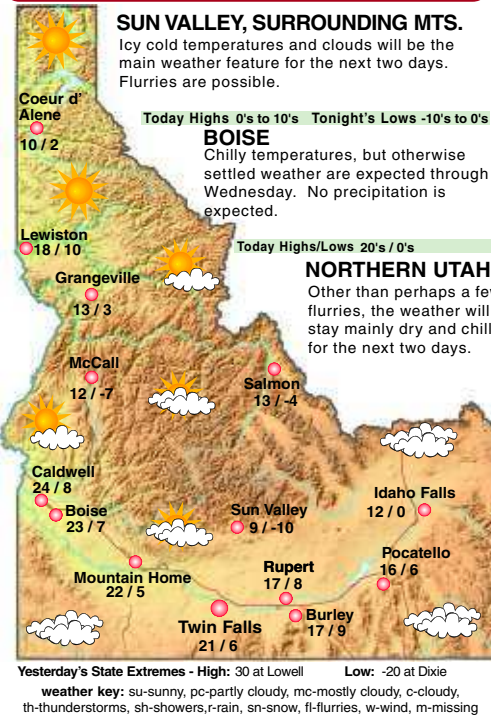
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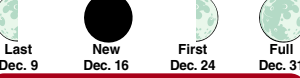
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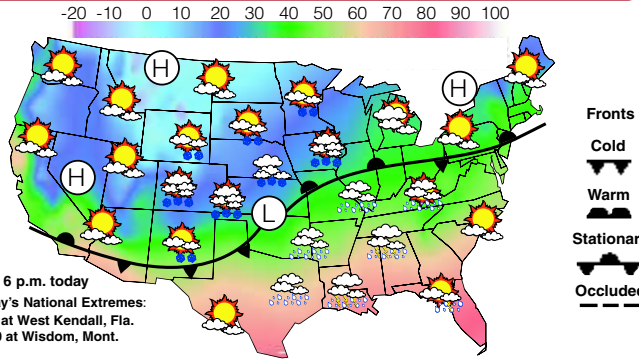
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Powerful snowstorm sweeps across West

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — A large and powerful storm howled across the West with snow and strong winds Monday, snarling traffic, closing schools and threatening to spawn mudslides in wildfire-devastated Southern California.
Virtually the entire region was suffering — from subzero wind chills in Washington state to heavy snow that closed schools and government offices in Reno, Nev.,

and left big rigs jackknifed across highways in several states. Blizzard warnings were in effect for northern Arizona and parts of Colorado, with forecasters predicting up to 2 feet of snow around Flagstaff.
The National Weather Service said the upper elevations of the Sierra mountains could get up to 3 feet of snow, with up to 4 feet forecast for the mountains of southern Utah. Even the hills east of San Francisco Bay received a

rare dusting overnight, and snow was predicted for Fresno and other communities in California's Central Valley.
Bad weather stretched far to the east as well. The first snow of the season for much of Indiana tangled traffic and delayed schools. Crashes left one person dead.
Reno schools closed, and many state government workers were told to stay home. Chains or snow tires

Snyder Winery advertisement featuring a large image of a vineyard at night with Christmas lights, a fireplace, and a basket of wine. Text includes: 'See thousands of Christmas lights at Snyder Winery', 'Every evening from 5:30 to 8:30 Now through Christmas', 'One of the most dazzling Christmas displays is now open for viewing at Snyder Winery near Buhl, Idaho.', 'Directions: From Twin Falls, take Highway 30 towards Buhl. At the first stop light in Buhl, turn left onto Burley Avenue. Go three miles to 1200 East. Turn left, and go a half mile to the Christmas Lights.', 'Snyder Winery Phone: 208.543.6938 4060 N. 1200 E, Buhl, ID 83316 www.snyderwinery.com'

Carving new ideas



Richard Zerbe made this CNC-routed design on the side of his butcher block island using a thin layer of walnut — to make the deer look darker — on top of hickory, which has a vertical grain to accent the trees.



College of Southern Idaho woodworking student Dustin Stubbs sands a walnut-and-alder coffee table he is making for this weekend's fundraising auction. Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Woodworking auction features classic and new designs

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

The auction has been going for 20 years, but the hand-crafted furniture at Saturday's event will have features never seen before at the Twin Falls holiday tradition.

Thanks to the ShopBot CNC, a new machine in the College of Southern Idaho woodworking shop, students are able to add intricate cutouts to some of their pieces. Their handiwork — from end tables to dressers, and from a butcher block to a gun case — will be auctioned off Saturday to raise money for the woodworking program.

The ShopBot CNC, which stands for Computer Numeric Control, is a tool for precision cutting, drilling and carving. Students use a computer program to choose which designs will go into the wood, said instructor Ken Triplett. The CNC has been in the shop less than a year, but already the students are using it to crank out some gorgeous furniture.

The machine let student Richard Zerbe add a forest scene to the side of his butcher block.

Zerbe glued a thin piece of walnut to solid hickory, then sent the piece through the CNC machine. The result: A 3-D picture of deer in the woods, with the deer depicted in dark walnut and the background

trees in hickory. The walnut's horizontal grain flows with the deer's bodies, while the vertical grain of the hickory adds to the tree images.

"It looks more like trees, abstractly," Zerbe said.

Other students are taking advantage of the CNC. Mason Sandow added a walnut inlay to his maple-topped table. In the walnut is another forest scene with a large deer. Sandow plans to top the carved table with glass.

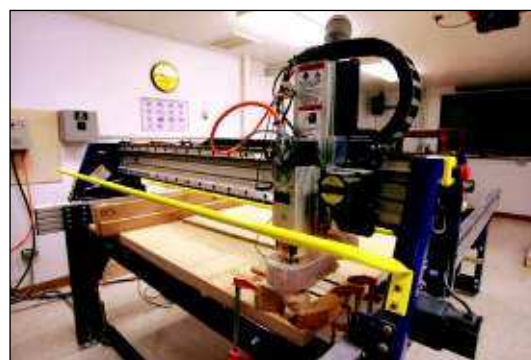
Mixing types of wood is also popular with the students this year. Small pieces like bowls and cutting boards mix purple heart and maple, and large pieces use inlays with contrasting colors. The students use woodworking glue and joinery to fasten their solid-wood pieces together.

Although high-quality construction makes the furniture more expensive than versions found in most retail stores, Triplett said he isn't worried about turnout at this

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A mortise and tenon joint that Brian Cotton is using in his bookshelf.



The college bought a new Computer Numeric Control router this year to create detailed carvings.

FINE FURNITURE

- **What:** College of Southern Idaho woodworking students' auction
- **When:** 2:30 p.m. Saturday
- **Where:** Herrett Center for Arts and Science, Rick Allen Room
- **Preview:** Items will be on display 3-9 p.m. Friday and from 1 p.m. Saturday until the auction begins. The auction is free to attend. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds go to CSI's woodworking program.
- **Information:** Ken Triplett, 732-6335

Thanks to the ShopBot CNC, a new machine in the College of Southern Idaho woodworking shop, students are able to add intricate cutouts to some of their pieces.

Open hearts, open homes

Find both nostalgia and innovation on Junior Club's Holiday Home Tour

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Enjoy good tidings — and all the trimmings — during the 20th Annual Junior Club Holiday Home Tour on Sunday.

In traditional fashion, the club tapped into the decorative talents of four area homeowners, rounding out the tour with a stop at the Party Center in Twin Falls. Even

the facility's backyard yurt will be featured in holiday fashion.

"It's a big commitment, being on the tour, and we are always very appreciative for those that participate," said Junior Club President Gretchen Scott. "Not only are they opening their homes for visitors, but they work very hard in decorating. They are very gracious to do

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Photos by BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

Discover elegant treasures throughout Chuck and Linda Breault's home on Twin Falls' Longbow Drive. Linda shows a large Christmas wreath that she created — like most of the home's wreaths, swags and centerpieces. She was inspired by a trip to Africa a decade ago, and rich golden tones, accented with bird features, create an ambiance found nowhere else along the Holiday Home Tour.



Photo courtesy of Essick Air

This model has a three-speed fan control, a dust CADR of 160 and uses 190 watts of electricity.

The rating is the trick to choosing an air cleaner

DEAR JIM: Several of my children have allergies, so I want to use room air cleaners in their bedrooms. I have seen many advertisements with great claims for effectiveness. What type of room air cleaner is really best?

— Randy R.

DEAR RANDY: It can be quite difficult to separate the truth from the advertising hype about the effectiveness of various room air cleaners.

The sheer size or price of a specific unit does not necessarily indicate it is effective. The type of filtering material inside is what is most important.

For the most effective air cleaning, particularly during winter, it is wise to use both a high-quality central furnace air cleaner along with room air cleaners. Some of the newer central air cleaners are very effective, but they remove only the particles which actually get into the duct system.

When your children plop down on a sofa or walk on the carpeting, a cloud of allergen particles comes up. Some of these particles are relatively large and settle out of the air before they ever get near the furnace return air registers. A room air cleaner can remove many of these particles.

Instead of relying on advertising information, use the CADR (clean air delivery rate) rating to compare various air cleaner effectiveness. This rating is determined by testing procedures sanctioned by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. The U.S. EPA and the American Lung Association recognize the CADR data as accurate and realistic.

The first step is to have your children tested to determine what airborne allergies they have. This is because the effectiveness of different designs of air cleaners and filtering methods varies depending upon what particles you need to remove from the room air.

Three of the most common types of particles in room air are household dust, tobacco smoke and pollen. These cover the size range of most other typical airborne particles. The

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CADR ratings have three separate numbers which refer to these three particles. You may find an air cleaner which is very effective for pollen, but not as effective for tobacco smoke.

When selecting an air cleaner, the CADR indicates the maximum size of room for which the air cleaner will be effective. A guideline is the CADR rating for the specific particle of interest should be at least two-thirds the square footage of the room. For example, a 10-by-10-foot room would need a CADR of 67 or greater.

In general, I prefer a HEPA filter media with a carbon element. A HEPA filter is effective for almost all sizes of common allergens, and the carbon removes odors and chemicals. A large carbon element is best.

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Foundation means everything in a rock garden

By Dean Fosdick
For The Associated Press

Choosing the right rocks can be as much fun as selecting plants when you're building a rock garden.

Stones create protective wind and sun barriers, and pockets of moisture for small, low-growing alpine flowers. Meanwhile, they are contributing tones and textures all their own.

"The first line in the 'Sakuteiki,' the oldest and most respected treatise on how to design a garden in Japan, is about the art of setting stone," said Marc Peter Keane, a landscape architect and educator from Ithaca, N.Y. "Everything follows from there. Rocks are absolutely primary."

Rock placement must be done skillfully so that "even persons knowledgeable about natural formations cannot easily detect the artifice," wrote the late Thomas H. Everett, who was horticulture director and senior curator of education at The New York Botanical Garden, in an account posted on the North American Rock Garden Society Web site.

"Transported rocks must match precisely those of the site and be positioned as though placed by nature." Availability often determines the kinds of rock you'll use.

"Where choice may be had, one that is porous, rather than such hard, impervious types as granite and schist, is to be preferred," Everett said. "Weathered pieces collected from the surface of the ground and of a character and color that suggest age are likely to be ideal."

More artistic flair is required for fashioning Japanese gardens than alpine ones, Keane said.

"With a Japanese garden, you don't try to create a garden that resembles nature as much as you try to distill it. You create the artwork that brings out some



AP photo

A Japanese rock garden at The New York Botanical Garden mixes autumn-colored blooms with interesting stone placement and shapes suggesting mountains, streams and shoreline. Rocks used in these gardens generally are muted in color, weathered and scarred by age, to convey peace and contemplation.

On the Net:

The North American Rock Garden Society:
<http://www.nargs.org>

important (site) characteristics."

The rocks should be subdued, not lavish or colorful, said Keane, who designed the stone garden for the recent Kiku exhibition at The New York Botanical Garden. "They should have personalities but not be flamboyant."

It also is essential that Japanese gardens be enclosed in some type of courtyard or space, Keane said. "It's like putting a frame around them. You don't want them out in the landscape. They would be lost."

