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For fiscal year 2011 starting in July, Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter has proposed a budget of \$2.46 billion, down from the original \$2.5 billion appropriation for the current year ending June 30.

OTTER: CUT EDUCATION, PUBLIC TV, RESEARCH CENTER FUNDING

Gov. takes aim at 400 state jobs, Magic Valley livestock lab

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter aims to balance Idaho's budget by cutting another \$40 million from this year's spending by trimming public education and delaying cash for a livestock research center near Twin Falls that was due to get \$10 million. The Republican, who gave his State of the State speech Monday to open the 2010 Legislature, also would slash 400 state jobs, raise Idaho state parks fees and eliminate state funding to Idaho Public Television and six more agencies by 2014.

He won't boost taxes, as minority Democrats suggested, to help augment Idaho tax revenue amid the worst economic downturn in 40 years.

"It is not our place to impose an additional economic burden on the people of Idaho

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T.F. Council OKs animal contract, Dell termination

Business owner will petition to dissolve BID

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

After a year of false starts, the Twin Falls City Council signed off 6-0 Monday evening on a new contract for animal-control services with Twin Falls County.

The contract, \$109,500 this year, is still cheaper than if the city did all the work itself and represents the city's share of calls for service to the county, Twin Falls Police Lt. Craig Stotts said. Officials have also agreed to review call loads quarterly to ensure costs stay fair.

Council member Will Kezele was absent from the meeting.

The county sheriff's office has handled animal control for both entities since 2000, but costs charged to the city have steadily risen over the years and spiked from \$50,000 to \$120,000 annually in 2008. The 2008 contract was never actually signed, in part because former mayor Lance Clow was concerned about the cost.

Though Clow voted for the reduced contract on Monday, he scrutinized county charges to the city. He asked whether multiple calls about one dog are treated as one incident for billing purposes, and was surprised by the number of calls the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center handles each year.

Stotts assured him the county was receiving enough calls to justify paying two animal-control officers. But Clow said the city should still talk to the county about covering a larger share of Twin Falls Animal Shelter funding, a separate issue. Stotts noted the county recently increased how much it pays to the shelter.

Also Monday, Escape Salon owner Scott Andrus told the council he plans to submit a petition to dissolve the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District at 1 p.m. today.

Andrus has been gathering signatures since November to end the controversial, 30-year-old district, but the city may not accept all of them. City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich said again at the meeting that he reads state code as saying only businesses up to date on their dues — "the businesses in the district which pay a majority of the assessments" — can legally petition to close the BID.

Andrus blasted Wonderlich for his interpretation and accused the attorney of forcing business owners to pay in order to have their votes count.

"Such reasoning is repugnant and an affront to the citizens of Twin Falls," he said.

Council members also voted 6-0 to terminate a lease agreement with Dell for the building housing its former call center at 851 Pole Line Road.

The city, which owns the building now, is required by the 2002 agreement that brought Dell to town to pass the still-fully furnished building back to the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency. The URA will pay \$766,500 — the balance on a promissory note Dell holds with the agency — for a building city staff guess is worth \$3 million, Economic Development Director Melinda Anderson said. It has not been reappraised yet.

The URA held off its approval of the deal earlier Monday to gather more information about maintenance and other costs, Anderson said. A vote is scheduled for Jan. 19.

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Area lawmakers greet speech with budget concerns

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

BOISE — It wasn't news that anyone wanted to hear.

But because of the reality of the economic downturn, area lawmakers were already braced for Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's calls on Monday in his State of the State address for further belt-tightening amid declining state revenues.

After more than a year of holdbacks and budget cuts that began in August 2008, Otter's recommendation for a

1.6 percent holdback this fiscal year of \$40 million was no surprise.

"It was the speech that has to be," said Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, echoing the sentiments of many of his colleagues.

One area subject to cuts is the proposed livestock research facility near Twin Falls. Otter says its \$10 million state investment has to wait.

Rep. Donna Pence, a member of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee, supports the dairy research center, but said it's under-

standable to delay funding.

"I think that any of that stuff is fair game at this point," she said. "I think we're looking for money wherever we can get it."

The governor's budget recommendations are headed to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee in the days and weeks ahead.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chairman of JFAC, said: "The numbers weren't a surprise. There will be some disagreement and discussion as we go along."

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Students respond to governor's address

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

About 20 Twin Falls High School students watched Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter's State of the State address stream live on the Idaho Education Network on Monday. The video feed occasionally stalled, and the governor's words didn't match the movement of his mouth, but the students didn't seem to mind.

"It was pretty awesome," Blaike Case, 17, said. "Like he (Otter) talked about, it showed that Idaho is a family."



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Case laughed about the last comment — pausing either to mock Otter or herself — but decided to stick with it. Her 16-year-old classmate, Stephanie Maughan, agreed.

See **STUDENTS**, Main 2



Cy Sneed, left, props his head in his hand as he listens to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's State of the State address broadcast Monday through a live feed from Boise to a Twin Falls High School classroom by the Idaho Education Network. Sneed called the speech 'kind of weird' because he felt there would be unnecessary cuts to education in areas that are needed and spending on things he doesn't think are necessary.

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



- Explore the planets at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for the Arts and Science in Twin Falls. Tonight's show starts at 7. Tickets are \$2.50 to \$4.50.
- Participate in the kickoff of the 2010 Relay for Life, an event that raises money to fight cancer. See how you can participate at 6 p.m. in the Perrine Room at Canyon Crest Dining and

Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls.

- Laugh the night away during comedy night at the Sage Mountain Grill, 251 North St., Albion. The laughs start at 7 p.m. and there's a \$10 cover.

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

Concerns

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JFAC will start work today on looking at the governor's budget recommendations.

"We'll start peeling the onion's skin back on his budget," said Cameron. "We'll see things there we agree with. We'll see things we disagree with. All we have is the outside rough edges of what the governor's recommending."

Cameron said the governor did a good job delivering his message and reminding legislators about the role of government.

"The governor didn't create this problem," Cameron said. "He didn't ask for the problem but we have to deal with the problem."

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Oakley, will serve alongside Cameron as co-chairwoman of what will be the most closely-watched JFAC in years.

"I think the governor is feeling very deeply the pain of the cuts, the deep cuts that he has to do," Bell said.

House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, said that the work now begins for the Legislature and governor to reach a consensus about the budget.

"I think that we have the talent in our local school districts to minimize any impacts these proposed cuts

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may have on our kids," Bedke said.

Sen. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, said the governor was "pretty realistic" in his speech's outline of the budget.

"That's going to be our No. 1 item for the session," he said.

Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, said she agreed with Otter's stance in the speech against the federal health-care overhaul that's working its way through Congress, adding that she also has concerns about its impact on Medicaid.

Democratic lawmakers expressed deep concerns about the impact of cuts on education.

"I'm thinking we're going to be packing kids into classrooms like sardines," said Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum.

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Students

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"I think it's pretty awesome, because he's serious about the things he's telling us and about getting them done," Maughan said. "He seemed to know how he'll get them done, and he's being honest about it."

About \$40 million in budget holdbacks to state agencies and public schools featured prominently in Otter's address.

"I think it helped us better understand what the government is doing right now," Jeff Ward, 17, said. "Money is the main issue, and it's important to know how much there will be as we go into college."

Superintendent Wiley Dobbs attended the viewing and said nothing in the speech surprised him — though he did acknowledge he was expect-

ing as much as a 2 percent budget holdback, rather than the 1.6 percent Otter announced.

"We're going to get our pencils out and sharpen them," Dobbs said. "We know we'll make cuts."

He emphasized, however, that district cuts will be implemented in ways that will impact student learning the least and said employees will be protected — perhaps by constricting work hours, rather than eliminating positions.

Regarding the out-of-sync video, Dobbs said "we're somewhat disappointed with the quality" but that the technology will improve.

"You can almost always count on it failing the first time you use it," he said.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY MONDAY ARRAIGNMENTS
Kevin Milton, 36, Twin Falls; Washington warrant, Jan. 22 fugitive hearing, public defender appointed, \$250,000 bond
Miriah D. Pace, 34, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, two counts destruction of evidence, \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed, Jan. 22 preliminary hearing
Albert H. Adermann, 32, Twin Falls;

resisting/obstructing officer, \$1,500 bond, not-guilty plea, public defender appointed, Feb. 2 pretrial
Matthew W. Frantz, 49, Twin Falls; under influence of inhalants, recognition release, not-guilty plea, public defender appointed, Feb. 2 pretrial
David F. Duran, 34, Twin Falls; domestic battery, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, not-guilty plea, Feb. 2 pretrial

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Let's Dance Club, with line and square dance, 6 to 10 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W.; \$3; free for children under 14 with an adult, 410-5650 or galenslatte.com.

CHURCH EVENTS

Agape Interfaith Ministry luncheon, featured presentation: "Lessons in Finding Eternity" by June Peterson, noon, Lincoln Inn, 413 Main St., Gooding, no cost to attend, lunch \$8.50, 208-366-2974.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Snake River Weavers' Guild, monthly meeting, 1:30 p.m., hostess: Ilse Hylton, 734-6258 or Elly Young, 734-5358.

American Legion Post 7 and Auxiliary Unit 7, dinner and meeting, 6:30 p.m. (doors open 5:30 p.m.), post home, 447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls, post will provide spaghetti (bring a side dish or dessert to share), no cost, www.twinfallslegion.org or 733-9306, 734-1435.

EXHIBITS

"Outside In: Indian Art Abroad," a multidisciplinary project exploring art made by Indian artists, writers and filmmakers who live outside India, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum, no cost, sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

"High Plains Hamlet: An Idaho Frontier Tragedy," art show by Mike Youngman and Karl Brake, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

Full Moon Gallery's exhibit, by gallery members and guest artists: Loraine Devey, fiber art, and sculptor Elly Young, noon to 5 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council's La Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Main Street Plaza, Twin Falls, no cost, 734-2787 or magicvalleyartsCouncil.org.