The best stones for rock gardens are any that fit your environment, said John Strickland, who with his wife, Nancy, owns and operates the Dry Creek Garden Co. in Reno, Nev.

"That's not only for aesthetic purposes but because they're so labor intensive to get," Strickland said. "The ideal rock is the one you have close by."

Angular rocks are easier to work with than round river rocks, he said. "You're talk-

ing about creating formations, things like streams and waterfalls, shelves and crevices. Rocks with lichens on them are a bonus. They give you a patina kind of look."

Ask, though, before you go about gathering rocks. "You'll generally get permission from people who don't assign any value to the rocks they have on their property," Strickland said. "If nothing else, some rocks are available for purchase and can be delivered."

Here are some Bureau of Land Management policies governing rock collecting on federal lands. Some areas, particularly campgrounds, cultural and historic sites, and natural areas are off-limits. And you may need a permit or have to pay a fee, if you:

- **Gather** more than a pickup-truck load or make more than one trip.
- **Remove** more than 250 pounds of rocks.
- **Make** the material

available for commercial use.

• **Or use** power equipment or explosives to remove rocks from the ground.

Most rock gardens are designed for temperate areas where they mimic mountain conditions with sunny, wind-blown and well-drained sites. But that doesn't mean you can't create a water-wise desert rock garden, adding succulents, conifers and cactus.

You also could build a rock garden if you're space deprived — living in an apartment, for instance. Alpine plants are small, colorful and hardy, making them great for use in containers. "Give them the drainage they need; the protection they need," Strickland said. "Create the right microclimates and you'll reduce maintenance chores. You'll only have to go out there and trim things or replant once in a while."

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Festive, family-friendly decorations adorn Branden and Christa Schiess' living room in Kimberly. During the tour, take a moment to appreciate the tree's home-made wooden ornaments.

Tour

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that for the benefit of the club."

Scott said the past four tours have raised a total of \$15,500 for the club's beneficiaries. This year the club will donate proceeds to Make A Wish Foundation and Youth Intervention Prevention Services, or YIPS.

The women's service organization, founded in 1959, is dedicated to volunteer work to improve Magic Valley's social, economic, educational, cultural and civic conditions. The yearly home tour is one of many projects contributing to members' 6,000 volunteer hours. Each year the Junior Club donates nearly \$20,000 to a variety of causes.

"It's become more of a challenge to get commitments for homes on the tour, but every year it comes together," Scott said.

Here's a look at this year's tour:

Allen and Corinne Starley 2370 Candleridge Drive, Twin Falls

You'll believe in Santa Claus after visiting the Starley home.

A Nutcracker suite greets visitors, and the living room is themed "I Believe in Santa." An extensive Christmas village is set up in the music room, Nativities decorate the dining room, and an impressive 12-foot tree is wrapped in St. Nick regalia.

"The decorations include a bit of all our Christmas traditions," Corinne Starley said.

Even the Starley children got in the spirit by decorating trees in their rooms. Their personalities shine through sports and sweet themes.

Just in time for the tour, Starley amassed enough M&M decorations to cover a 6-foot tree. Take time to find your favorite color. The M&Ms just might melt your heart.

Chuck and Linda Breault 3160 Longbow Drive, Twin Falls

Take a trip back in time and enjoy an Old World Christmas at the Breault home, where deep, rich golden tones create elegant ambiance.

"I don't have a big variety of decorations but have expanded on the theme of



Tanya Jonestakes a break from decorating her house on Twin Falls' Park Avenue for the tour.

color," Linda Breault said. "But even within this Old World classic look are new modern things and splashes of sparkle."

A German pyramid, a traditional decoration, has been modernized here. German pyramids have a fan on top, powered by rising heat from lit candles, but Breault's is powered by a motor, built by her son-in-law. You'll enjoy the scenes inside the pyramid regardless.

You won't want to miss Breault's Lladro Nativity scene in the dining room's hardwood buffet. Look above it and find trumpeting angles. The now-retired classical porcelain artworks were made in Valencia, Spain, and are intricately detailed.

Branden and Christa Schiess 3620 E. 3892 N., Kimberly

Homemade wooden ornaments adorn the family's living room Christmas tree — decorated by the Schiess children — and homey, cheerful wreaths and Santas are visible at every turn.

"I've never done anything like this before, and I wouldn't have been able to do it without help," Christa Schiess said.

The stockings hanging at the hearth were almost kept away, but Schiess said her husband wouldn't have it. The red felt stockings recall

his childhood.

"He liked the decorations but was pretty adamant about the stockings being hung up. He actually made them," Schiess said.

She hopes visitors will appreciate her late mother's extensive collection of hand-painted Santas. Her mother would have celebrated her birthday the day of the home tour.

"They were a part of my Christmas growing up, and I guess I want to share them, and her, with everyone else," Schiess said.

The Party Center 1703 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls

Party Center decorated with "something different" in mind, assistant Ashley Magnelli said.

A splashy tree, bursting with oversized balls, glittery beads and flowing ribbon, reminds Magnelli of the classic Christmas story "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas," but might leave visitors feeling energized and ready to kick the bah-humbugs to the curb.

Another tree turns classic holiday colors on their head; you wouldn't think so, but a black tree adorned with pink crystals looks pretty darn festive. Upstairs in the tea room, a tree is themed around a loose Mardi Gras party.

Take time to visit the Party Center's outdoor yurt. You'll be surprised with how



On the main floor of the Jones home, visitors will find a charming forest cabin theme accented with traditional oil lanterns.

TAKE THE TOUR

Get inspired during the 20th Annual Junior Club Holiday Home Tour, 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Purchase tickets, \$8 each, at Everybody's Business, Fox Floral, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Inspired Living and any Farmers National Bank branch. Tickets will also be available at each stop along the tour.

a golden-crown topper can complete a Christmas tree.

Duston and Tanya Jones 720 Park Ave., Twin Falls

This home may not have a family living in it, but hominess abounds.

"I think once it all comes together it is going to look fabulous," Tanya Jones said. "The decorations hold a special place in my heart because they are the ones my family celebrates with in our own home."

With help from family and friends, Jones was able to get enough decoration and inspiration for the entire two-story home. Upstairs, a forest theme beckons visitors to pull up a rocking chair and bask in the warmth of the fireplace. Fuzzy bears lounge in wooden chairs and along evergreen swags wrapped around the staircase.

Look closely at the living room Christmas tree; you'll delight in simple ornaments that create instant family appeal. The kitchen comes to life as an Arctic wonderland, down to the penguin place settings.

Head downstairs and take in a dozen Nativity scenes. Don't miss the fluffy sheep with one; they'll make you smile.

Blair Koch may be reached at 208-316-2607 or blairkoch@gmail.com

Carving

Continued from H&G 1

year's auction. Along with students' family and friends, the woodworking program has regular patrons, including one man who has furnished his whole home from the auction.

"There's pieces from every year

that I've taught," Triplett said.

Although the students are excited to see their pieces sell, student Tarnall Brown admitted that the auction will be bittersweet. As of Thursday, he had put 50 hours into the dresser he built for the auction, and had another 12 to work, he

estimated.

"It's really cool that someone will buy it," Brown said. But he will be sad to see it go.

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 208-735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

Preventive maintenance will keep your appliances humming right along

Akron Beacon Journal

Taking the time to do a little preventative maintenance on household items is far less costly than having to replace a soiled carpet, broken vacuum cleaner or scratched TV.

ShopSmart magazine, from the publisher of Consumer Reports, has tricks to make household products last.



if you were slicing a pie.

APPLIANCES

Clothes washer — Don't overload it! That wears down the machine.

Dishwashers — Periodically remove any debris from the filter and the bottom of the machine.

Gas ranges — Inspect the burners regularly and clean the burner ports with a needle. But don't touch the igniter.

Refrigerators and freezers — Clean door gaskets with water and mild detergent periodically. Also vacuum the coils every few months. They tend to collect dust, which lowers efficiency and raises energy costs.

Vacuum cleaners — Small objects such as coins can damage the power head and even the motor on some uprights, and string can wind its way around the rotating brush. Unplug the machine and dislodge items ASAP.

ELECTRONICS

Digital cameras and camcorders — Use the strap to keep from dropping your camera, and stow the camera in a case when it's not in use. Clean dirty lenses gently with a microfiber lens cloth and lens-cleaning fluid.

Laptop computers — Use them on a flat surface. Soft surfaces can block airflow and lead to overheating.

LCD TVs — Clean the screen gently with a soft, slightly damp cloth, ideally a microfiber one. Avoid cleaners and paper towels, which can cause scratches.

CDs and DVDs — If you have to clean one (avoid cleaning it unless it's dirty), wipe it with a soft, lint-free cloth from the center to the outer edge as

KITCHEN GEAR

Baking pans — Dry thoroughly after washing to prevent rust. Smearing a little vegetable oil onto the sides and bottom with a paper towel after each use will also work.

Knives — When they're not in use, store them in a wooden knife block or individual plastic shields. And keep them out of the dishwasher, which can pit blades and cause wooden handles to crack.

Nonstick pots — Hand-wash your pots, removing burned-on food with a plastic scrubber.

Stainless-steel flatware — Use a stainless cleaner to remove scratches and stains and restore shine. Scouring powder or steel wool can cause scratches and reduce stain resistance.

Teakettles — Remove mineral deposits from the interior by filling the kettle with equal parts white vinegar and water, bringing it to a boil, and allowing it to stand overnight.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

BURLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Burley Highway District intends to sell property that the Highway District considers to be no longer useful to the District. The property at issue is the salvage material of the Jackson bridge which is currently being dismantled. At said hearing any person interested may appear and show cause that the above-described property should not be sold. Following said hearing, the Highway District anticipates selling portions of the surplus property at separate private sales if the portions to be sold do not exceed \$5,000.00 in value or by inviting public bids for portions of the salvage material that would exceed \$5,000.00 in value.

The public hearing will take place at the Burley Highway District at 402 East 10th Street, Burley, Idaho 83318, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., on December 14, 2009.

BURLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT
By: /s/David F. Shirley
Attorney for the Burley Highway District

PUBLISH: December 7 and 8, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FHF-86689 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on March 18, 2010, 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: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO; THENCE SOUTH 400 FEET; THENCE EAST 220 FEET; THENCE NORTH 400 FEET; THENCE WEST 220 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 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 **3444 NORTH 4500 EAST, MURTAUGH, ID 83344**, 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 **CONLEY MALONE AND CAROL MALONE, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor, to **ALLIANCE TITLE CO**, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of **HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III**, as Beneficiary, dated 3/5/1999, recorded 3/10/1999, under Instrument No. 1999-004516, Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by **HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III**. 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 3/5/1999, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 6/15/2009 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of November 11, 2009 Delinquent Payments from June 15, 2009 5 payments at \$887.17 each \$4,435.85 (06-15-09 through 11-11-09) Late Charges: \$0.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$15.00 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 TOTAL: \$4,450.85 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 \$87,259.76, together with interest thereon at 10.493% per annum from 5/15/2009, 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: 11/11/2009. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By: REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION It's Attorney-in-Fact By: Anna Egdorf, Authorized Agent 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# 3351887

PUBLISH: December 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2009

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

SUBJECT: Proposed use of one federally funded Block Grant Plan: Availability of Plan for public review.
PURPOSE: The purpose is to receive comment on the proposed use of funds during Federal Fiscal Year 2010. The Block Grant Plan being reviewed will be:
The Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant
PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: A public hearing will be held Friday, December 11, 2009, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM MST in the conference room on the 6th floor of the Pete T. Cenarusa Building.
AVAILABILITY OF PLANS: The Plan will be available for public review at: The Department of Health & Welfare Central Office located in the Pete T. Cenarusa Building, 6th Floor, 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.
SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the proposed use of these funds for this block grant. A copy of the Plan may be obtained from the Central Office at 450 West State Street, 6th Floor, Boise, Idaho, or call (208)334-6582. For more information, contact Katie Lamansky at (208)334-4951 or Jaime Harding at (208)334-5788. Department of Health & Welfare, 450 West State Street, 6th Floor, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho, 83720-0036. Written comments regarding the plan must be submitted on or before Thursday, December 10, 2009.

DATED this 1st day of December, 2009.
Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Chief
Bureau of Community & Environmental Health
Department of Health & Welfare
450 West State Street, 6th Floor
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0036

PUBLISH: December 3, 4, 7 and 8, 2009

GRANTS AVAILABLE

GRANTING AGENCY: Idaho Council on Domestic Violence & Victim Assistance

GRANTING PERIOD: July 1, 2010 June 30, 2011

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DEADLINE: Grant applications must be received and date stamped by ICDVVA staff
BY MARCH 10, 2010 (4:00 pm MST)

Letter of Intent due January 22, 2010

PUBLISH: December 8 and 15, 2009

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Commissioners of the Minidoka County Fire Protection District (MCFPD) declared the following property surplus:
1991 GMC Topkick 6 Wheel Fire Truck
3116 Cat eng, 4 sp auto trans, 35,448 miles, 1000 gallon tank, Pierce pump, 1250 GPM pump, Flomax foam system, 1 hose reel, portable pump, deck gun, lights & siren, (2) 1 1/2 cross lay beds. This item shall be sold at private sale to the highest bidder for cash and is available for inspection at the Heyburn Fire Station, 901 18th Street, Heyburn, Idaho.

All bids must be in writing, must contain the amount bid, the name, address, and telephone number of the bidder, the Social Security number or Tax Identification number of the bidder, and include a Cashier's Check payable to MCFPD for ten percent (10%) of the amount bid. The bid and check shall be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to "Minidoka County Fire Protection District - truck bid" and must be in the possession of MCFPD, c/o Tom Dailey, 620 5th Street, Rupert, Idaho 83350 no later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on December 16, 2009. Bids received after that date and time shall not be considered.

Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Commissioners of the MCFPD at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at the Heyburn Fire Station.

If a bidder is successful, the balance of the purchase price in cash, Cashier's Check or Money Order payable to MCFPD shall be delivered by 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2009 to MCFPD in care of Tom Dailey, 620 5th Street, Rupert, Idaho. If a bidder is successful, the bid deposit is non-refundable. The bid deposit of unsuccessful bidders will be returned on December 21, 2009.

All property is sold AS IS, without warranty of any kind including but not limited to merchantability and fitness for any particular purpose.

The appraised value of the fire truck, as described, is Forty-three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000.00).

The Commissioners of MCFPD reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

DATED this 16th day of November, 2009.
MINIDOKA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BY/s/Tom Dailey
Tom Dailey, Clerk

PUBLISH: December 1 and 8, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. ID-09-326313-TD On 3/24/2010, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho: in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Filmore Street., Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee on behalf of JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association 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: TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO Section 18: Part of Lot 2, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 2; Thence North 89°17'21" East along the North line of said Lot 2 for 175.35 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North 89° 17'21" East 191.92 feet; Thence South 04°18'23" East 314.63 feet; Thence South 24°22'59" East 154.94 feet; Thence West 320.78 feet; Thence North 05°22'42" East 351.00 feet; Thence North 04°39'8" East 103.37 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. The records of the Twin Falls County Tax Rolls disclose the above property address as: **1503 East 4475 North, Buhl, Idaho 83316** 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 1503 EAST 4475 NORTH, BUHL, ID 83316 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 **LARRY GORE AND PAMELA GORE, HUSBAND AND WIFE** as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A UTAH CORPORATION, is named as Beneficiary and TITLEFACT, INC. as Trustee and recorded 11/27/2002 as Instrument No. 2002-025029 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of TWIN FALLS County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 11/21/2002. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,082.47, due per month for the months of 8/1/2009 through 11/16/2009, 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 \$135,446.42 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 6.5000 per cent (%) per annum from 7/1/2009. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 11/20/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, 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.fidelitysasap.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# 3355810

PUBLISH: December 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, March 18, 2010 at the hour of 11:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the office of Land Title & Escrow, Inc. located at 237 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor 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 Jerome, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST BOISE MERIDIAN, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO
Section 12: That part of the SE¼SW¼, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the SE¼SW¼, which point shall be known as the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence West along the South boundary of the SE¼SW¼, 700.00 feet;
Thence North parallel to the East boundary of the SE¼SW¼ to the center of the R-14 Lateral of the North Side Canal Co.; Thence Easterly along the centerline of the R-14 Lateral to the intersection with the East boundary of the SE¼SW¼; Thence South along the East boundary of the SE¼SW¼, 607.00 feet (more or less) to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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: **58 West 700 North, Jerome, ID 83338, 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 **Bruce Bishop**, an unmarried man, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Fifth Third Mortgage Company as Successor Beneficiary, recorded January 2, 2001 as Instrument No. 2010011, Mortgage records of Jerome 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 \$102,800.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10.875% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated December 21, 2000. Payments are in default for the months of May 2009 through and including November 2009 in the amount of \$989.30 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of November 2, 2009 is \$93,297.22 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 10.875% per annum. The per diem is \$27.80. In addition to the above, there is also due 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 \$93,297.22, 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: November 16, 2009
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
Phone: 208-947-1553

PUBLISH: November 24, December 1, 8 and 15, 2009

TOWN OF JACKPOT 2009 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Elko County, Nevada, representing the Town of Jackpot
155 So. Ninth St.
Elko, Nevada 89801

Separate sealed Bids will be received by the Elko County Public Works Department at their office at 155 So. Ninth Street, Elko, Nevada, until 3:00 PM Local Time December 22, 2009, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The construction project includes the drilling and testing of one or two exploratory wells, one municipal water supply well, and demolition and abandonment of one existing well and wellhouse. The project is located in the Town of Jackpot, in northeast Nevada.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following location(s):
Elko County Public Works Office, 155 So. Ninth Street, Elko, NV 89521
ECO:LOGIC Engineering Inc., 10381 Double R Blvd., Reno, NV 89521

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from ECO:LOGIC Engineering Inc., 10381 Double R Blvd., Reno, NV 89521, 775-827-2311, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$ 60.00 for each set. The documents can be delivered via FedEx for additional cost.

The Prevailing Wage Rate as established by the State Labor Commission shall be paid on projects with a contract price of \$100,000 or more. The State Labor Commissioner has assigned Public Works Project Number EL-2010-90 to this project.

NRS 338.147 provides for a 5 percent bidder preference on contracts over \$250,000 to bidders who qualify for the preference, unless federal regulations will reduce the amount of assistance available as a result of the preference. This contract will be funded by federal financing that would be reduced as a result of the preference, and thus no preference will be given on this contract.

Notice is also hereby given that all bidders may be required to furnish a sworn statement of their financial responsibility, technical ability and experience, before award is made to any particular bidder.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or satisfactory corporate surety bid bond for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid, made payable to Elko County, Nevada.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a labor and material bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

The goods and services under this contract are being funded by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Additionally, the contractor acknowledges as a part of ARRA, they are required to abide by the "Buy American" clause of section 1605 of the Act which requires that all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project must be produced in the United States or from a country covered under a relevant international agreement per Appendix 9 of the federal OMB updated implementing guidance.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in a Bid, and award in the best interests of the County.

No bidder may withdraw his Bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date set for the opening thereof.

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SAVAGE 10XP Package 22-250, with scope, brush camo, new \$500. 208-678-7603.

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NOTICES

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Trustees, Cassia County Jt. School District No. 151, at the District Office Board Room, 237 East 19th Street, Burley, Idaho, until 11:00 a.m., prevailing local time, on December 15, 2009 for

CLASSROOM ADDITION
OAKLEY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 151
OAKLEY, IDAHO

Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date. Plans, specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:

Jensen Barnard Architects
1501 Bench Road, Suite A
Pocatello, Idaho 83201

McGraw-Hill Construction
1743 W. Alexander
Salt Lake City, Utah 84126

Associated General Contractors
Suite 984 John Adams Parkway
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

Idaho AGC
110 North 27th St.
Boise, Idaho 83702

Cassia County Jt. School District No. 151
237 East 19th Street
Burley, Idaho 83318

McGraw-Hill Construction
5254 Chinden Blvd
Boise, Idaho 83714

Associated General Contractors
1415 N. Filmore, Suite 703A
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

The Builder's Exchange
120 North 12th, #8
Pocatello, Idaho 83201

Two sets of documents may be obtained by licensed contractors from the Architect for a deposit of \$50.00. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the documents in good condition within ten days after the bid opening.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount, including any add alternates, is required. All bids must be on the forms furnished, all blank spaces filled in, and signed with the name and address of the Bidder. No qualified bids will be read.

A pre-bid conference will be held at Oakley Elementary School, 455 West Poplar, Oakley, Idaho, on December 4, 2009, starting at 10:00 a.m. Bidders are encouraged to attend.

Proposals are required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 45 days after submission.

Under Section 54-1902, Idaho Code, all Prime Contractors, Subcontractors and/or Specialty Contractors must have a Public Works Contractors License issued by the State of Idaho, to bid on this project.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bid proposals.

Pam Wade, Business Manager
School District No. 151

PUBLISH: December 1 and 8, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FHF-77661 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on January 20, 2010, at the hour of 12:00 PM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE CASSIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1459 OVERLAND AVENUE, BURLEY, 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 CASSIA, State of Idaho, to-wit: PARCEL NO. 1: TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 26: Part of the NE1/4SE1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the E1/4 section corner of said Section 26, said corner marked by a 5/8 inch rebar with a 3 inch aluminum cap on top; Thence South 00°17'16" West (South 00°25'30" West rec.) along the East section line for a distance of 330.21 feet (329.9 feet rec.) to the Northeast corner of the Joleen Anderson Property (Parcel 6 of the Idaho Land Surveys Job #2634-79 rec. 25 Jan. 1990 as Instrument No. 123187) marked by a 1/2 inch rebar thence North 89°57'57" West (North 89°42'22" West rec.) along the North line of the Joleen Anderson Property for a distance of 528.61 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar which shall be the Point of Beginning; Thence South 00°17'16" West for a distance of 329.12 feet to the South line of the Joleen Anderson Property; Thence North 89°53'37" West (North 89°45'06" West rec.) along the South line of the Joleen Anderson Property for a distance of 141.42 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar at the Southwest corner of the Joleen Anderson Property; Thence North 89°53'37" West (North 89°45'06" West, rec.) along the South line of the Joleen Anderson Property for a distance of 15.00 feet; Thence North 00°23'41" East (North 0°22'10" East, rec.) along the West line of the Joleen Anderson Property for a distance of 328.93 feet (330.45 feet, rec.); Thence South 89°57'57" East (South 89°42'22" East rec.) along the North boundary of the Joleen Anderson Property for a distance of 15.00 feet; Thence South 89°57'57" East (South 89°42'22" East, rec.) along the North boundary of the Joleen Anderson Property for a distance of 140.81 feet to the Point of Beginning. PARCEL NO. 2: A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress for the benefit of Parcel No. 1, over and across the North 50 feet of the following described parcel: TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 26: Part of the NE1/4SE1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the E1/4 section corner of said Section 26, said corner marked by a 5/8 inch rebar with a 3 inch aluminum cap on top; Thence South 00°17'16" West (South 00°25'30" West rec.) along the East section line for a distance of 330.21 feet (329.9 feet rec.) to the Northeast corner of the Joleen Anderson Property (Parcel 6 of the Idaho Land Surveys Job #2634-79 rec. 25 Jan. 1990 as Instrument No. 123187) marked by a 1/2 inch rebar; Thence North 89°57'57" West (North 89°42'22" West, rec.) along the North line of the Joleen Anderson Property for a distance of 264.17 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar which shall be the Point of Beginning; Thence South 00°17'16" West (South 00°25'30" West rec.) continuing along said line for a distance of 164.89 feet to a 1/2 rebar; Thence North 89°55'47" West for 264.17 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar; Thence North 00°17'16" East for a distance of 164.73 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar on the North line of the Joleen Anderson Property; Thence South 89°57'57" East (South 89°42'22" East rec.) along said line for a distance of 264.17 feet to the Point of Beginning. PARCEL NO. 3: A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress for the benefit of Parcel No. 1 over and across the North 50 feet of the following described parcel: TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 26: Part of the NE1/4SE1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the E1/4 section corner of said Section 26, said corner marked by a 5/8 inch rebar with a 3 inch aluminum cap on top; Thence South 00°17'16" West (South 00°25'30" West rec.) along the East section line for a distance of 330.21 feet (329.9 feet rec.) to the Northeast corner of the Joleen Anderson Property (Parcel 6 of the Idaho Land Surveys Job #2634-79 rec. 25 Jan. 1990 as Instrument No. 123187) marked by a 1/2 inch rebar; Thence North 89°57'57" West (North 89°42'22" West, rec.) along the North line of the Joleen Anderson Property for a distance of 264.17 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar which shall be the Point of Beginning; Thence South 00°17'16" West for a distance of 329.46 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar on the South line of the Joleen Anderson Property; Thence North 89°53'37" West (North 89°45'06" West, rec.) along said line for a distance of 264.44 feet; Thence North 00°17'16" East for a distance of 329.12 feet to the North line of the Joleen Anderson Property; Thence South 89°57'57" East (South 89°42'22" East rec.) along said line for a distance of 264.44 feet the Point of Beginning. 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 56 SOUTH 200 WEST, BURLEY, ID 83318, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by J DELAYNE ANDERSON AND JOLEEN ANDERSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to Land Title And Escrow, Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of BENEFICIAL IDAHO INC., as Beneficiary, dated 3/26/2008, recorded 3/31/2008, under Instrument No. 2008-002028, Mortgage records of CASSIA County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by BENEFICIAL IDAHO 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 is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 3/26/2008, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 11/1/2008 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of September 15, 2009 Delinquent Payments from November 01, 2008 11 payments at \$ 2,244.96 each \$ 24,894.56 (11-01-08 through 09-15-09) Late Charges: \$ 946.06 Beneficiary Advances: \$ 77.50 Suspense Credit: \$ 0.00 TOTAL: \$ 25,718.12 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 \$216,821.31, together with interest thereon at 9.940% per annum from 10/1/2008 to 3/1/2009, 9.940% per annum from 3/1/2009, 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: 9/15/2009. 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# 3270067