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 Public Library meeting, 11 a.m., 191 State St. N., Hagerman, 208-837-6520.

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

Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, noon, hosted by Tilley and Lincoln Accounting, La Fiesta, 1288 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 733-3974 or www.twinfallschamber.com.

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.

Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley, 878-4367.

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, 7p.m., high school,

150 Lake St. W., 837-4777.

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

Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 2392 Main St., 655-4225.

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.

Minidoka City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 531-4101.

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

Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park Ave., 544-2102.

Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple St., 886-2038.

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., Declo High School gym, no cost, 732-6475.

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

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, Burley, 737-5988.

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.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, Oakley, 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 area 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 Anonymus (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.

Mini-Cassia Domestic Violence Support

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

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, Hailey, no cost, 737-5988.

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LIBRARIES

Burley Public Library storytime, with stories, rhyme, song and a small craft for toddlers, preschoolers and their caregiver, 10:30 a.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, 878-7708.

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

Twin Falls Public Library Book Club, discussing Yann Martel's philosophical novel, "Life of Pi," 5:30 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., light refreshments provided, no cost, 733-2964 ext. 109.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Faulkner Planetarium "The Planets," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students, family special: \$4.50 adults, up to five children for \$1, any additional \$2.50, no cost for children under age two, 732-6655.

SPORTS AND RECREATIONS

Snowsports Camp for kids, four consecutive weeks for ages kindergarten to sixth grade, 9 to 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 to 3 p.m., Sun Valley Nordic Center, 1 Sun Valley Road, Sun Valley, \$150 for four weeks (lift tickets and lessons), 208-622-2250.

Locals' adult clinics, beginner and low intermediate on Dollar Mountain, 10 a.m. to noon; intermediate and advanced on Bald Mountain, 1 to 3 p.m., Sun Valley Nordic Center, 1 Sun Valley Road, Sun Valley, \$110 for three weeks (not include lift tickets), 208-622-2250.

Ski group lessons, classic skiing group lessons, 10 a.m.; skate skiing, 2 p.m., Sun Valley Nordic Center, 1 Sun Valley Road, Sun Valley, \$40 package price (includes equipment rental and instructions), 208-622-2250.

TODAY'S DEADLINES

Reminder for Friday: Celebrate Recovery and Burley Christian Center, with family, food, fellowship and healing, 6 p.m., Burley Christian Center, 317 W. 27th St., Burley, speaker: Ralph Rodriguez, no cost, 313-2987.

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

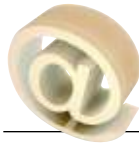
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who already are struggling, or to put a damper on economic recovery," Otter said to applause from majority GOP House and Senate members inside the newly refurbished Capitol.

Lawmakers still must weigh in on Otter's proposals. Democrats quickly criticized the governor for a budget that doesn't include an additional \$82 million in tax revenue that his chief economist, Mike Ferguson, forecasts will be collected in 2011 as Idaho's economy emerges from the recession.

Otter said the recovery is too uncertain. But House Minority Leader John Rusche, D-Lewiston, accused Otter of taking advantage of the poor economy to pursue ideo-



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logical goals of reducing government at the cost of necessary services.

"It's basically politics over people," Rusche said. Republicans praised Otter's budget for prudence, pointing out they've been forced to cut Idaho's budget multiple times since 2008 during the middle of the year because tax revenue deteriorated.

"One of the things we've learned, it's easier to add money to budgets than it is to deal with holdbacks," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations budget-setting committee.

The governor would use most of the \$275 million in reserve funds this year and in 2011.

And Otter wants to delay giving \$10 million to the University of Idaho's proposed Magic Valley livestock research center. That's after industry raised just a fraction of a promised \$5 million and after the U of I's plan to sell state land to finance a \$20 million share fell victim to plunging property values.

Otter has proposed shielding Idaho's 115 school districts from a 4 percent

holdback he ordered in September by using public education reserves.

Still, he wants schools to cover all of a separate \$27 million, midyear 2010 cut by using their own rainy day accounts, a plan which GOP leaders in the House and Senate support. This would be the first midyear cut ever to schools, his finance chief, Wayne Hammon, told reporters before the governor's speech.

If districts don't have sufficient local reserves to meet contract obligations this year, they'd be able to borrow money from the state but would have to dip into 2011 funding to pay back any loans. After Otter's speech, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said he'll push to give school district administrators more flexibility to meet the reductions, including by modifying teachers' contracts.

In a statement, Keith Allred, a Democratic candidate for governor, said Otter "delivered a message of decline and retreat." He said Idaho should first close tax exemptions in order to reduce the overall tax rate.

"This is when we need a

leader who understands that Idahoans are as capable as we've always been," Allred said. "We can come barreling out of this downturn if we have the right vision."

Under Otter's plan for the Department of Parks and Recreation, which oversees 30 state parks, management duties would be folded into the Idaho Department of Lands and the Department of Fish and Game. His office estimates this, along with fee hikes, could bring \$10 million savings to taxpayers.

Of the 400 state jobs Otter aims to eliminate, most are already vacant.

It was unclear how many of the jobs could be cut at Idaho Public Television, which employs about 58 part-time and 54 full-time employees, according to the state controller's office. Under Otter's plan, public TV's annual general fund appropriation of about \$1.7 million would be eliminated over the next four years.

Other agencies where state funding will be eliminated under Otter's plan: the Human Rights Commission, Hispanic Commission, Independent Living Council, Developmental Disabilities Council, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Council and Digital Learning Academy. They, too, would have to find new sources of cash.

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Big Wood	65%	31%
Little Wood	57%	23%
Big Lost	55%	25%
Little Lost	73%	35%
Henrys Fork/Teton	63%	30%
Upper Snake Basin	59%	29%
Oakley	80%	37%
Salmon Falls	69%	32%
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Did Luther Burbank’s potato make Idaho?

Does Idaho — or certainly, the southern part of it — trace its prosperity to the russet Burbank potato?

Sort of. According to the Idaho Potato Commission, the 10 tubers than botanist Luther Burbank took with him when he moved from New York to California appeared to be the nuclear stock for what became the Idaho potato.

But ... The potato that Idaho made famous was not exactly a Burbank. The Burbank variety is a smooth-skinned, long, white potato and the russet Burbank variety, which Idaho grows, has a slightly rough, reticulated skin commonly termed “netted” as a Netted Gem, a common synonym for russet Burbank’s.

According to Burbank, the russet Burbank was originated by a man in Denver. Burbank said, “These Burbank potatoes raised by Lon D. Sweet of Denver, Colo., have modified their coat in a way that does not add to their attractiveness. It is said, however, that this particular variant is particularly resistant to blight, which gives it

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Steve Crump



exceptional value.” Although “blight” was a rather general term that could be applied to a numerous array of conditions, as used by Burbank in his 1914 writings, the truth is that the russet Burbank does have considerable resistance to a number of tuber diseases.

The appearance of the russet in the Burbank variety has tended to be somewhat obscure and writers have elected to cite the origin as unknown. When Burbank and russet Burbank are grown together, their differences are almost negligible.

The “russetting” of the tuber seems to be the major observable difference. The russet mutation appears to involve only the outer layers of the tuber By 1906, more than 6 million bushels of Burbanks were produced in California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

Acquittal brings some relief to Sean Pesek

By Andrea Jackson Times-News writer

Sean Pesek says his legal woes are continuing, even though a jury last week found him not guilty of sexually abusing his two children.

“Until I can see my children again, I don’t think I’ll be totally relieved,” Pesek said Monday about a restraining order that keeps him from seeing his kids.

The Fred Meyer employee was arrested at his work last summer, along with his wife, Brandy Jo Maltos-Pesek, on indictments charging two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with minors and

two counts of child sex abuse.

Authorities allege in court papers that Pesek and Maltos-Pesek victimized Pesek’s children, now ages 5 and 7, between 2006 and 2009. Maltos-Pesek’s upcoming trial is set for Jan. 20.

Pesek, 36, was facing up to life in prison if convicted and maintained his innocence on Monday in a case where he found himself “testifying for my own life.” One of the lewd conduct charges against Pesek was dismissed by prosecutors on Jan. 4, just before trial.

“The first hump is over,”

said Pesek, adding Monday that the criminal justice system now seems “broken” to him.

“It was basically a custody fight,” Pesek said about the case against him. “It’s just sad that people can use the criminal-justice system for a civil case.”

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebs disagreed Monday with Pesek’s assessment.

“We prosecuted the right person,” Loebs said, declining comment on the pending Maltos-Pesek case.

Pesek cannot be charged again with these crimes with last week’s acquittal. He

maintains that “I had done nothing wrong,” and said the restraining order preventing contact with his children is still in effect.

“Don’t rush to judgment when you hear someone is charged with a crime,” Pesek said Monday.

According to Loebs, cases like the one against Pesek are often complicated by a lack of physical evidence. “We have to respect the opinion of the jury,” Loebs said Monday.

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Prison program ordered for Osterhoudt

By Andrea Jackson Times-News writer

Franklin S. Osterhoudt, of Buhl, was sentenced Monday to six months of prison programming, after pleading guilty to injury to a child and possession of a controlled substance.

Osterhoudt, 20, apologized Monday to the 15-year-old girl he was accused of having sex with last summer.

“I’m terribly sorry that she had to go through this,” a shackled Osterhoudt told a Twin Falls courtroom Monday.

“I know I’m ready to succeed,” he said about upcoming treatment for alcohol, drug and sex issues.

When Osterhoudt’s teenage victim was concerned she was pregnant

Osterhoudt told her to use methamphetamine and abort the baby, said Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecutor Julie Sturgill on Monday in court.

He had originally been accused of two counts of rape, though prosecutors dropped one of the charges and reduced the other to injury to a child in exchange for Osterhoudt’s guilty plea.