PUBLISH: November 17, 24, December 1 and 8, 2009

NOTICES

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Trustees, Cassia County Jt. School District No. 151, at the District Office Board Room, 237 East 19th Street, Burley, Idaho, until 11:30 a.m., prevailing local time, on December 15, 2009 for

CLASSROOM ADDITION
DECLLO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 151
DECLLO, IDAHO

Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date. Plans, specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:

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1501 Bench Road, Suite A
Pocatello, Idaho 83201

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84126

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Two sets of documents may be obtained by licensed contractors from the Architect for a deposit of \$50.00. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the documents in good condition within ten days after the bid opening.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount, including any add alternates, is required. All bids must be on the forms furnished, all blank spaces filled in, and signed with the name and address of the Bidder. No qualified bids will be read.

A pre-bid conference will be held at Declo Elementary School, 120 Main Street, Declo, Idaho, on December 4, 2009, starting at 2:00 p.m. Bidders are encouraged to attend.

Proposals are required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 45 days after submission.

Under Section 54-1902, Idaho Code, all Prime Contractors, Subcontractors and/or Specialty Contractors must have a Public Works Contractors License issued by the State of Idaho, to bid on this project.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bid proposals.

Pam Wade, Business Manager
School District No. 151

PUBLISH: December 1 and 8, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

UNDER DEED OF TRUST Title Order No. 4298683 T.S. No.: T09-55936-ID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 03-15-2010 at 11:00 AM, of said day, at IN THE LOBBY OF LAND TITLE & ESCROW, INC., 706 MAIN ST., GOODING, ID 83330, 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 GOODING, state of IDAHO, to wit: TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 15, EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 28: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SE1/4NW1/4, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SE1/4NW1/4; THENCE RUNNING ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE1/4NW1/4, 80 RODS TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE, 10 RODS; THENCE RUNNING EAST PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE1/4NW1/4, 80 RODS TO THE EAST LINE THEREOF; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE, 10 RODS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION DEEDED TO THE STATE OF IDAHO FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES BY WARRANTY DEED DATED OCTOBER 3, 1958, RECORDED DECEMBER 30, 1958 IN BOOK 49 PAGE 417 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 136398, GOODING COUNTY RECORDS. 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: 2825 STATE HWY 46 WENDELL, ID 83355, 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: DONALD K. EGBERT, LORI H. EGBERT, As grantors, To: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, As successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of "MERS" IS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., As Beneficiary, dated 02-15-2007, recorded 02-26A-2007, as Instrument No. 220481, records of GOODING County, Idaho, PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE GRANTOR(S) 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 total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of this Notice is: \$124,355.10. 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 Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation, DATED: November 03, 2009 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY C/O CR TITLE SERVICES INC. MARIA DELATORRE, ASST SEC FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY SALES AND POSTING AT WWW.FIDELITYASAP.COM OR 714-730-2727 ASAP# 3350396

PUBLISH: December 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No.: 0022436455 T.S. No.: 09-06185-6. On 03/24/2010 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), On the front steps of the Jerome County Courthouse located at 300 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338, in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company as successor Trustee on behalf of AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING INC., AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION 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 Jerome, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 6 IN BLOCK 2 OF SAWTOOTH ACRES SUBDIVISION NO. 1, 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: 522 SMOKEY MOUNTAIN DRIVE, 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: JAMES F. LESSLY, AN UNMARRIED PERSON, As grantors, To: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, As Trustee, for the benefit and security of "TODAY'S HOME MORTGAGE, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION", As Beneficiary, dated 10/17/2006, recorded 11/02/2006, as Instrument No. 2066708, of the records of Jerome County, Idaho, "ASSIGNMENT OF DOT TO AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING INC., AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION RECORDED 04/11/2008 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2081906" 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 10/17/2006. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1,178.72, due per month from 04/01/2009, 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 \$157,102.62, plus accrued interest at a 1 the rate of 5.25000% per annum from 03/01/2009. 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. Dated: November 24, 2009 By: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company 17592 E. 17th Street, Suite 300, Tustin, CA 92780 714-508-5100 Lorena Enriquez SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.fidelityasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-259-7850 ASAP# 3358458

PUBLISH: December 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2009

NOTICES

CALL FOR BIDS

NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Lost and Found

FOUND 12/2/09 tame Pigeon on East H in Jerome. Call 208-404-1337 to identify

FOUND Big Golden Lab with collar near the Pioneer District in Rupert. Well behaved, gentle and very sad. Call 208-436-3908

FOUND Blackwhite Chihuahua, male, puppy, found in Burley. Call to identify 208-219-4105

FOUND Golden Retriever male, 2 miles North of Jerome on 1130. Call 208-420-2275 or 208-324-4038

FOUND Mastiff or Rottweiler near Farmers Corner in Burley. Gentle, black male. 208-678-3055

FOUND Yellow tabby kitten, 4 white feet, white mark on nose, about 2 months old, found on 7th Ave E, Twin Falls. 731-8223 or 867-2748

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A female black and
white Border Collie
was found on Main St.
in Buhl 12/4. If you are
missing her or know
who might be, give us
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Rusty- is a male catakula
with beautiful blue
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house broken and has
had some basic training.
Rusty has been neutered
and is full vaccinated. If
you would like to meet
Rusty give us a call to set
up an appointment.

Lilly- is a darling border
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and white and is as
sweet as can be. Lilly
would make a great pet
for a family with kids.
Come meet her today.

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late and has a white
chest. She is very affec-
tionate and will be a
good companion for a
lucky someone.

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spaying/neutering
and the first set of
vaccinations.

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Park Ave. Grayish brown with
black tiger stripes, end of tail has
knit under fur, 1/2 tail, blue collar,
named Kim, Call 208-731-8095



LOST Shih Tzu, male, white
w/brown, blue collar, last seen
on 600 S. in Rupert. Reward!
208-312-7788 or 208-312-7784

NOTICES

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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IF DECEMBER 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Like a donkey and a carrot you might be tempted to follow something that you will never attain without plenty of effort, but during January it will be worthwhile because you will earn your carrot in the end. In April and May you might not be adept at details, or prone to taking undue risks, but your tolerant attitude will keep you from harm's door. Steer clear of investments or romantic fantasies in May because you might be fooled by something or someone that seems better than they really are.



ARIES (March 21-April 19): This could be a divine time to ask for counsel or professional advice—people are in a generous and kind-hearted mood.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is a good day for spontaneous acts of kindness. Shopping for holiday gifts might fill the need to do something nice for someone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You might be blessed with a new acquaintance who offers a helping hand at exactly the right time. Your judgment is better than usual.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Give someone a helping hand or a pat on the back. Your instincts about people and the social climate are right on the mark.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sincerity, trustworthiness and honesty are like bells that always ring true. Pay the piper by making amends if you have broken the rules.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you need a favor, this is the time to ask. People may be filled with the generosity of the holiday spirit. Write down inspirations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An apology is good psychology. It clears your head of nagging guilt and makes someone else feel good as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Promises made under these stars are likely to be kept. Make a pledge of your heart or sign on the dotted line without fear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): People might shower you with kindness and consideration. No one will ignore sincere expressions of love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pay attention to the fleeting sound of opportunity knocking on your door. Shop for gifts or for personal items now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Conditions are ripe for public appearances that draw others closer and earn applause, including putting your hobbies online.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Good will and harmony may send you a greeting card. Be generous and committed to enjoy the message.

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 Part time (25 hrs), professional phone skills, knowledge of Word and Excel and type 40+ wpm. Salary DOE. Send resume to gl@questoffice.net or PO Box 1407, Twin Falls, ID 83303

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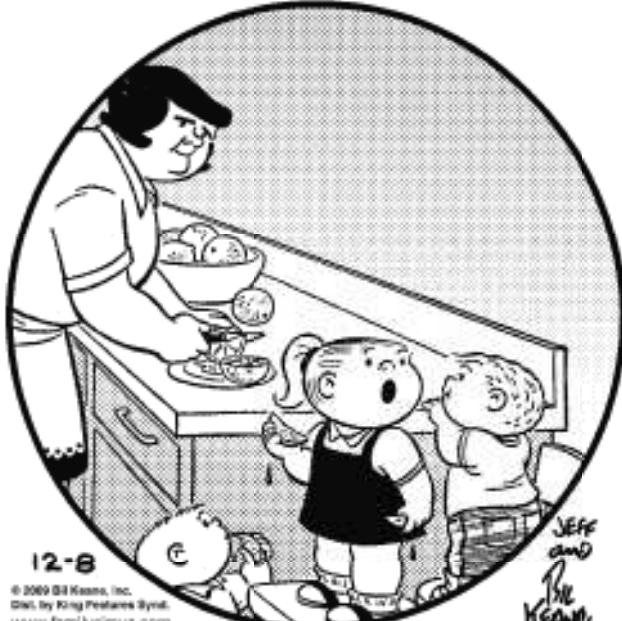
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy! Will you come here and show Grandma how to cut our oranges?"

209 General

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Days 'til Christmas

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DEAR ABBY: I have a good friend whose husband is isolating her from family and friends. He's a counselor, and he uses his training as a psychologist to convince her that none of her friends are to be trusted. He twists anything we do or say to keep her at a distance from us.

He tells her she's a horrible mother and a terrible person in general, and she believes him. I think she has been brainwashed.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

He also hits on other women regularly, myself included. When I tried to tell my friend what he did, she refused to believe me because he already told her his version of the story and made it look like it was my fault.

Is there any way to help a woman who is being held mentally captive by her husband?

- DISTRAUGHT FRIEND

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: One way to begin would be to approach her as a group and tell her you are all concerned and that you care about her. Tell her often that you are there for her and always will be, and that you know she's a terrific person and a wonderful, caring parent. Point out that only two people in the world think otherwise, and that's her husband and her. And repeat that you're afraid she's being verbally and emotionally abused until she finally hears you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 43-year-old woman who has never been married. My boyfriend, "Phil" - with whom I share a wonderful relationship - has been divorced three times and has made it clear he does not want to marry again.