Public defender Ben Andersen requested probation, but Judge G. Richard Bevan ordered a 180-day retained-jurisdiction program, also called a RIDER, so the court can assess how much of a risk Osterhoudt may be to the community. Bevan also suspended 3 1/2 years of fixed prison time.

Anderson said Osterhoudt understands the importance

of obeying the law after already serving more than five months in county jail.

Meanwhile, Osterhoudt’s father is awaiting trial in a separate case involving allegations of rape, incest and five counts of lewd and lascivious conduct, after he was arrested last year in Arizona

on a local warrant from 2007. A jury recently could not reach a verdict, so a new trial is set for June 29.

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Legislator makes session-limiting proposal

By Ben Botkin Times-News writer

BOISE — Idaho stands apart from most states when it comes to regulating the length of its legislative sessions.

Thirty-nine states limit how many days their legislatures can be in session. Idaho does not, and Rep. Grant Burgoyne, D-Boise, wants that to change.

He plans to introduce a proposed constitutional amendment that would limit each regular session of the Legislature to 90 calendar days. His proposal comes on the heels of the 2009 session, the second longest in the state’s history at 117 days.

Last year’s session length raised eyebrows, particularly with its roughly \$30,000 daily cost coming amid

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— Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert

budget cuts.

Burgoyne noted that in other aspects of his life — from personal to professional — he has deadlines.

“There’s nothing wrong with the Legislature having a similar kind of deadline,” Burgoyne said.

Having the Legislature limited to a specific time frame would also make the job more realistic for full-time professionals who need to tell their employers how long they’ll be in Boise, Burgoyne said.

“I’m very concerned that the Legislature doesn’t have as many younger members who are working full-time jobs and raising families,”

Burgoyne said.

Burgoyne readily admits that a constitutional amendment will be a challenge to pass. The House and Senate would both need to pass it with a two-thirds supermajority vote before the amendment would be presented to the public in the next general election.

The amendment would not affect special sessions of the Legislature.

Other lawmakers have mixed views on the amendment.

Rep. Fred. Wood, R-Burley, agreed that the Legislature should keep its length down. But he said the

best way to do that is to not pay legislators after the session reaches 90 days, adding that this would provide an incentive for the Legislature to finish its work.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said there’s already a “natural push” for the Legislature to get its work done in a timely fashion.

“I don’t want to be one day away from my family that I don’t have to,” he said, adding that accomplishing what’s necessary is more important than the length of the session.

Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, was open to the idea.

“I don’t see a reason we couldn’t do something like that,” she said.

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Lincoln Co. delays decision on Interfaith request

By John Plestina Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Lincoln County commissioners on Monday delayed until spring a decision on whether to make a contribution to Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a Twin Falls-based nonprofit looking to expand its services into Lincoln County.

Commissioners said before making any contributions they wanted to look at first-quarter revenue and expenditures for the year.

The group that helps peo-

ple who fall through the cracks in the social service system served two clients in Lincoln County in 2009.

“We want to really grow this year,” said Karen WhiteHawk, representing the organization at Monday’s commission meeting.

The nonprofit serves Lincoln, Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls counties with services that include providing transportation to medical appointments, stores and other locations, housekeeping and construction of wheelchair ramps at residences.

In asking the commission for funding to meet basic daily needs for services that grants don’t cover, WhiteHawk said her organization lacks about \$7,000 for expenses this year and another \$2,000 for matching grants for the four-county area.

According to WhiteHawk, Twin Falls County has donated \$5,000 to the nonprofit, the city of Jerome gave \$2,000 and Jerome County contributed \$500.

Commission Chairman Jerry Nance asked if WhiteHawk has asked the

Shoshone City Council for funding.

WhiteHawk said she sent a letter to the city but received no response.

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Brenda Horner

Brenda Horner, age 67, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010.

Brenda was born Aug. 24, 1942, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the youngest daughter to Charles “Bob” and Willa Wilcox. She grew up attending schools in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1960. Brenda married Ned Horner and together, they raised three daughters. She lived most of her life in Paul, Idaho, enjoying the area where she and Ned spent many years farming. She loved the outdoors and living in the country. Brenda worked at John’s Market in Paul, and The Burley Reminder in Burley and formed many lasting friendships.

Brenda was an avid reader and especially enjoyed Louis Lamour books and watching John Wayne westerns. While her children were at home, she was active in 4-H and had a great love for animals. She always had a warm heart for a stray dog or cat who wandered into her yard. Her grandchildren were very important to her, and she was always more concerned with their well-being than her own. She was generous



and loving. She took a great interest in their lives and always wanted to know how they were doing. She spent many years supporting them during their involvement in high school Rodeo, 4-H projects and other activities.

Brenda is survived by Ned Horner of Paul; her sister, Thayre (Leland) Dennis of Holladay, Utah; daughters, Ronda (Lynn) Hansen of Twin Falls, Julie (Bryan) Simmitt of Ogden, Utah, and Dawn (Aaron) Whitesides of Paul; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents. Brenda will be deeply missed by her friends and family.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at Morrison Funeral Home, 188 S. Highway 24 in Rupert, with Bishop Layne Harper officiating. Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 N. Bearegard St., Alexandria, VA 22311.

Arrangements are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory.

Glenn E. Stelma

BELLEVUE — Glenn E. Stelma, a 62-year resident of Bellevue, Idaho, passed away Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, at St. Luke’s Medical Center in Boise after a short illness.

Glenn was born 84 years ago, on June 14, 1925, to Nek and Anna Stelma in Bridgeport, Neb. When Glenn was 12 years old, the family moved to Buhl, Idaho, to work a new farm. Glenn grew up in the Buhl and Castleford areas and had many great stories to tell from his teenage years in the Melon Valley. Just out of high school, Glenn enlisted in the Army and served in World War II in the Asiatic Pacific Theater with Company B, 6 Engineers, C Battalion as a staff sergeant. He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and later served in North and South Korea before the Korean Conflict began. He was discharged in 1946 and returned to Buhl to help his father on the farm.

In 1948, the family moved to the Wood River Valley to work the Cove Ranch. Glenn met the love of his life, Phyllis Ivie, while working at Sun Valley bell service in 1950. After a whirlwind courtship with the beautiful girl in the beauty shop, they were married in Bellevue on March 19, 1950. Four children soon followed, Glenda (Matt) Ryan of Alta, Utah, Phil Stelma of Austin, Colo., Don (Deb) Stelma of Bend, Ore., and Dan (Chelsea) Stelma of Underwood, Wash.; three grandchildren, Nick Stelma of Bellevue, Colin (Megan) Stelma of Fairfield and Wyatt Stelma of Underwood, Wash., great-grandchild of Alexandra Stelma of Fairfield. He is also survived by his brother, Nick



Stelma, who lives in Pasco, Wash.

Glenn was constantly aware of the need to give back to his community. He served up to the time of his passing with the American Legion Post 141, then Post 24, served on the Blaine County School Board for four terms, Bellevue City Council, Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation Board of Directors and the Rotarun Ski Area Board of Directors, where he had taught all his children and grandchildren to ski. He and Phyllis were active in Bellevue Labor Day activities as well, with Glenn being the first to raise his hand when jobs needed to be completed.

Though Glenn had been retired for a few years, he wasn’t one to sit still very long. His daily route always included the walk to the post office and gas station for coffee with a few chats with friends along the way. He was also out multiple times a day for a walk with his dog, Loki. In fact, they used the bike path so often that a photo of the two of them out for a walk was featured in the Blaine County Recreation District’s newsletter!

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Eleanor McCabe; and one grandson, Alexander Phillip Stelma.

The family suggests any memorial contributions be given to Blaine County Senior Center.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Bellevue Community Church in Bellevue. Internment will follow later in the spring. A guestbook and the obituary are available at Wood River Chapel (www.woodriver-chapel.com).

Ralph Hicken

BURLEY — Ralph Fisher Hicken, age 98, of Burley, Idaho, and formerly of Provo, Utah, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010.

He was born Sept. 24, 1911, in Heber City, Utah, the son of Addison Pratt and Florence Fisher Hicken. He was a 1929 graduate of Heber City High School. He then attended Brigham Young University from 1935 to 1936, where he met his bride, Clara Blackburn Hicken. Ralph and Clara were married June 1, 1938, in the Manti LDS Temple. They had a fabulous 67 years together.

He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Ralph was able to serve missions to the Southern States Mission (1932 to 1934), as a branch president in the Canada Winnipeg Mission (1976 to 1978), and the Deseret Industries (2002 to 2004). Each of these brought great joy to him and solidified his testimony as to the truthfulness of the gospel.

Ralph worked many jobs providing for his family from a surveyor, to mining to owning a filling station, an auxiliary policeman in Provo, Utah, to 35 years as a millwright for Geneva Steele, also in Provo. His quiet strength spoke volumes about his character and work ethic. He spent his free time gardening, fishing, leather working and reading. He often tied his own flies and was known to wear his own tooled watchband. Ralph and Clara moved to Burley 15 years ago to be near their daughter, Pamela Hall.



He is survived by his four daughters, Janet (Art) Frazier of Kanab, Utah, Pamela (Ron) Hall of Burley, Camille Langston of Blanding, Utah, and Hilma (Jamie) Grinsell of Midway, Utah; 17 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren. His parents; his wife, Clara; his brother, Roy P. Hicken; one son, Jon Ralph Hicken; a son-in-law, Keith Langston; two grandsons, Michael Ryan Hall and Curtis Ralph Hall; and one great-grandson, Hunter Aaron Danner, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop Guy Redder officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Heber City Cemetery in Heber City, Utah. A second viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at the Olpin-Hoopes Funeral Home, 288 N. Main St. in Heber City, Utah.

Juanita Mae Wright

Juanita Mae Wright passed away peacefully at the Heritage Bennion Care Center in Taylorsville, Utah, on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009.