We're in the process of buying a home together, and I cannot let go of the hope that one day we'll live in it as husband and wife. It has always been my dream to find that one "right" person and settle down. In my eyes, Phil is that special person. I feel cheated that because of his failed marriages my hopes and dreams don't matter.

Phil loves me and is good to me, but I have mixed emotions. I feel that having shared an exclusive relationship for two years and the fact that we are now buying a house together means we should be married. Must I accept the relationship we have?

- DREAMLOVER IN MINNESOTA

DEAR DREAMLOVER: No. What you must accept is that your dream and Phil's are not the same. You yearn for commitment, which from his track record it appears Phil has trouble with.

If marriage is what you really want, you're betting on the wrong horse, and before investing in something as expensive as a home, I urge you to discuss this significant financial commitment with an attorney to ensure that your interests are fully protected.

ACROSS

- 1 Judge's mallet
- 6 Cryer and Gosselin
- 10 Acknowledge
- 14 Mexican friend
- 15 Mine passage
- 16 ___ with; tolerate
- 17 Suspicious
- 18 Pepsi product
- 19 Floating ice
- 20 Attempt
- 22 German capital
- 24 House's concrete foundation
- 25 "So soon?"
- 26 Relies
- 29 Removes a lid
- 30 Come in first
- 31 Long
- 33 Brilliant display
- 37 Chances
- 39 ___ with; backed
- 41 Greases
- 42 Capital of South Korea
- 44 Provide with fresh weapons
- 46 Actress Thompson
- 47 Garden arbor
- 49 Spring celebration
- 51 Suggested indirectly
- 54 "Othello" villain
- 55 Calm
- 56 Undressed
- 60 Solo for a soprano
- 61 Numerical info
- 63 More pleasant
- 64 Epochs
- 65 Barbara ___
- 66 Lake on the Nevada border
- 67 Give up
- 68 "All roads lead to ___"
- 69 Isolated

DOWN

- 1 Gust
- 2 TV sitcom for Sherman Hemsley

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- 4 Way out
- 5 Faithfulness
- 6 John ___ Astor
- 7 Fragrance
- 8 Zero
- 9 Unvarying
- 10 Taking place outdoors
- 11 Country estate
- 12 Egg-shaped
- 13 Teeny-___
- 21 Ming vessels
- 23 Bird of prey
- 25 Sleep ___; cessation of breathing while at rest
- 26 Deuces
- 27 Carousel or Ferris wheel
- 28 Take apart
- 29 Command
- 32 Made public
- 34 Cheerful tune
- 35 Away from the wind
- 36 Russian ruler's title of old
- 38 Find a tenant to fulfill one's own rent agreement
- 40 Great fear
- 43 Cut of pork
- 45 Purplish red
- 48 Garden tender
- 50 Gregarious
- 51 Mr. Newton
- 52 Come together
- 53 Was inquisitive
- 54 Crazy
- 56 News article
- 57 Resound
- 58 Marquee light gas
- 59 Birch or beech
- 62 Fuss & bother

0602 Unfurnished Homes

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Today's Highlight:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1776, during the Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington's retreating army crossed the Delaware River from New Jersey into Pennsylvania. In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment of her own conception. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln announced his plan for the reconstruction of the South. In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio. In 1949, the Chinese Nationalist government moved from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists pressed their attacks. In 1978, former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir died in Jerusalem at age 80. In 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by Mark David Chapman, an apparently deranged fan. In 1982, a man demanding an end to nuclear weapons held the Washington Monument hostage, threatening to blow it up with explosives he claimed were inside a van. (After a 10-hour standoff, Norman D. Mayer was shot dead by police; it turned out there were no explosives.)

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty at the White House calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles. In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed into U.S. law the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect at the start of 1994.

Ten years ago: A Memphis, Tenn., jury hearing a lawsuit filed by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s family found that the civil rights leader had been the victim of a vast murder conspiracy, not a lone assassin. A Russian diplomat was ordered to leave the U.S. after he was allegedly caught gathering information from the State Department with an eavesdropping device.

Five years ago: The Senate completed congressional approval of the biggest overhaul of U.S. intelligence in a half-century, voting 89-2 to send the measure to President George W. Bush, who signed it nine days later. Disgruntled U.S. soldiers complained to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld during a question-and-answer session in Kuwait about long deployments and a lack of armored vehicles and other equipment. Treasury Secretary John Snow accepted President Bush's offer to remain in the Cabinet. "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott, 38, an influential heavy metal guitarist, was fatally shot with three other people during a performance in Columbus, Ohio; the gunman was then shot dead by a police officer.

One year ago: In a startling about-face, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed told the Guantanamo war crimes tribunal he would confess to masterminding the Sept. 11 attacks; four other men also abandoned their defenses. (The Obama administration has since decided to try the defendants in federal civilian court.) A malfunctioning F/A-18D Hornet military jet trying to reach Marine Corps Air Station Miramar slammed into a densely populated San Diego neighborhood, killing four members of a family and incinerating two homes; the pilot ejected safely. Mystery writer Hillary Waugh died in Torrington, Conn., at age 88. Character actor Robert Prosky died in Washington, D.C., five days short of his 78th birthday.

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By Dave Green

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

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

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The "Play With the Experts Pairs" at a recent Brighton Summer Congress contained many column-worthy hands. Today's is one of them.

The auction to six hearts looks normal enough. North's five-heart call asked his partner to bid slam with decent trumps, and South had just enough to accept. West led the spade 10, and South won with the king.

Although this was a pairs event, it was IMP scoring. Therefore, entering dummy and playing a heart toward hand in the hope of an overtrick if East held the singleton or doubleton heart king was not paramount, but making 12 tricks was of critical importance. Given that, how should you play?

To cater to four hearts with East, the right play is to lead a low heart toward dummy's queen. If West shows out and the queen loses to the king, two further leads from dummy toward the A-J-8 picks up the 10 and nine.

However, at the table the trump queen would hold, with East showing out. It now appears that there are two trump losers, but there is one chance — a trump endplay on West. For this, West must follow suit to all (or most) of declarer's plain suits.

Dummy's top clubs are safely cashed, then the spade ace and a spade ruff stand up. West must also follow to the king and ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff. Finally, a low heart from both hands leaves West on play, forced to lead a trump from his king into South's ace-jack.

NORTH 12-B-A
 ♠ A J 2
 ♥ Q 6 4 2
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ A K Q 5

WEST
 ♠ 10 9 7
 ♥ K 10 9 7
 ♦ Q 7 2
 ♣ 10 4 3

EAST
 ♠ Q 8 6 4 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ 10 9 8 4 3
 ♣ J 9 7

SOUTH
 ♠ K 5
 ♥ A J 8 5 3
 ♦ A J 6
 ♣ 8 6 2

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
South 1♥, 3NT, 6♥
West Pass, Pass, All pass
North 3♣, 5♥, Pass
East Pass, Pass

Opening lead: Spade 10

BID WITH THE ACES 12-B-B

South holds:
 ♠ A J 2
 ♥ Q 6 4 2
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ A K Q 5

South 1♣, 2NT, ?
West Pass, Pass
North 1♠, 3♠
East Pass, Pass

ANSWER: A simple raise to four spades might look sufficient, but it is also acceptable to bid four clubs. (You cannot have just clubs, or you would not have bid two no-trump, and you would have rebid three no-trump at your third turn.) The four-club call is an advance cue-bid, setting spades as trumps and implying suitability for slam.

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Boise State, Idaho players make All-WAC teams

BSU's quarterback Moore named offensive player of the year

Times-News

Kellen Moore and Chris Petersen sit atop the Western Athletic Conference in more categories.

No. 6 Boise State led the league with Moore's Offensive Player of the Year

Award, Petersen's Coach of the Year award and seven first-team all-WAC honorees, all announced via press release Monday. The awards are voted upon by the nine WAC head coaches.

This is Petersen's second straight WAC Coach of the Year honor. The second team

included four more Broncos. Offensive lineman Mike Iupati and defensive back Shiloh Keo represented Idaho on the first team. Five more vandals were named to the second team.

Nevada's Dontay Moch earned Defensive Player of the Year honors, and Nevada's Brandon Wimberly was named the Freshman of the Year.

Moore, a sophomore quarterback from Prosser,

INSIDE

See a complete list of the all-conference selections.

See Sports 2

Wash. (Prosser HS), leads the nation in passing efficiency with a 167.35 rating. He has completed 254-of-392 passes for 3,325 yards and 39 touchdowns with just three interceptions in leading the Broncos to a per-

fect 13-0 record and a berth against No. 4 TCU in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4. As a starter, Moore is now 25-1 in just two seasons. He was named the WAC's Freshman of the Year last season. This is Boise State's third WAC Offensive Player of the Year award as running back Brock Forsey won it in 2002 and quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie won it a year later.

Moch, a junior defensive end from Chandler, Ariz.

(Hamilton HS), leads the WAC and is eighth in the nation in tackles for loss with 19.5 for a loss of 92 yards on the season. He has a total of 57 tackles (35 solo), including 6.5 sacks for a loss of 49 yards. He has also broken up three passes and forced two fumbles on the year. Moch has helped lead the Nevada defense to first in the WAC in rushing defense

See **WAC**, Sports 2

No. 1 vs. No. 2: Not this year

America's two best college football teams won't meet Jan. 7 in the BCS Championship Game. And no, they didn't already meet for the SEC championship.

Alabama, which totally exposed previous No. 1 Florida on Saturday, belongs in Pasadena. Texas does not.

Yes, the BCS system — both its human and computer components — has failed us again.

Mike Christensen



But not everyone's to blame.

Kudos to Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo, Ball State coach Stan Parrish, TCU coach Gary Patterson, UNLV coach Mike Sanford, Houston coach Kevin Sumlin and Louisiana-Monroe coach Charlie Weatherbie.

Same to Joe Crowley, Darnell Dickson, Rondo Fehlberg, Akbar Gajabiamili, Larry Keech, Sonny Lubick, Craig Morton, Joe Novak, Denny O'Brien, Paul Schneider, George Schroeder and Don Strock.

You may not recognize many of those names, but they are voters in the Harris Interactive poll. And they, like the coaches above who take part in the USA Today Top 25 poll, have something else in common.

They all voted TCU No. 2 or higher on their final ballots.

The Horned Frogs should be tangling with the Tide for the national title. And it's not even close. Sure, Texas went unbeaten. But the Longhorns needed a video review and a questionable extra second to beat Nebraska in the Big 12 title game.

I've watched TCU this season. In person. I've watched Texas. The Frogs are two or three touchdowns better than the 'Horns.

Shame on the voters who gave Texas the nod, including a couple who ranked TCU eighth on their ballots. Eighth? You've got to be kidding.

A few WAC coaches and a beat writer from Boise ranked Boise State No. 3 in their polls. I've got no problem with that. The Broncos are probably better than the Longhorns, too. But if you put BSU No. 3, you better have TCU No. 2. Those who did not should have their voting privileges revoked.

It'd be nice to decide this thing on the field. But once again, we'll be left with only conjecture and debate.

The best bet: If 'Bama beats Texas, let's have co-champs with the Fiesta Bowl winner joining the Crimson Tide at the top of the heap.

See **CHRISTENSEN**, Sports 2

KEETER SEEKS MORE OF THE SAME

Twin Falls 5A champion hits the mat tonight

BY BRADLEY GUIRE
TIMES-NEWS WRITER

Will Keeter doesn't think this season should be any different than the last.

It doesn't matter that Twin Falls High School now wrestles in Class 4A. It doesn't matter who he has to face to qualify for state or win a second state championship. All that matters is earning a victory over whoever stands on the other side of the circle when the whistle blows.

"You have to go out there and beat them," he said.

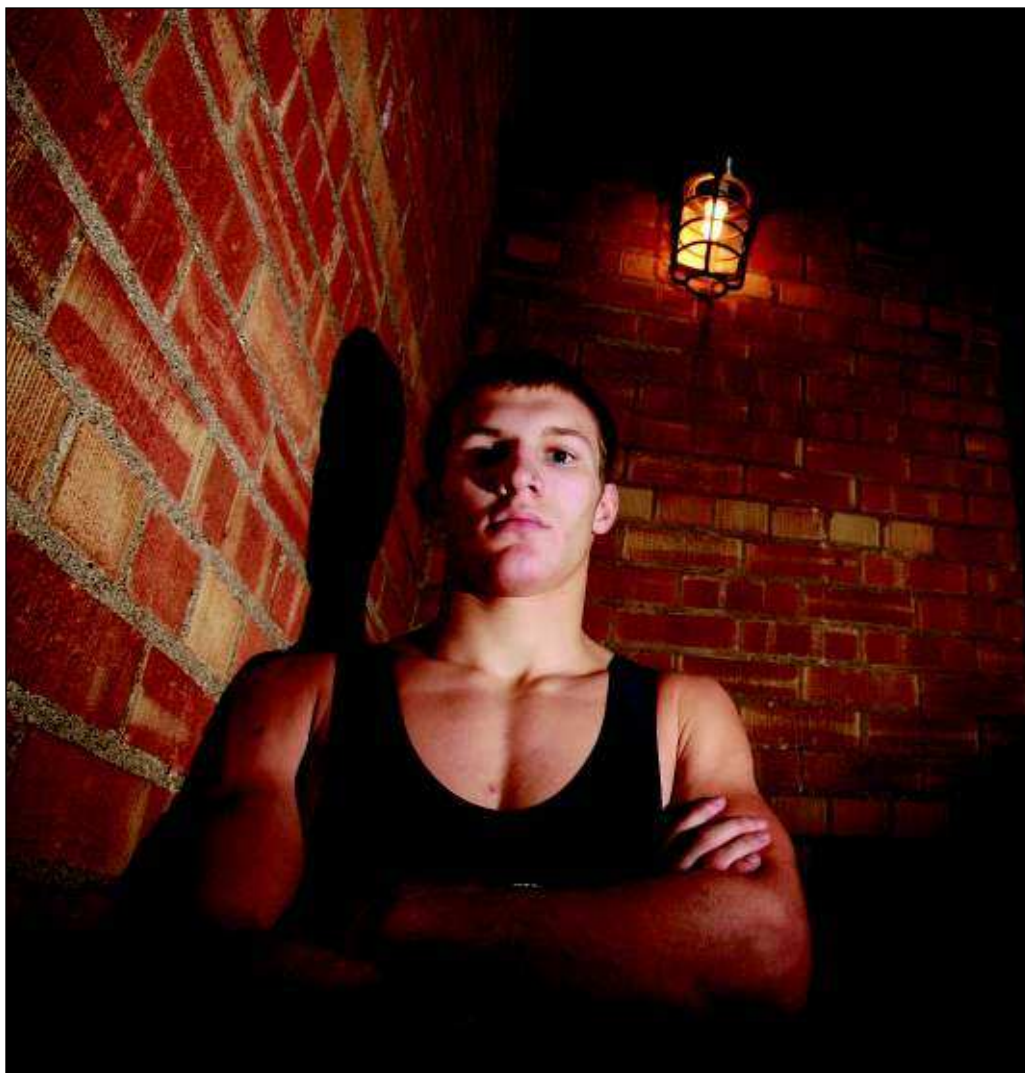
The senior claimed his second state medal last season when he won the Class 5A 135-pound state championship — he finished third at 125 pounds as a sophomore — and he has every intention of earning a Great Basin conference championship and another state title this season.

It's a journey that started when as a fifth-grader, Keeter watched older brother Tommy wrestle as a middle schooler. From there, he committed himself to wrestling year-round.

Coach Saïd Dabestani has guided Keeter from the beginning, along with teammates Zak Sloten and Joe Hamilton, to their senior season. They share key qualities that make them medalists and team leaders.

"Discipline," Dabestani said. "Respect."

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ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Twin Falls High School senior wrestler Will Keeter begins his quest for another state championship with tonight's 6 p.m. home match against Gooding.

"HE'S A TOUGH COOKIE. HE WRESTLES ALL YEAR ROUND. THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES."

— TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING COACH SAÏD DABESTANI

GREAT BASIN RETURNS MANY STATE MEDALISTS WITH ADDITION OF T.F.

By David Bashore, Bradley Guire and Ryan Howe
Times-News writers

The Spartans are looking for district championship No. 27. The Bruins could get in the way of that.

The Minico High School wrestling team has won 13 of last 17 district titles, but that's just a byproduct of coach Brad Cooper's main goal: qualifying kids for state. When it comes to preparing his wrestlers for the biggest meet of the year, Cooper's track record over the past two decades speaks

for itself.

"We've got a lot of work to do, but we always do," Cooper said with a smile. "We'll be all right."

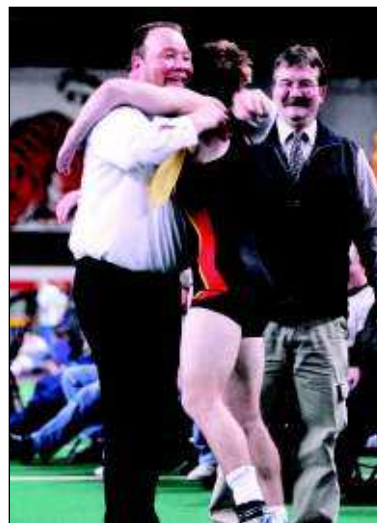
Minico had the most successful showing of the Magic Valley schools at the Class 4A state meet last season as the Spartans finished fourth (the school has claimed four championships, one as recently as 2006). Returnees include state placers senior Garth Crane (fourth at 112), sophomore David Borden (fourth at 145), and senior Colby May (sixth at 160).

Other Spartans to watch include Ramiro Riojas, Alberto Ramirez, Jesse Burgara and Isaiah Alvarado.

Minico has few seniors, but boasts a talented crop of underclassmen. "We're really inexperienced, but we were last year, too," said Cooper. "It just depends on how they come around during the year. Our goal is by the state tournament, these guys will be stepping it up and be ready!"

In addition to champion

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Minico wrestling coach Brad Cooper, left, and assistant coach Steve Barnes, right, congratulate Jake Hruza after he won the 140-pound individual title at the Class 4A state wrestling tournament Feb. 28, in Pocatello. Minico took home the state's fourth-place trophy.

Times-News file photo

McCoy, Tebow among 5 Heisman finalists; BSU's Moore not chosen

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tim Tebow added another Heisman first to his long list of accomplishments just by being selected a finalist for this year's trophy.

Tebow became the first player to be invited to the Heisman Trophy presentation ceremony three times when the Florida quarterback — along with Colt McCoy, Mark Ingram, Toby Gerhart and Ndamukong Suh — was named a finalist Monday for college football's most prestigious player of the year award.

Among the top players who didn't make the cut was

Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore.

"Having the chance to go back to New York means a lot to me," Tebow said in a statement. "It is a special honor but it wouldn't be possible for me to have this opportunity without my teammates and coaches."

The Heisman Trophy will be awarded Saturday in Manhattan. The presentation ceremony has been televised since 1981 and since 1982 at least three players have been

2009 HEISMAN FINALISTS



Tebow
Won the 2007 Heisman, set several SEC records in his senior year



McCoy
Finished runner up in last year's Heisman vote; playing for BCS title



Ingram
Rushed for 1,542 yards and touched 15 touchdowns



Gerhart
Leads nation in rushing (1,736 yards) and touchdowns (26)



Suh
Finished with 12 sacks, first defensive finalist since 1997

Heisman in 2007, is trying to become the second two-time Heisman winner, joining Ohio State's Archie Griffin. Tebow finished third in the voting last year, while getting the most first-place votes.

He's also the first player to finish in the top five of the Heisman voting three times since Georgia tailback Herschel Walker did it in the early 1980s.

McCoy was the runner-up

invited to attend.

The last time as many as five players were invited to New York was 2004, when

USC quarterback Matt Leinart won the award.

Tebow, who was the first sophomore to win the

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WAC

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and third in total defense. This is Nevada's first ever WAC Defensive Player of the Year award.

Wimberly, a redshirt-freshman wide receiver from Los Angeles, Calif. (Gardena HS), leads Nevada and is 10th in the WAC in both receptions per game (3.8) and receiving yards per game (54.4). He has caught 46 passes for 653 yards and five touchdowns. This is Nevada's third WAC Freshman of the Year award

as running back Chance Kretschmer won it in 2001 and quarterback Colin Kaepernick won it in 2007.

Petersen earned his award after directing Boise State to a perfect 13-0 record and the Broncos' seventh WAC title in eight years. Petersen has racked up a record of 48-4 (31-1 WAC) in four seasons with Boise State. It is the fourth Coach of the Year award for a Boise State head coach as Nevada's third WAC 2002 and 2004.

WAC TOP INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Offensive Player of the Year: Kellen Moore, So., QB, Boise State

Defensive Player of the Year: Dontay Moch, Jr., DE, Nevada

Freshman of the Year: Brandon Wimberly, WR, Nevada

Coach of the Year: Chris Petersen, Boise State

First Team Offense

Pos.	Name	School
WR	Austin Pettis	Boise State
WR	Titus Young	Boise State
WR	Greg Salas	Hawaii
TE	Dennis Morris	Louisiana Tech
OL	Nate Potter	Boise State
OL	Andrew Jackson	Fresno State
OL	John Estes	Hawaii
OL	Mike Iupati	Idaho
OL	Alonzo Durham	Nevada
QB	Kellen Moore	Boise State
RB	Ryan Mathews	Fresno State
RB	Vai Taua	Nevada

First Team Defense

Pos.	Name	School
DL	Ryan Winterswyk	Boise State
DL	Chris Carter	Fresno State
DL	D'Anthony Smith	Louisiana Tech
DL	Dontay Moch	Nevada
LB	Ben Jacobs	Fresno State
LB	Blaze Soares	Hawaii
LB	Adrien Cole	Louisiana Tech
LB	Bobby Wagner	Utah State
DB	Kyle Wilson	Boise State
DB	Shiloh Keo	Idaho
DB	Davon House	New Mexico State
DB	Duke Ihenacho	San Jose State

First Team Specialists

Pos.	Name	School
PK	Kevin Goessling	Fresno State
P	Robert Malone	Fresno State
ST	Titus Young	Boise State

Second Team Offense

WR: Seyi Ajirotutu, Fresno State; Max Komar, Idaho; Brandon Wimberly, Nevada; Kevin Jurovich, San Jose State

TE: Virgil Green, Nevada

OL: Kenny Wiggins, Fresno State; Aaron Kia, Hawaii; Irv Stevens, Idaho; Rob McGill, Louisiana Tech; Kenneth Ackerman, Nevada

QB: Colin Kaepernick, Nevada

RB: Jeremy Avery, Boise State; Daniel Porter, Louisiana Tech; Robert Turbin, Utah State

Second Team Defense

DL: Billy Winn, Boise State; Aaron Lavarias, Idaho; Kevin Basped, Nevada; Carl Ihenacho, San Jose State

LB: Winston Venable, Boise State; JoJo Dickson, Idaho; James-Michael Johnson, Nevada; Justin Cole, San Jose State

DB: Jeron Johnson, Boise State; Lorne Bell, Fresno State; Moses Harris, Fresno State; Jonathon Amaya, Nevada

Second Team Specialists

PK: Trey Farquhar, Idaho

P: Philip Zavala, San Jose State

ST: Phillip Livas, Louisiana Tech

Buhl girls edge Riverhawks in OT

Times-News

Free-throw shooting was the difference for the Buhl girls basketball team late in its game against Canyon Ridge, as the Indians made just a few more to take a 54-50 overtime victory Monday in Twin Falls.

"The difference was at the line," said Riverhawks coach Kim Wray, who added that she was pleased with the young team's improvement as more players begin to contribute points.

Bailee Montgomery and Courtney Azevedo led the Indians with 20 and 18 points, respectively, while Karly Hudelson and Breyana Burk scored 16 and 12, respectively, for Canyon Ridge.

Buhl will host Glenns Ferry tonight, while Canyon Ridge (0-8) will travel to Jerome Wednesday for a Great Basin Conference contest.