She was born in Roby, Mo., on March 26, 1928. In her youth, she enjoyed working and helping her mother with her younger sisters and brothers. She attended Kimberly High School and later took two years of business college. She was a member of the Christian Church in Kimberly, Idaho, and was a Cub Scout den leader for her sons. Juanita loved to dance, exercise and walk her poodles, read and play the guitar and piano. She was a great cook, enjoyed gardening and loved her grandchildren. After moving to Salt Lake City, she would talk and write to her family in Idaho often.

Juanita is preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister, two brothers and a nephew. She is survived by her sons, Gene



(Janice) Wright of Bluffdale, Utah, and Brent Wright of West Jordan, Utah; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Heritage Bennion Care Center and Hospice for their love and care of Juanita.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at Valley View Memorial Park, 4400 W. 4100 S. in West Valley City, Utah, followed by a 12:30 p.m. funeral service at the Bluffdale LDS West Chapel, 14662 S. 3200 W. in Bluffdale, Utah. Family and friends are welcome.

Rose Evelyn Swanson McClain

The leafless branches of her Birch tree swayed back and forth as Rose Evelyn Swanson McClain left quietly, peacefully ready to be welcomed home Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010.

Rose Evelyn was 95. Mom was born Feb. 23, 1914, to Richard and Mamie May Swanson in Lavilia, Iowa. Mamie, along with their first daughter, Anna Mary, traveled back to Jarbidge, Nev., where Rose began a lifelong love for Jarbidge. Her beginnings were humble. Her father, Richard, was a gold miner who followed the call of gold to Jarbidge in 1909. Her mother was a nurse and a homemaker and later they owned the Nevada Hotel. Rose was a tomboy! Preferring to be with her dad, getting wood in the high country visiting with the miners along the way, or riding the town horse, “Pinky,” and later her horse, “Nips.” She never had the time for sewing but learned to cook and grew many wonderful gardens, supplying all of the family with an abundance of veggies and fruit.

Rose went through the 8th grade in Jarbidge, then went to Twin Falls High School, working for room and board and at C.C. Anderson in the shoe department. After two years, Rose quit school and lived in Jarbidge. She had her eye on Chester McClain who, at age 16, came to Jarbidge to work in the mines. They were married on June 18, 1932. The mines were about to close, so they moved to Castleford to start their lifelong love and career of farming.

Mom was a member of the Castleford Methodist Church and the Methodist Women’s Club. She was a lifelong member of the Castleford Flower Club. She helped or was a leader in the Cub Scouts, Job’s Daughters and 4-H clubs and was a lifelong member of the daughters of Nile and member of the Order Eastern Star No. 40 of Buhl, now Filer. She was a member of the Magic Valley Memorial Hospital Pink Ladies Auxiliary and the Castleford Grandmother Club. She belonged to the Them and Us Bridge Club and played



marathon and duplicate bridge. She played bridge on Thursdays at Clear Lakes County Club. She enjoyed playing golf there and was the first person to hit a hole in one on the back nine.

Rose’s whole heart and sole were her family. She so dearly loved her children, Thomas (Laurel) McClain, Esther (Darwin) Boyle, Don (deceased) and Mary (Jerry) Stadstad; her grandchildren, Kristen McClain of Salt Lake City, Utah, April (John) Delaney of Potomac, Md., Alex (Katie) McClain of Atlanta, Ga., Dan (Sherrie) Boyle of Denver, Colo., Michael Shane Boyle of Twin Falls, Roseanna (Scott) Holliday of Twin Falls, Robin Stadstad of Seattle, Washington and Amy Stadstad of Boise, Idaho. Rose’s great grandchildren, April’s Children; Summer, Brooke, Lillie and Grace Rose. Alex’s son; Alexander. Dan’s children; Virginia Rose, Michael and William. Roseanna’s sons, Christian and K.J. She dearly loved them all. Rose was preceded in death by her parents; her sister; Anna Mary Lorang; her son, Donald McClain; and her husband Chester (C.W.) McClain.

Mom will always be in our hearts.

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 5 until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at White Mortuary “Chapel by the Park.” The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at Castleford Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Twin Falls Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Rose’s name may be made to the Shriner’s Children’s Hospital, Castleford Quick Response or the Jarbidge Community Association/Cemetery Fund. To share a memory of Rose or send a condolence to Rose’s family, please visit www.MeM.com.

SERVICES

Dorothy Mae Gruner Amen of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley.

Kristopher Lynn Van-Tassel of Kimberly, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Nellie V. “Babe” Anderson of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Francis D. Tanner

RUPERT— Francis D. “Jack” Tanner, 75, of Rupert, died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

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

Jay E. Draper

RUPERT — Jay E. Draper, 73, of Rupert, died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at St. Luke’s Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Harold Rediker

JEROME — Harold “Deac” Rediker, 85, of Jerome, died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

French filmmaker Eric Rohmer dies

PARIS (AP) — French New Wave director Eric Rohmer, known for “My Night at Maud’s,” “Claire’s Knee,” and other films about the intricacies of romantic relationships and the dilemmas of modern love, died on Monday. He was 89.

Rohmer, also an influential film critic early in his career, died in Paris, said Les Films du Losange, the production company he co-founded. The cause of death was not immediately given.

The director — internationally known for his films’ long, philosophical conversations — continued to work until recently. His latest film, the 17th-century costume tale “Les amours d’Astree et de Celadon,” (“Romance of Astree and Celadon”),

appeared in 2007. In 2001, Rohmer was awarded a Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival for his body of work — dozens of films made over a five-decade career.

Rohmer’s movies were full of romantic temptation and love triangles, pretty girls and handsome youths. Often they took a lighthearted, chatty form, with serious themes hidden under the surface.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy paid tribute to a “great auteur who will continue to speak to us and inspire us for years to come.”

“Classic and romantic, wise and iconoclast, light and serious, sentimental and moralist, he created the ‘Rohmer’ style, which will outlive him,” Sarkozy said in a statement.

Michael Driesel

KUNA — Michael Loren Driesel, 36, of Kuna, died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Elda B. Jacobsen

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Elda Beard Jacobsen, 91, formerly of Buhl, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, in Phoenix, Ariz.

A memorial service will be

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“I’m blacker than Barack Obama. My father had a little laundromat in a black community not far from where we lived.”
— Ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich in an interview with Esquire

EDITORIAL

Maybe there were worse days for Idaho; we can’t think of any

Monday, Jan. 11, set a new standard for Idaho: We, as a state, pulled the plug on our kids.

As detailed in Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s State of the State Address, here’s what happened:

- The governor recommended cutting \$138 million from the state public school budget, on top of the \$68 million that was trimmed this year. Said Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna: “Education is economic development, and we have to ensure that we don’t do long-term damage because it will have an impact on the economy.”
- Luna told the Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Wash., that the Legislature “is going to have to immediately draft legislation that gives districts ultimate flexibility” to cope with the cuts, including an unprecedented \$27.9 million in cuts this year.

The governor aims to use most of the \$275 million remaining in reserve funds this year and in 2011 to help limit the depth of his austerity measures.

Otter proposed shielding Idaho’s 115 school districts from a 4 percent holdback he ordered in September by using public education reserves. If school districts don’t have enough local reserve money to meet contract obligations this year, Otter said, they’ll be able to borrow it from the state but have to dip into their share of 2011 funding to pay it back.

In other words, this year or next the budget in your school district — not the neighboring school district, not somebody else’s school district — is likely to be cut. Teachers may lose their jobs, classes will be slashed. Or both.

Already, minority Democrats are criticizing Otter for a budget that doesn’t include an additional \$82 million in tax revenue that the governor’s chief economist, Mike Ferguson, forecasts will be collected during the course of 2011 as Idaho’s economy emerges from the recession.

House Minority Leader John Rusche, D-Lewiston, accused Otter of taking advantage of the poor economy to pursue ideological goals of reducing government — at the cost of necessary services.

“It’s basically politics over people,” Rusche said. “We’re going to cram kids like sardines into classrooms, all to preserve \$82 million.”

We all recognize the extraordinary circumstances that prompted Otter to make such recommendations. But we don’t have to like it, and none of us should consider it acceptable.

- The proposed livestock research center in south-central Idaho is now officially in jeopardy. The governor has proposed delaying the state’s \$10 million appropriation.
- Otter is proposing gutting public television over the next four years — that’s a 50-year-old institution that touches the lives of a majority of Idahoans.
- It’s unclear whether there will be a Thousand Springs State Park a year from now, but the governor proposed folding management responsibilities at the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation into the Idaho Department of Lands and the Department of Fish and Game.

Nobody — from the most conservative Idahoan to the school teacher or the state employee who is about to lose his or her job — should consider any of this acceptable. We have a venerable tradition in the Gem State of taking care of our own.

And now we can’t.

Our view: If you’re not sick at heart about Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s state budget for next year, then you haven’t been paying attention.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

We’re becoming a nation of fruitcakes

Once asked my Aunt Mary what her beliefs were on the subject of life after death. She said: “Whatever Jews believe, that’s what I believe.”

Aunt Mary’s view was that there were people whose job it was to consider such things. She was not such a person herself, but she was completely confident that the guys assigned that task were doing their job, and it was all written down in a book somewhere. If you were sufficiently interested, you could look it up.

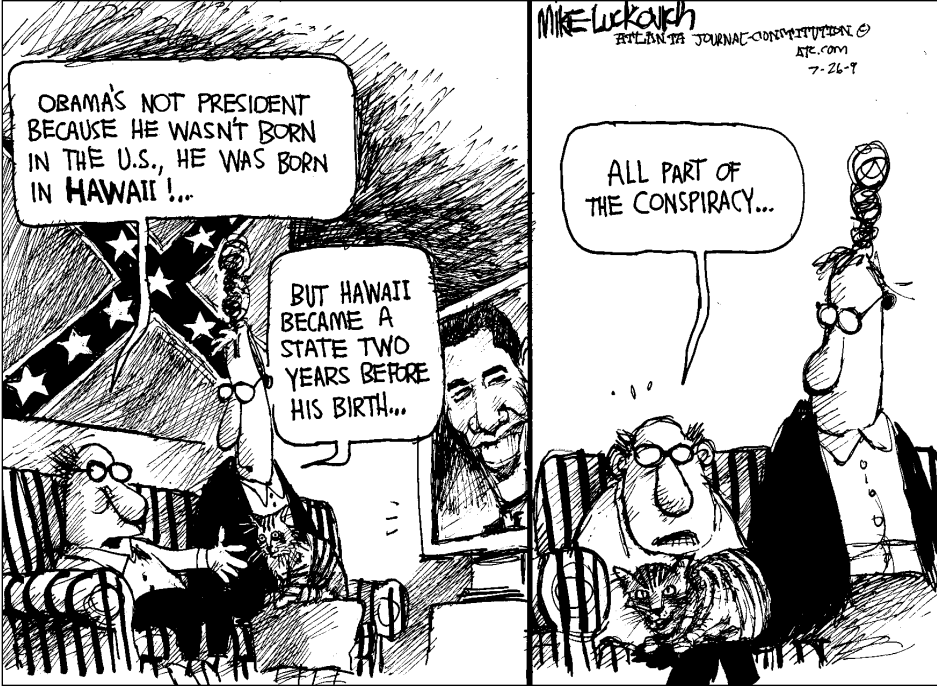


Barry Goldman

This view is in decline. A new poll by the Pew Research Center’s Forum on Religion & Public Life concludes: “Large numbers of Americans engage in multiple religious practices, mixing elements of diverse traditions. Many also blend Christianity with Eastern or New Age beliefs such as reincarnation, astrology and the presence of spiritual energy in physical objects. And sizable minorities of all major U.S. religious groups say they have experienced supernatural phenomena, such as being in touch with the dead or with ghosts.”

What is striking about the Pew study is not the prevalence of superstition and hocus-pocus, alarming as that is. It is the feeling that we are free to choose from a broad, cafeteria-style menu of superstitious hocus-pocus. Charles Blow in the New York Times called it the construction of “Mr. Potato Head-like spiritual identities.”

Christians, for example, do not believe in reincarnation. At least not according to theology classes in the seminaries. But the population likes the idea. And people like the idea of being Christians too. So they just choose to believe in both. It is a kind of democratization. People feel entitled to



“We used to be a nation with a broad consensus. If you had a religious question, you asked a religious leader. If you had a scientific question, you asked a scientist. Today, if you have a question — say about whether your enthusiasm for vibrational healing gong baths is well placed — you ask another gong bath enthusiast.”

make choices about things that used to be within the exclusive purview of the priestly class. That’s fine, I suppose, and consistent with our American mythology. We like to think we are a nation of individualists who make up our own minds. But what are the limits to this inclination?

I’m thinking of the story of an elementary school classroom that couldn’t determine the gender of the class bunny rabbit and decided to resolve the question by vote.

The point of the bunny story is that some questions do not belong to the class of issues that can be resolved by vote. Their answer is not a matter of opinion, even majority opinion. There is a “fact of the matter.” You don’t get to make it up.

But now the whole notion of a fact of the matter appears to be going away. We no longer trust the guys in the seminaries to determine which ideas are inside and outside the community of faith. We feel entitled to make our own decisions. Fair enough; the

facts with respect to spiritual matters have always been somewhat elusive. But now many of us feel entitled to decide which scientific ideas to accept. Scientists have their ideas about, say, the age of the Earth or evolution by natural selection, and other people have other ideas. According to this new view, neither has any more claim to legitimacy than the other. There is no fact of the matter. We get to decide what gender the bunny is, and we get to decide what age the Earth is. It’s a free country.

This is genuinely scary. And it’s scary in a new way. For the last several thousand years, large groups of human beings enjoyed consensus about the big questions. We may have believed that the universe rested on the back of a giant tortoise and the tortoise rested on the back of an elephant — and that belief may not have been borne out by more recent advances in astronomy — but at least there was widespread agreement. Today it is not just the beliefs that

are crumbling; the whole idea of agreement is crumbling too.

As the cliché goes, people are entitled to their own opinions, but they are not entitled to their own facts. The problem is we have no agreement on what constitutes a fact. Ghosts? Astrology? Global warming? Evolution? How about communication with the dead?

We used to be a nation with a broad consensus. If you had a religious question, you asked a religious leader. If you had a scientific question, you asked a scientist. Today, if you have a question — say about whether your enthusiasm for vibrational healing gong baths is well placed — you ask another gong bath enthusiast. There is no fringe so far out it doesn’t have a Web site, and you can find it in milliseconds.

Barry Goldman is an arbitrator and mediator and the author of “The Science of Settlement: Ideas for Negotiators.” He wrote commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editorial about power outage was misleading

Your editorial, “Sun Valley needs a second power line without delay,” is misleading. The Christmas power outage occurred as the result of the failure of first the Midpoint line and then the King line after power was transferred to it. At no time did the Hailey-Ketchum line fail.

If redundancy is an argument for reliable power, would a third or a fourth line have made a difference? Certainly, a second line from Hailey to Ketchum would have had no effect. If natural disaster

fire, avalanche, wind and ice (as was the culprit on Dec. 24) is a concern, then Idaho Power should bury lines. If capacity is the concern for the existing 120-megawatt line, there is technology to upgrade and enhance the line which runs east and north from Hailey to Ketchum.

IPC’s application for the Department of Energy’s Smart Grid Investment Grant, advanced metering infrastructure, demandside management, energy conservation and local renewable energy generating facilities could displace new utility “infrastructure. These alternatives would also address the

concerns of IPC shareholders who voted to reduce greenhouse gases and increase renewable energy production. They would also address the Northwest Power and Conservation Council recommendations which envision meeting 85 percent of new demand over the next 20 years to be met by energy efficiency. The power outage is a perfect argument for developing local renewable energy facilities.

IPC and the city of Ketchum have an opportunity at this point in time to respond by demonstrating to the Rocky Mountain region the potential for reduction of energy con-

sumption and responsible energy production and delivery. Localized renewable energy production negates power from dirty coal and is resistant to disruption, terrorism and large scale grid failure, resulting in energy security and independence, sustainability and jobs.

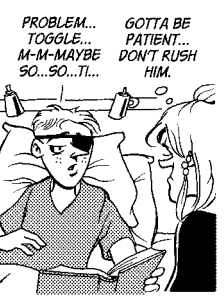
KAREN MCCALL Ketchum
(Editor’s note: According to Idaho Power, a second power line between Hailey and Ketchum would likely have shortened the power outage — which lasted for 27 hours in some areas — in the northern Wood River Valley).

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AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON Under fire from GOP, Reid says he won't dwell on controversy over comments

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid sought to slam the book shut Monday on a controversy stemming from remarks about President



Reid

Obama's race and dialect, and a string of forgiving statements from prominent blacks made clear his leadership post is not in immediate jeopardy.

"I've apologized to the president," he said, and to everyone "within the sound of my voice that I could have used a better choice of words." He spoke in Apex, Nev., his first public comments since the issue flared over the weekend.

"I'll continue to do my work for the African-American community ... I'm not going to dwell on this any more," he added.

Republicans have called on Reid to step down as majority leader, a move that would undermine his reelection chances in Nevada, where he is running as a powerful senior lawmaker who can deliver for his home state.

Source: Obama considering adding levies to banks to recoup bailout money

President Obama is weighing a levy on Washington-rescued banks to help recover shortfalls in a \$700 billion bailout fund and to help balance a budget that is looking increasingly grim amid an ongoing economic crisis.

A senior administration official said Monday that Obama would seek modifications to the law that sent billions in bailout money in 2008 and 2009 to a flailing Wall Street that was approaching collapse. The government official spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the president's thinking.

The law that created the Troubled Asset Relief Program gives the president until 2014 to seek a way to recoup unrecovered money from financial institutions. An industry official said consideration of a levy now would be premature.

ALASKA Palin signs with Fox News as commentator

ANCHORAGE — Sarah Palin, former Alaska governor and 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate, will return to her broadcast roots and take her conservative message to Fox News as a regular commentator, the cable channel announced Monday.



Palin

"I am thrilled to be joining the great talent and management team at Fox News," Palin said in a statement posted on the network's Web site. "It's wonderful to be part of a place that so values fair and balanced news."

Fox said that according to

the multiyear deal, Palin will offer political commentary and analysis on the cable channel, as well as Fox's Web site, radio network and business cable channel.

She also will host occasional episodes of Fox News' "Real American Stories," a series debuting this year that the network said will feature true inspirational stories about Americans who have overcome adversity.

YEMEN Radical cleric: Terror fight could lead to foreign 'occupation'

SAN'A — Yemen's most influential Islamic cleric, considered an al-Qaida-linked terrorist by the United States, warned Monday that the U.S.-backed fight against the terror group could lead to "foreign occupation" of the country.

Sheik Abdul-Majid al-Zindani's comments illustrate the pressure Yemen's government is under to limit the U.S. role here even as Washington ramps up counterterrorism aid and training to help combat al-Qaida's offshoot in the country.

Al-Zindani is emblematic of how — unlike in Iraq and Afghanistan, whose governments are bitter enemies of al-Qaida — Yemen's beleaguered regime has built alliances with Islamic extremists to hold onto power. Some have al-Qaida connections, complicating the fight.

Branded a spiritual mentor of Osama bin Laden by the U.S., al-Zindani is highly influential among Yemenis. The United States has labeled him a "global terrorist," alleging in a 2004 U.S. Treasury report that he helped fund and recruit for al-Qaida and that students from his Iman University were involved in past attacks.

CALIFORNIA U.S. consumer chief issues warning to Asian firms on use of cadmium in toys

LOS ANGELES — The top U.S. consumer product regulator is warning Asian manufacturers not to substitute other toxic substances for lead in children's items, a message that follows the launch of a government investigation into Chinese-made jewelry that lab tests showed was laden with the heavy metal cadmium.