Buhl 54, Canyon Ridge 50, OT

Buhl 14 9 10 12 9 - 54
Canyon Ridge 6 12 11 16 5 - 50

Buhl (54)

Cassiede Kippes 3, Mercedes Pearson 1, Lacy Hall 4, Kendyl Hamilton 2, Courtney Azevedo 18, Katherine Hunter 4, Bailee Montgomery 20, Whitney Amoth 2. Totals 18 16 28 54.

CANYON RIDGE (50)

Karly Hudelson 16, Laken Mullin 2, Bonnie Detweiler 1, Staci Baird 7, Dani Richards 4, Katie Hamby 8, Breyana Burk 12. Totals 13 23 39 50.

3-point goals: Buhl 2 (Montgomery 2); Canyon Ridge 1 (Hudelson). Total fouls: Buhl 27; Canyon Ridge 20. Fouled out: Buhl, Hunter, Montgomery; Canyon Ridge, Burk. Technical fouls: none.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 38, COMMUNITY SCHOOL 32

Double-digit scoring from Josena

van Vliet (16 points) and Kyanna Jones (14 points) led the Lighthouse Christian girls basketball team to a 38-32 victory over the Community School Monday at Jerome Middle School. Maggie Flood scored 15 for the Cutthroats.

The Community School will host Twin Falls Christian tonight, while Lighthouse Christian (2-7) will face Jackpot, Nev., Friday on the first day of the Jackpot Tournament.

Lighthouse Christian 38, Community School 32

Lighthouse Christian 8 8 5 11 - 32
COMMUNITY SCHOOL (32)
10 9 11 8 - 38

Kayla Cloud 6, Maggie Flood 15, Natalie Goddard 5, Chelsea Cloud 4, Ella Marks 2. Totals 13 6 13 32.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (38)

Kyanna Jones 14, Luciana Romanus 6, Alex Ver Hoeven 2, Josena van Vliet 16. Totals 14 7 10 38.

3-point goals: Lighthouse Christian 1 (Jones). Total fouls: Community School 11; Lighthouse Christian 17. Fouled out: Lighthouse Christian, Jones. Technical fouls: none.

SHOSHONE 70, SHO-BAN 51

Four Indians scored in double figures to lead the Shoshone girls basketball team to a 70-51 victory over Sho-Ban Monday in Fort Hall.

Kelcie Hutchins led all scorers with 21 points, and Lacey Kniep added 15 points and eight rebounds. The Indians used a 25-6 fourth-quarter run to put away the Chiefs.

Shoshone (5-2, 1-0 Snake River Conference North) hosts Gooding Saturday.

Shoshone 70, Sho-Ban 51

Shoshone 19 16 10 25 - 70
SHO-BAN (51)
14 16 15 6 - 51

Shelby Buzzuto 3, Kelcie Hutchins 21, Taylor Astle 10, Lacey Kniep 15, Kylee Stein 15, Jenica Kermer 4, Michelle Aoi 2. Totals 23 18 29 70.

SHO-BAN (51)

Graves 13, Farmer 18, Yokoyama 10, Sequins 4, Bear 2, Moon 4. Totals 21 4 8 51. 3-point goals: Shoshone 6 (Hutchins 3, Kniep 2, Astle); Sho-Ban 5 (Farmer 4, Graves). Total fouls: Shoshone 11; Sho-Ban 21. Fouled out: Sho-Ban, Farmer. Technical fouls: none.

Boys basketball

DECLO 66, WENDELL 64

A layup with three seconds left gave the Declo boys basketball team the needed edge to defeat Wendell 66-64 Monday in Wendell.

Tyler Briggs' basket and the Trojans' lack of timeouts didn't leave Wendell with enough time to respond. The Hornets' outside shooting was on display as they poured in 33 points on 11 made 3-pointers.

Both teams are back in action Friday as Declo travels to Filer and Wendell (1-2) opens Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play at Gooding.

Declo 66, Wendell 64

Declo 12 20 15 19 - 66
Wendell 11 17 16 20 - 64

DECLO (66)

Jeremy Jenkins 12, McCoy Stoker 8, Tyler Briggs 9, Larsen Webb 3, Brandon Peterson 8, Dane Janak 14, Davis Jones 12. Totals 20 15 17 66.

WENDELL (64)

Cayden Williams 12, Jon Myers 7, Cody Prince 7, William Fien 2, Nolan Stouder 20, Nathan Ormand 8, Gary Koopman 8. Totals 21 11 15 64.

3-point goals: Declo 11 (Janak 4, Stoker 2, Peterson 2, Jones 2, Webb) Wendell 5 (Williams 2, Myers, Koopman, Prince). Total fouls: Declo 16; Wendell 16. Fouled out: Declo, Peterson. Technical fouls: none.

Williams' late bucket propels Jazz to victory

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams recovered after missing his first six shots and scored 17 points, including a go-ahead jumper with 22 seconds left to lead the Jazz over the Spurs 104-101.

Williams added 11 assists and Carlos Boozer had 27 points, seven rebounds and five assists for the Jazz, who guaranteed their first series

win over the Spurs in 12 years with their third win over San Antonio this season.

NUGGETS 93, 76ERS 83

PHILADELPHIA —

Chauncey Billups and Denver ruined Allen Iverson's homecoming.

Billups scored 31 points and Carmelo Anthony had 14 to help the Nuggets spoil

Iverson's return to Philadelphia with a 93-83 win over the 76ers on Monday night.

The Nuggets went on a 22-3 run over the third and fourth quarters to rally for their fourth straight win.

THUNDER 104, WARRIORS 88

OKLAHOMA CITY —

Kevin Durant scored 28 points, rookie James Harden

added a career-high 26 and Oklahoma City capitalized on the ejection of Golden State's Corey Maggette.

KNICKS 93, TRAIL BLAZERS 84

NEW YORK — Larry Hughes scored 21 points, David Lee had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and New York won its season-high third straight.

— The Associated Press

Christensen

Continued from Sports 1

Buckle up. This is going to one heck of a ride. The battle for the Scenic West Athletic Conference men's basketball title is almost always a dandy. This year could be even better than its predecessors.

A four-team race between Eastern Utah (8-3, 5-0 SWAC), North Idaho (10-1, 3-1), Salt Lake Community College (9-3, 2-2) and CSI (8-3, 2-2) is starting to unfold. CEU sur-

vived at home last weekend with close calls against NIC and CSI. With a 20-game league slate, each team will face the others four times apiece. Get ready for some instant classics.

Eastern Utah will host the Region 18 tournament in March and the winner-take-all affair will be one to see.

CSI is trying to avoid a three-year absence from the NJCAA Tournament. The pieces are there, but peaking in March is vital.

Heisman

Continued from Sports 1

more touchdowns (26) than any player in the nation. And Nebraska's Suh had 4 1/2 sacks in an attention-grabbing performance against Texas in the Big 12 title game. He is the first defensive player to be a finalist since 1997, when Michigan cornerback Charles Woodson became the first full-time defensive player to win the Heisman.

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Tebow and McCoy entered this season as heavy Heisman favorites, but neither has been as productive this season as last and neither will go into Saturday's presentation as the front-runner.

Tebow returned for his senior season to try and lead the Gators to a third national title in four seasons, but he won't reach that goal.

After being No. 1 almost all season, Florida lost to Alabama 32-13 in the Southeastern Conference title game on Saturday and was knocked out of the national championship race.

The loss likely damaged Tebow's chances at a second Heisman, too. He has passed for 2,413 yards and rushed for 859 yards this year.

Great Basin

Continued from Sports 1

Will Keeter (135), three more Twin Falls Bruins who medaled in Class 5A last winter have returned to compete for 4A riches: Zak Slotten (second place, 171 pounds), Joe Hamilton (third, 119) and Todd Anderson (sixth, 140).

All said they expect to win Great Basin Conference titles in their respective weight divisions and state championships as well, but the competition is looking tough.

"Minico has always been good," Slotten said. "They get a ton of kids out."

Slotten will likely compete at 171 again when state rolls around as will Anderson, who won a state championship as a freshman two seasons ago. Hamilton could move up to the 125 or 130 divisions.

Freshman Trent Diederich, a 103-pounder, could be a rising star in the Bruin program, as he placed second in conference as a junior high student.

The Bruins open with Gooding tonight.

At Canyon Ridge High school, captains Donovan Jones and Johnny Perez are leading a young team that will compete in a tough dual to start the season: the Riverhawks will travel to Nampa next week to face defending Class 4A champion Columbia.

"We're a new school, trying to make our way up and set our mark and show everyone

what we're about," said Jones, who wrestles at 119 pounds. Columbia will provide a measuring stick, for better or worse, to determine where the new program is and where it needs to be.

As practice continues, coach Cory Carter said that building team unity is a priority. Perez, a 130-pounder, said he expects much from the newest captain, Chase Smith, and some of the heavyweights, including guys like Brandon Bradshaw.

The Riverhawks begin their season Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Burley's program is in rebuilding mode with new coach Ted Tateoka, a former Minico wrestler.

"What I want to do is be competitive," Tateoka said. "We've been at the bottom of the districts, but hopefully we'll become more competitive and by the time state rolls around we'll be ready with quite a few kids going to state. The attitude is really good and the guys are working hard."

Ryan Lott returns for his senior season at 171 pounds and figures to be a leader in the wrestling room for Burley. Junior Christian Parke is the only Bobcat to earn a state medal last season, as he finished fourth at 125. Juniors Adrian Quiroz at 160 and Jake Lake at 140 are poised for a big year. Lake has shown potential the past two years, but had

those seasons shortened due to injury and illness. If he can stay healthy, this could be a breakout year.

Jerome, which finished eighth at last year's state meet, has 10 returning state qualifiers and two returning placers — Riley Argyle and Nick Thorne. With six seniors among the returning qualifiers, good things look to be in store again for a team that won the Great Basin Conference championship last year.

Tanner Orchard and Nick Chase should have strong years for Wood River. Both qualified for state last year, as did Tyler Bartlett. Wolverines coach Shawn Huntington said he expects a number of quality freshmen to compete for starting varsity spots as well, which will bode well for Wood River in both the short and long terms. The Wolverines finished 21st at state last year.

Class 3A

Gooding has one state placer returning, and it's probably not the one everyone remembers. Brandon McBride went unbeaten as a freshman for the Senators last year but moved to Illinois. Derek Christiansen returns to lead Gooding after finishing sixth last year at state. Daniel Flick and Chance Adamson also figure

to have prominent roles.

Gooding County rival Wendell returns six wrestlers who qualified for state a year ago, not counting senior Ryan Slade, who will miss the season after suffering an ACL injury during the football season. The Trojans return a healthy stable of seniors to provide some leadership and intensity in practice and at matches. They also have some inexperienced wrestlers who could break out this season.

"We have numbers the highest we've had in a while, so we feel good about the future," said Wendell coach Steve Matthews.

Filer return two wrestlers who placed at the state meet last year: Andrew Juarez at 103 pounds and Nick Fleenor at 189. Fleenor, who finished a disappointing fourth at state after being seeded second, is up to 215 this year while Juarez is at 112. Filer has a new coach this year in Dan Robertson.

Five state qualifiers return for Kimberly, which placed 14th at the state meet last season. None of the five placed at the state meet. Tyson Hardy (140), Nate Young (145) and Braxton Altom (152) were all Top 3 finishers at the SCIC meet a season ago. Hardy will join Young at 145 this year while Altom is slated to go at 171.

Buhl also has a number of

wrestlers returning. Blake Finney, a runner-up at state a year ago, headlines the returning group that will try to defend its SCIC title.

Class 2A

Derek Gerratt is one of the best wrestlers in the state, regardless of weight or classification, and he returns for his senior season at Valley.

Gerratt, the 2008-09 Times-News Wrestler of the Year, went undefeated (43-0) and won the state title at 135 pounds as a junior. He didn't allow a takedown all season and pinned every opponent he faced at state.

The Vikings won the Class 2A District IV team championship last season, the first district title in school history. Nine of the 11 Valley wrestlers who qualified for state last season are back.

Although Declo finished second to Valley at districts, the Hornets (ninth) finished higher than the Vikings (13th) at the state meet. Declo's top wrestlers include three returning state placers: Jaime Alonzo (fourth at 103), Justin Cameron (fifth at 125) and Josh Anderson (sixth at

112). The Hornets also have a talented group of freshmen, but the youngsters might struggle early on as they gain varsity experience.

"Every one of those freshman we have, they're going to be tough," said Declo coach Jason Cooper. "They've just got to have a good attitude because it's not going to be fun always. And we have a good group of older kids who are back that have grown and improved."

Oakley returns three wrestlers with state experience, including junior Braxton Sagers, who finished fourth at 215, and sophomore Stephan Ortiz, who was fifth at 130. Glenns Ferry and Raft River each have five state qualifiers returning.

Hansen has two wrestlers set to start the season. Koltin Kenney returns at 125 pounds, looking to improve on a runner-up finish at 119 at the Class 2A meet as a junior a season ago. Freshman Alex Veenstra will compete at either 112 or 119. Both will wrestle for Class 3A Kimberly during the regular season but will compete for Hansen at the 2A district and state tournaments.

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Rodgers throws 3 TDs as Packers beat Ravens 27-14

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The standings say the Green Bay Packers are in good shape for the playoffs. But Monday night's victory over the Baltimore Ravens showed they still have some work to do to be taken seriously once they get there.

Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdowns passes, including two to tight end

Jermichael Finley, and the Packers beat the Ravens 27-14 in a penalty-filled game Monday night.

It was the fourth straight win for the Packers (8-4), solidifying their spot in the NFC wild-card race. But it certainly wasn't pretty.

The teams committed 23 penalties for 310 yards, tying for the second-high-

est yardage total in an NFL game.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy called the penalties "unbelievable for both sides" but said he was happy with the way his team responded to trying circumstances — something they hadn't done well early in the season.

"I'll say this about our

football team: I was very proud and excited the way they overcame the adversity," McCarthy said.

The Ravens (6-6) struggled in coverage without star safety Ed Reed, who sat out with hip and ankle injuries.

But Ravens coach John Harbaugh insisted his team still can save its season.

"We are still breathing," Harbaugh said. "We are still alive."

Baltimore was called for five pass interference penalties, the most by a team in a single game since the New York Giants in 2001. The Packers were flagged four times for pass interference.

Rodgers was 26 of 40 for 263 yards with two inter-

ceptions, only his sixth and seventh of the season.

While Reed's replacement, Tom Zbikowski, came up with one of the interceptions, the Ravens struggled in coverage.

Baltimore's Joe Flacco was 15 of 36 for 137 yards with a touchdown and three interceptions. The Packers sacked him three times.

BASKETBALL

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Toronto	9	13	409
New York	7	15	318
Philadelphia	5	16	238
New Jersey	1	19	050
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct
Orlando	16	4	800
Atlanta	14	6	700
Miami	11	9	550
Charlotte	8	11	421
Washington	7	12	368
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	15	5	750
Milwaukee	9	10	474
Detroit	8	12	400
Chicago	7	11	389
Indiana	6	12	333
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct
Dallas	14	7	667
Houston	11	9	500
San Antonio	9	9	500
New Orleans	8	11	421
Memphis	8	12	400
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct
Denver	16	5	762
Utah	11	9	600
Portland	13	9	591
Oklahoma City	11	9	550
Minnesota	3	17	150
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct
L.A. Lakers	16	3	842
Phoenix	15	6	714
Sacramento	9	10	474
L.A. Clippers	9	11	450
Golden State	6	14	300

Sunday's Games			
New York 106, New Jersey 97	Cleveland 91, Milwaukee 86	Detroit 98, Washington 94	Miami 115, Sacramento 102
L.A. Lakers 108, Phoenix 88	Denver 93, Philadelphia 83	New York 93, Portland 84	Oklahoma City 104, Golden State 88
Utah 104, San Antonio 101	Portland at Charlotte, 5 p.m.	Minnesota at Toronto, 5 p.m.	Milwaukee at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
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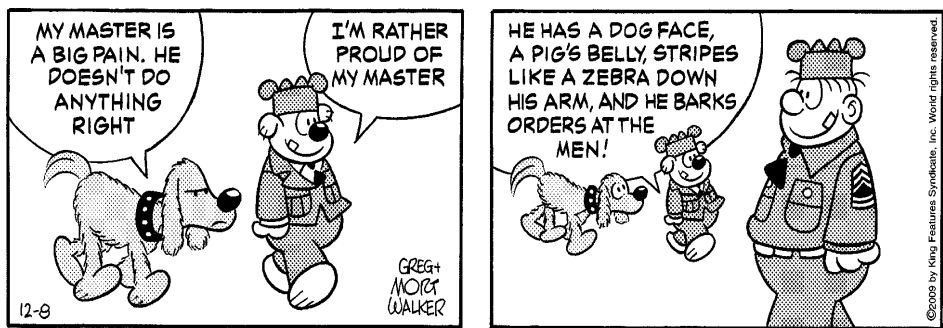
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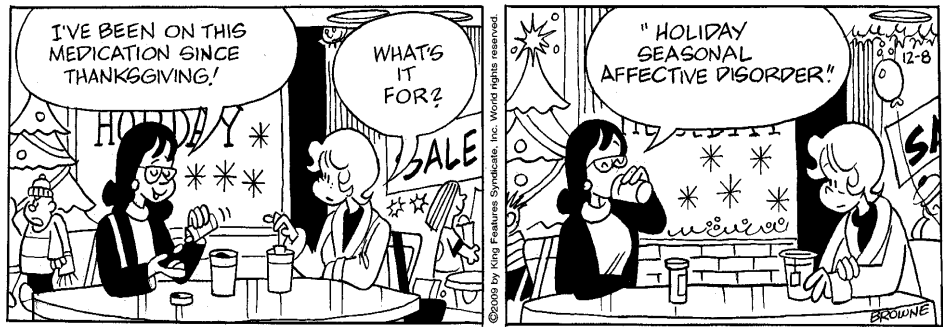
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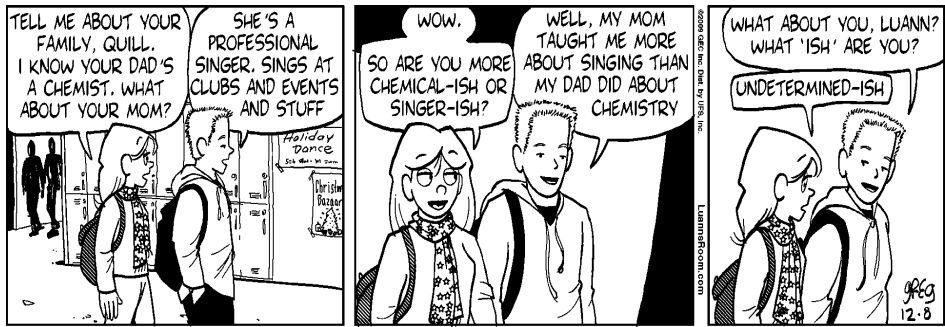
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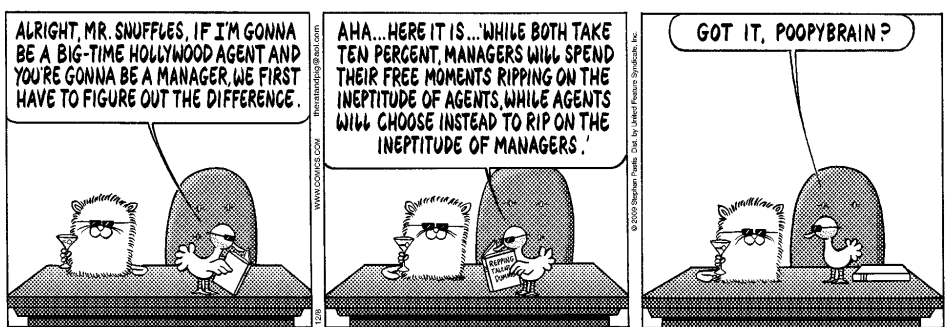
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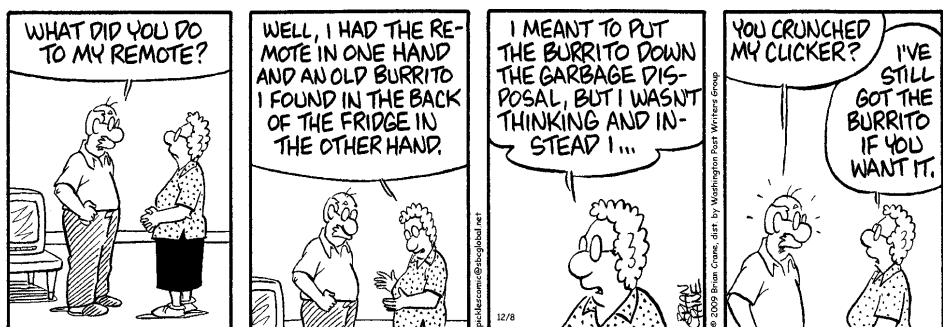
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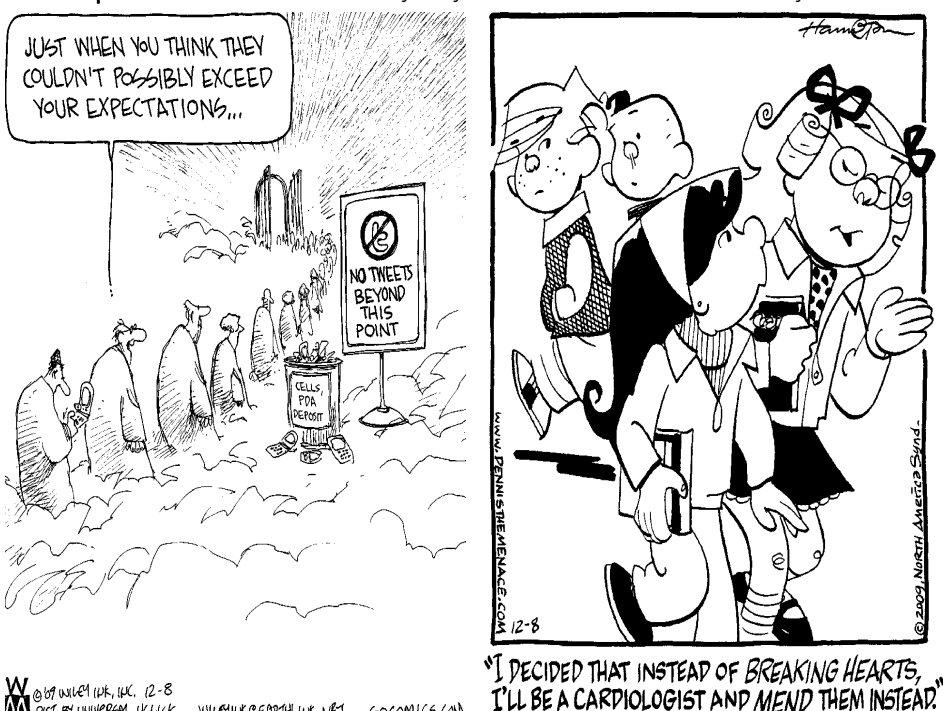


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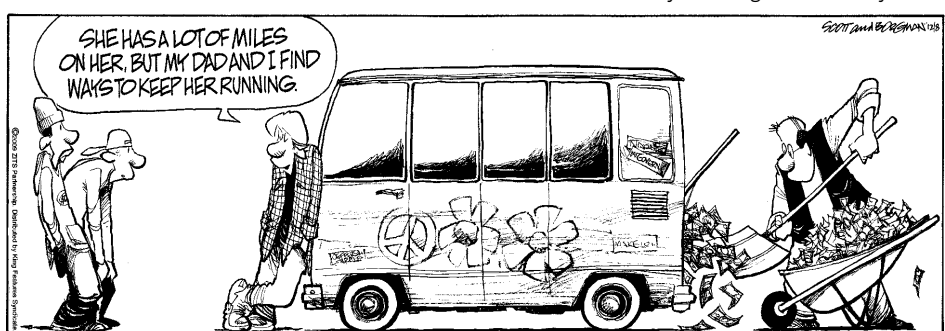
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