Inez Tenenbaum, chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, said in taped remarks to be delivered Tuesday in Hong Kong that her agency would be strenuously guarding against attempts to swap one health hazard for another, now that lead is barred under U.S. law in children's toys and jewelry.

"I would highly encourage all of you to ensure that toy manufacturers and children's product manufacturers in your country are not substituting cadmium, antimony, barium, in place of lead," Tenenbaum tells an audience of children's products manufacturers, exporters and regulators, according to a transcript. "All of us should be committed to keeping hazardous or toxic levels of heavy metals out of ... toys and children's products."

— The Associated Press

U.S. automakers start to see improvement

Some may reopen plants, hire workers to meet demand

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — The vital signs are improving for American automakers.

General Motors may reopen some shuttered factories because it can't produce four of its vehicles fast enough to meet demand, and Chrysler is set to hire more engineers and product development workers.

While both companies still depend on government help, the moves are signs of increased confidence that the U.S. auto market bottomed out last year and will improve in 2010, even without a jolt from a Cash for Clunkers-style program.

GM factories making the



AP file photo

An auto worker installs glass in doors and window openings on the assembly line at the CAMI Automotive facility in Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada, in 2006. Mark Reuss, GM's North American president, on Monday told reporters that factories building the Chevrolet Equinox, GMC Terrain and Cadillac SRX crossover vehicles and the Buick LaCrosse sedan are at or near capacity and can't satisfy demand.

Chevrolet Equinox, GMC Terrain and Cadillac SRX, all SUV-like crossovers, and the Buick LaCrosse sedan are at or near capacity, GM's North American president, Mark Reuss, told reporters at the Detroit auto show.

The company will try to squeeze more production out of its existing plants first, Reuss said. He mentioned an idled factory in Spring Hill, Tenn., as a possibility for reopening.

The head of Chrysler,

Sergio Marchionne, said his company does not have enough people to revamp its U.S. product line and soon will start hiring, probably beginning with temporary workers.

"We just don't have the manpower," he said. "We are going to increase heads."

Michael Robinet, an auto industry analyst for the CSM Worldwide consulting firm near Detroit, said Chrysler's former owners cut the engineering and design staffs too far for the company to compete.

Both need to add factory capacity to take advantage of hot-selling models because these days, competitors can adapt quickly.

"You have to make hay in the sunshine," he said. "These days, within a year or 18 months you can have competitors with products as good as yours, if not better."

6 Western troops killed in Afghanistan

KABUL (AP) — Six NATO service members, including three Americans, were killed in Afghanistan on Monday — the deadliest day for the international force in more than two months, underscoring fears that casualties will rise as more foreign troops stream into the country.

Nevertheless, a new poll says Afghans are more optimistic than a year ago and think the Taliban are losing momentum.

The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan said he thought the rising presence of international forces was blunting the militants. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said the international force is on its way to convincing the Afghan people that it was there to protect them.

"When I sit in an area that the Taliban controlled only seven months ago and now you meet with ... elders and they describe with considerable optimism the future, you sense the tide is

turning," he told ABC News about a recent trip to Helmand province where many of the U.S. reinforcements will be sent.


Afghans also think better days are ahead, according to the opinion poll, conducted last month before the suicide bombing that killed seven employees at a CIA base. About 40 percent of Afghans believe the Taliban insurgency is weaker than it was a year ago; 30 percent think it has gotten stronger and 25 percent believe the strength of the insurgency remains the same.



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CFL bulbs have become cheaper, boast better quality of light

DEAR JIM: The price of compact fluorescent bulbs has come down, and I am ready to try them. Do they really save as much as advertised? Which ones provide the best light quality, and how do I dispose of old ones? — **Mike J.**

DEAR MIKE: Compact fluorescent lights (CFL) do save as much electricity, and therefore money on your utility bills, as advertised. I use CFLs in nearly every lighting fixture in my own home. In the typical home, lighting with standard incandescent bulb accounts for about 20 percent of your energy usage.

Not too many years ago, the cost of a CFL was about \$20. Even at that high price, using them made economic sense. Now with the cost of only a couple of dollars or less, switching to CFLs is a no-brainer. Along with the lower cost, the quality of the light from CFLs has improved. I actually prefer the light quality to incandescent bulbs.

A CFL uses about one-quarter as much electricity as an incandescent bulb to produce the same amount of light. Keep in mind, wattage of any light bulb refers to how much electricity it uses, not how much light it produces. The light output is measured in lumens and should be listed on the packaging. CFLs also last about 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

Most CFLs contain about 4.0 mg (milligrams) of mercury, and some new designs have only 1.5 mg. The majority of lead released into the air is from burning coal to produce electricity. Using a 13-watt CFL instead of a 60-watt incandescent bulb saves enough electricity over its life to reduce mercury emission from burning coal in the electric power plant by 4.5 mg.

Even considering the above fact, when a CFL needs to be replaced, it is wise to dispose of it properly so the mercury is not released. Contact your local waste collection service for a CFL dropoff location. Also, visit these Web sites for more disposal information — www.earth911.org and www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/wastetypes/universal/lamps/index.htm.

The quality of the light from a light bulb is called its CRI (color rendition index). This refers to how closely colors of objects under the artificial light match their appearance under natural sunlight. A CRI of 100 means it matches the sun. Compared with natural sunlight, the light quality of typical incandescent bulbs is a yellowish color.

We have become used to this yellowish light, so most of the CFLs are designed to produce the same type of light. This may be a CRI in the 84



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

WATCH FOR IT MONTHLY

James Dulley's column, which has appeared weekly in the *Times-News* for years, will now appear monthly. Dulley is reducing the frequency of his column, which is syndicated in several hundred newspapers, to give him time to pursue related activities. He plans to teach energy-conservation seminars for homeowners and work on a home energy- and money-saving television show.



Photo courtesy of Full Spectrum Solutions

This 24-watt full-spectrum CFL has the equivalent light output of a 100-watt incandescent bulb.

range. Many of the newer CFLs have a CRI above 90 for more true colors, and in my opinion, a more pleasant light. As I have gotten older and my eyesight has gotten worse, I find it easier to read under this high-CRI light. These are often called "full-spectrum" or "daylight" CFLs.

DEAR JIM: I think my fireplace could benefit from installing glass doors. How are glass doors installed on a masonry fireplace? Is this something I can do myself, or do I need to have a licensed expert do it? — **Celeste P.**

DEAR CELESTE: An open masonry fireplace almost always loses more heat than it produces, so you should definitely install glass doors. Get good-quality ones which seal well and allow you to adjust and control the inlet air.

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Home's next decade: And the livin' is easy ...

By Kim Cook
For The Associated Press

Among designers, retailers and homeowners, there's little consensus on where home decor and design are headed except that the watchword will be "ease."

Whatever our personal style may look like — whether we embrace the past, with traditional furnishings and warm colors, or go sleek, functional and space-agey — a simple, beautiful space "is the design equivalent of comfort food" in tumultuous times, says Design Public's head blogger, Becky Harris.

Some experts think we'll want tailored, uncluttered living spaces — a refuge from the muddle of life outside. Others think we'll find comfort in surrounding ourselves with the stuff of travel and memory. Monica Letourneau, Savannah College of Art and Design's interior design chair, sees a middle ground, in which old family photos are used decoratively "but displayed in a clean, organized, contemporary format."

Likewise, color mavens foresee a split personality. Gen Y, one of two influential demographics, prefers "the fantastical colors of the World Wide Web. Bright, escapist colors," according to Dee Schlotter of Pittsburgh Paints. Consultant Barbara Schirmeister agrees, "Because color's our most affordable pleasure, we'll utilize it to enhance our mood. The new brights allow us to be excessive and indulgent in an acceptable way."

At the same time, aging baby boomers, the other big trend-driving demographic, will seek respite from the "chatter" of the world in "cooler, calmer shades of taupe, gray and grayed-down brown," Schlotter says.

She also thinks that a heightened interest in craft and craftsmanship will inform color. "We'll see patinaed, worked-on colors of leather like reds, browns and blacks."

Many think decor will gravitate toward what Verena Paepcke Hjeltness and Scott Boylston, design professors at SCAD, call, "handmade, unique quality items that will last for decades, creating less waste in the process." That could mean glamorous, sumptuous, rich fabrics and luxurious furnishings. Or the trend could take the form of repurposed industrial-style furnishings, with wear and imperfection part of the appeal. Raw, rougher-textured materials. Aged wood. Steel.

"Think clean white walls, a pine farm table, a mix of dining room chairs all painted the same color, and a mid-century industrial Paris flea-market light fixture," says Harris. "It's a look that has roots in the Shabby Chic era from the past 10 years, though now it's less shabby, and tea roses and lilacs have been replaced with twisted pieces of drift-



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The newly launched Eco-Screen, the first large horizontal retractable screen and blind system for windows and doors, integrates indoor and outdoor living and doubles as a projection 'big screen.' Products like these, which offer energy and comfort control with multi-purpose use, will be a big part of home design this coming decade.



A Signature 2.0 decorative robin & leaves cabinet by designer Michael Iannone.
AP photo/Plushpod

wood and rusty metal."

For fabric, too, two competing trends emerge. Chintz lovers like Celerie Kemble, and Jennifer Boles, who believes English Country is due for a revival, square off against those who never want to see the '80s again. The popular floral, proponents say, is likely to be more relaxed and unglazed than earlier versions.

"I think the style will be a hybrid," predicts Boles. "Modern, fresh but comfortable."

Other trend notes

Kitchen drama: Viking has introduced a purple range, and Amana has a deep blue fridge. At Kohler, there's a matte black faucet; at Ann Sacks, a sparkly gold-flecked glass tile. Bosch is showing metallic laundry sets, while Elica offers a jewel-like range hood. As Gayle Butler, editor in chief of Better Homes and Gardens, says, "The kitchen's not just a room, it's an experience." Look for more sofas and bench seating around tables for dining, working and other family pursuits as the kitchen continues to become one with the rest of the home.

Lighting: From light-infused wallpaper to fabrics and work surfaces and even concrete, lighting technology will wow us this decade. Design-friendly LED leads the way, and solar applications will improve.

Aging in place: In 2010, one in four Americans will be 55 or older. Many designers and manufacturers are employing Universal Design principles, developed by engineers, architects and designers at North Carolina State University to make spaces and products user-friendly for everyone. For homeowners who don't want to give up style for safety, think touchless faucets; trim kitchen drawers instead of



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systems, a cheery blaze can be placed on a coffee table or hung on a wall.

The home office: It will continue to evolve as it gains even greater prominence. We'll see the home office integrated into the rest of the home and looking less "business-y". The work surface may be a table rather than a desk. Files and storage will utilize furniture rather than stock office pieces.

Thinking small: There are expected to be more households over the next 10 years without children, so living spaces are likely to become smaller. As a result, "homeowners will be inspired to personalize their living space with small but inspired projects," says Andrea Piontek, Senior Stylist at Olympic Paints. Think splashy backsplashes, new wall colors, upgraded small appliances, perhaps new window treatments, gorgeous hardware.

And beyond 2020?

Cool ideas currently in the works include:

- **Home farms:** stackable ecosystems in which you can grow a variety of food.
- **Digital message boards:** Scribble a note, then drag it onto a family member's photo; it'll be sent to their mobile device.
- **Command central:** a sensor-equipped kitchen tabletop that lets you cook, eat and work all on one surface at the same time.

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Monsanto won't block generic seeds as patents end

Decision could help mute calls for antitrust case

By Jack Kaskey
Bloomberg News

CHICAGO — Monsanto says it won't block competitors from creating generic versions of any of its gene-modified seeds as they lose patent protection, a decision that may help mute calls for an antitrust case against the world's largest seedmaker.

Farmers for the first time will be allowed to save and replant Monsanto's Roundup Ready soybeans after the patent expires in

2014 and rivals such as DuPont will be able to sell their own Roundup-tolerant seeds without restriction, Chief Executive Officer Hugh Grant said in an interview. Farmers criticized Monsanto in the 2008 documentary "Food Inc." for its contracts that keep them from saving seeds after a harvest.

"Here is how we think patent expiration will look," Grant said. "Farmers will be free to plant, to replant that seed. Licensees will be able to do the same thing."

Monsanto could have thwarted

proposed generics by raising multiple patent claims or safety questions with regulators, as some drugmakers do. Grant said his decision not to throw up obstacles starting with the 2015 planting sets the template the company expects to follow as other advances such as insect resistance come off patent later in the decade, pushing beyond his previous comments on the topic.

"We are setting this as a precedent," Chief Technology Officer Robert Fraley said at the Friday

interview in Bloomberg's Chicago office.

Roundup Ready soybeans are engineered to withstand Monsanto's Roundup, the world's most popular weed-killer. Contracts protect its patents in part by prohibiting farmers from saving seeds from one year's crop to plant in the next.

The Justice Department will hold a March workshop on crop-seed competition and has made inquiries into allegations from DuPont that Monsanto unfairly uses genetic licenses to dominate the engineered seed market. Including seeds made by licensees, about 93 percent of U.S. soybean

plantings last year contained Monsanto's Roundup Ready trait.

Grant's lawyers in May sued DuPont to keep it from engineering seed that resists Roundup in two ways, with the patented Roundup Ready trait licensed from Monsanto plus DuPont's own genetic technology.

"Companies like DuPont will be able to stack" any genetic traits they develop on the new generics, Grant said.

David Begleiter, a New York-based analyst at Deutsche Bank, said Monsanto's decision is "part of their overall response to the

See **MONSANTO**, H&F 4

Tough time for dairies



AP photos

Felipe Leon hooks a milking machine to the nipples of one of the dairy cows on Bill Scheenstra's farm Thursday in Sunnyside, Wash. Rising feed prices and plummeting milk prices have made the past year difficult for dairy farmers.

Producers running 'as lean as possible'

By Phil Ferolito
Yakima Herald-Republic

YAKIMA, Wash. — Fearful of what this year may bring, dairyman Bill Scheenstra won't be replacing two aging tractors and a feed truck.

He's among roughly 70 Yakima County dairy operators entering 2010 with wariness after the skyrocketing feed costs and plummeting milk prices of last year.

"Everyone is just trying to run as lean as possible," said Scheenstra, who milks about 1,400 cows near Sunnyside. "I used to run with about six months of hay on hand at all times — now I don't."

There wasn't a dairyman in Yakima County — the 11th highest milk producing county in the nation — that turned a profit or broke even, said Jay Gordon, executive director of the Washington State Dairy Federation.

Statewide, the tough mar-

ket drove 28 dairymen out of business, including two in Yakima County, according to the state Department of Agriculture.

Nationally, the downturn that some are calling historic was more even devastating.

But in Yakima County, where the dairy industry accounts for a huge slice of the economy — estimated at about 1,000 direct jobs and another 3,000 spin-off jobs, such as truck drivers, hay farmers, processing plant workers and others — most operators hung on. But they warn it's not over.

"If we get in the same situation we had for another year, I think you're going to see guys in this Valley fold shop," said Outlook dairyman Dan DeRuyter.

Milk prices improved recently, but not enough to cover the price of feed and everything else that it takes to keep cows healthy and producing, dairymen say.

And tightened lending practices amid a national recession have many operators worried that banks will begin backing away from the dairy industry, Gordon said.

"We're concerned about that and I don't think it's just dairies," he said. "I'm hearing guys say it's a 5-, 6-, 7-year dig out of this hole."

The dairy market began to fall apart in February 2009, when prices plummeted. The market consists of a complex tiered pricing system. Farmers sell milk by the pound, and their sometimes low prices aren't always reflected on store shelves, where milk is sold by the gallon.

After getting about \$22 for 100 pounds of milk in July 2008, dairymen watched prices dwindle to about \$12. It stayed that way for nearly nine months, the longest stretch anyone in the industry can remember, said state



Dairy farmer Bill Scheenstra is seen at his farm in Sunnyside, Wash. He said he is cutting costs to help ease the pain of low milk prices.

Agriculture Department spokesman Jason Kelly in Olympia.

"That's a reduction of 50 percent, and it stayed in that range from February to September, and that's below the cost of production," he said. "Most dairies were not recovering the cost of what it takes to produce milk."

See **DAIRY**, H&F 4

Farmers fight back against animal rights organizations

By Shannon Dininny
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — It's little wonder that farmers fret about the future of the livestock industry. In the past two years, feed costs have skyrocketed, pork and dairy prices plummeted, and animal rights groups stepped up efforts to improve living conditions for farm animals.

Some farmers are hoping to strike back with proactive efforts to ward off unwanted legislation and boost the struggling industry.

"A line must be drawn between our polite and respectful engagement with consumers and how we must aggressively respond to extremists who want to drag agriculture back to the day of 40 acres and a mule," said Bob Stallman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"The time has come for us to face our opponents with a new attitude," he told some 5,000 members gathered in Seattle for the group's annual convention Sunday. "The days of their elitist power grabs are over."

Several segments of the livestock industry found 2009 to be a rough year.

Everyone suffered with higher feed and energy costs. Pig farmers endured slow pork sales that were triggered in part by the skyrocketed, pork and dairy prices plummeted, and animal rights groups stepped up efforts to improve living conditions for farm animals.

Dairy farmers found it even tougher.

Francis and Beverly Cherney of Milladore, Wis., who have been dairy farming for 47 years, saw small profits last year. "A couple of dollars," Beverly said with a laugh.

Low prices won't make them quit, but they know other dairy farmers who have sold their farms because they were already struggling.

"From a dairy farmer perspective, we're concluding the worst year financially we've ever had — 2009 was just a train wreck," said Jay Gordon, executive director of the Washington state Dairy Federation.

See **FARMERS**, H&F 4

Idaho Farm Bureau honored for excellence

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Farm Bureau joins farm bureaus from five other states in being recognized for excellence in implementing outstanding programs to serve its members in 2009.

American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman presented the awards dur-

ing national organization's 91st annual meeting Sunday in Seattle.

Farm bureaus in Arizona, Idaho, Kansas, Massachusetts, Ohio and Tennessee were honored with Pinnacle Awards for outstanding program achievement and membership growth.



AP photo

Icicles cling to Florida oranges in a grove Monday in Dover, Fla. Another blast of sub-freezing temperatures hit the area overnight.

OJ contracts tumble 13% as freeze fears wane

NEW YORK (AP) — Orange juice futures contracts plummeted Monday after investors became more confident Florida's crop was spared major damage from freezing temperatures over the weekend.

Traders sold off March contracts for frozen orange juice concentrate in droves. Prices fell 19.30 cents, or 12.8 percent, to settle Monday at \$1.3185 a pound.

Despite the apparent confidence from traders, the trade association Florida Citrus Mutual said it was too early to tell how much of an effect the recent freezing temperatures had on orange groves throughout the state.

Michael Sparks, CEO of Florida Citrus Mutual, said in a statement that it might take weeks to figure out if cold temperatures Sunday night and early Monday morning caused any permanent damage to the citrus trees.

So far there have been anecdotal reports of frozen fruit and leaf and branch damage, Sparks said. Oranges suffer damage when the temperature falls below 28 degrees for at least four hours.

Carlos Sanchez, an analyst with commodities research firm CPM Group in New York, said the volatility seen in trading in recent days could continue, especially if there is another

round of cold weather or if it is determined that more damage has occurred to trees than previously thought. OJ prices surged 17 percent last week because of concerns a cold snap would hurt production.

The US Department of Agriculture will update its crop forecast today, which will provide more insight into this year's crop. The USDA will make monthly updates through the end of July.

If the supply of fresh oranges declines, it can send demand for frozen orange juice concentrate sharply higher, leading to higher prices for OJ at the grocery store.

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	4468633	3.63	+0.4	CalSci	119506	1.03	+1.3	PwShs	QQQ948652	46.36	-1.9
FordM	1664487	12.11	+4.2	NA Pall g	58471	4.46	+4.3	Microsoft	642787	30.27	-3.9
BkofAm	1654710	16.93	+1.5	NthgtM g	40163	3.46	+0.3	PacEthan	514988	2.27	+8.5
SPDR	972698	114.73	+1.6	NwGold g	36818	4.81	+0.9	Intel	498286	20.95	+1.2
GenElec	758728	16.76	+1.6	Oilsands g	32098	1.17	-0.3	Cisco	356442	24.59	-0.7
GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
McMoRn	14.00	+4.81	+52.3	Ever-Glory	3.35	+5.4	+19.2	PacEthan	2.27	+8.5	+59.3
McMo pRfM	105.00	+30.23	+40.4	Engex	3.20	+4.5	+16.4	EngyXXI	3.68	+1.05	+39.9
ZaleCp	3.56	+7.8	+28.1	CheniereEn	3.55	+4.0	+12.7	MAP Phm	12.75	+3.16	+33.0
MS DJ11	12.14	+2.23	+22.5	CKX Lands	13.35	+1.45	+12.2	TuesMrn	4.02	+9.9	+32.7
FMae pfl	2.09	+2.1	+11.2	AmLorain n	3.46	+3.7	+12.0	KTRon	148.29	+34.77	+30.6
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medifast	26.32	-4.59	-14.8	ChMarFd n	7.02	-9.8	-12.3	Koss s	4.19	-1.26	-23.1
FEMSA	43.00	-6.77	-13.6	Cohen&Co	7.75	-7.0	-8.3	VestnRMII	2.01	-4.9	-19.6
W Hld rs If	21.27	-2.62	-11.0	NewCon&Cn	4.72	-4.1	-8.0	vjLunaInn h	3.66	-8.4	-18.7
MSSPMid10	6.10	-6.7	-9.9	ASpectRlty	19.92	-1.45	-6.8	Cyclacel	2.48	-4.8	-16.2
Edenor	7.60	-6.2	-7.5	Nevsun g	2.28	-1.5	-6.2	Primoris wt	2.57	-4.9	-16.0
DIARY				DIARY				DIARY			
Advanced	1,800			Advanced	307			Advanced	1,323		
Declined	1,266			Declined	200			Declined	1,369		
Unchanged	111			Unchanged	43			Unchanged	134		
Total issues	3,177			Total issues	550			Total issues	2,826		
New Highs	522			New Highs	55			New Highs	235		
New Lows	2			New Lows	...			New Lows	5		
Volume	4,295,814,735			Volume	234,014,321			Volume	2,041,947,817		

INDEXES		
10,619.40	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials
4,228.06	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation
408.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities
7,426.41	4,181.75	NYSE Composite
1,887.23	1,234.81	Amex Index
2,317.60	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite
1,145.39	666.79	S&P 500
11,891.68	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000
644.69	342.59	Russell 2000

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST											
AlliantEgy	1.50	51	32.01	-.07	+5.8	Kaman	.56	20	24.81	+.82	+7.4
AlliantTch	...	17	88.70	-.38	+5	Keycorp	.04	...	6.53	+.03	+12.7
AmCasino	.42	...	15.53	+3.2	+2.0	LeeEnt	...	...	3.90	+1.1	+17.4
Aon Corp	.60	18	38.05	+1.6	-8	MicronT	...	...	10.90	-.20	+3.2
BallardPw	...	...	2.20	-1.2	+16.4	OfficeMax	...	...	13.56	+3.3	+6.9
BkoAm	.04	...	16.93	+1.5	+12.4	RockTen	.60f	9	49.43	-1.9	+1.9
ConAgra	.80	14	23.41	+3.9	+1.6	Sensient	.76	14	27.38	-1.22	+4.1
Costco	.72	24	59.35	+0.7	+3	SkyWest	.16	11	16.36	-1.4	-3.3
Diebold	1.04	76	31.04	+2.1	+9.1	Teradyn	...	...	11.52	+4.4	+7.4
DukeEngy	.96	14	17.01	+1.7	-4.2	Tupware	1.00f	18	45.85	-1.95	-1.5
DukeRlty	.68	...	13.22	+1.0	+8.6	US Bancrp	.20	30	24.32	+1.1	+8.0
Fastenal	.74f	34	46.06	-.92	+10.6	Valhi	.40	...	18.03	+5.3	+29.1
Heinz	1.68	16	42.40	-0.1	-8	WallMart	1.09	16	54.21	-8.8	+1.4
HewlettP	.32	16	52.43	-1.6	+1.8	WashFed	.20	42	19.76	-1.23	+2.2
HomeDp	.90	21	28.16	-.82	-2.7	WellsFargo	.20	34	28.80	-.06	+6.7
Idacorp	1.20	14	32.47	+1.7	+1.6	ZionBcp	.04	...	16.51	+1.0	+28.7

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

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

Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.

Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ... mark.

Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family.

Sell: Net asset value, or price at which fund could be sold.

Chg: Daily net change in the NAV.

Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian \$. Stock price in U.S. \$. n – New issue in past 52 wks. q – Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks. Div begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

Dividend Footnotes: a – Also extra or extras. b – Annual rate plus stock dividend. c – Liquidating dividend. e – Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f – Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i – Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. j – Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting. k – Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m – Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p – Init div, annual rate unknown. r – Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos plus stock dividend. t – Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x – Ex-dividend or ex-rights. y – Ex-dividend and sales in full. z – Sales in full. vj – In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

• Most active stocks above must be worth \$1 and gainers/losers \$2.

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

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Feb	Live cattle	85.80	85.00	85.05	- .78
Apr	Live cattle	89.55	88.95	89.23	- .58
Jan	Feeder cattle	96.60	95.95	96.28	- .08
Mar	Feeder cattle	96.85	95.90	96.40	- .25
Apr	Feeder cattle	97.65	97.00	97.54	- .10
Feb	Lean hogs	67.38	66.30	67.68	- .58
Apr	Lean hogs	71.40	70.70	71.30	- .13
Feb	Pork belly	88.00	86.70	87.38	- .08
Mar	Pork belly	xx.xx	xx.xx	86.60	- .00
Mar	Wheat	575.00	563.50	572.50	+ 4.00
May	Wheat	585.00	585.00	584.75	+ 4.00
Mar	KC Wheat	566.00	557.00	566.00	+ 6.00
May	KC Wheat	578.00	568.25	577.25	+ 6.00
Mar	MPS Wheat	580.25	570.50	578.00	+ 3.00
May	MPS Wheat	591.00	582.50	589.50	+ 3.50
Mar	Corn	423.50	418.00	422.50	- .50
May	Corn	433.50	428.00	433.00	- .25
Jan	Soybeans	1009.00	999.00	1001.75	-11.50
Mar	Soybeans	1024.50	1006.00	1010.50	-11.50
Jan	BFP Milk	14.39	14.20	14.35	+ .17
Feb	BFP Milk	13.97	13.72	13.80	+ .17
Mar	BFP Milk	14.26	14.12	14.17	+ .08
Apr	BFP Milk	14.41	14.28	14.38	+ .04
May	BFP Milk	14.83	14.68	14.80	+ .10
Feb	Sugar	28.35	27.31	27.53	- .47
Mar	Sugar	xx.xx	xx.xx	26.25	- .45
Mar	B-Pound	1.6105	1.5908	1.6024	+ .0089
Jun	B-Pound	1.6092	1.5916	1.6015	+ .0089
Mar	J-Yen	1.0843	1.0679	1.0794	+ .0054
Jun	J-Yen	1.0842	1.0693	1.0803	+ .0057
Mar	Euro-currency	1.4438	1.4261	1.4416	+ .0091
Jun	Euro-currency	1.4434	1.4263	1.4409	+ .0089
Mar	Canada dollar	.9714	.9628	.9709	+ .0038
Jun	Canada dollar	.9707	.9636	.9700	+ .0030
Mar	U.S. Dollar	.7844	.7755	.7764	- .47
Feb	Comex gold	1140.00	1119.05	1136.5	+ 2.8
Apr	Comex gold	1141.3	1121.2	1137.7	+ 2.6
Mar	Comex silver	18.53	18.55	18.51	+ .16
May	Comex silver	18.53	18.09	18.52	+ .15
Mar	Treasury bond	115.3	114.2	115.1	+ 0.2
Jun	Treasury bond	114.9	113.1	113.3	+ 0.3
Mar	Coffee	146.00	141.95	145.35	+ 3.45
May	Coffee	147.75	143.75	147.20	+ 3.45
Mar	Cocoa	2279	2263	2273	- .11
May	Cocoa	2287	2271	2280	- .10
Mar	Cotton	73.40	72.43	72.44	- .45
May	Cotton	74.45	73.60	73.61	- .46
Feb	Crude oil	83.47	81.80	82.86	+ .20
Feb	Unleaded gas	2.1720	2.1162	2.1626	+ .0277
Feb	Heating oil	2.2077	2.1587	2.2072	+ .0236
Feb	Natural gas	5.853	5.621	5.735	- .071

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BEANS

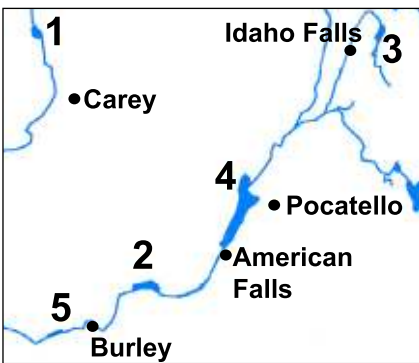
Valley Beans
Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers.
Pintos, no quote, new crop. great northers, no quote.
pinks, no quote, new crop. small reds, no quote, new crop.
Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Jan. 6.
Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Pintos, \$32.
great northers, not established. small whites, not established.
pinks, Ltd. \$52. small reds, Ltd. \$30-\$32. Quotations current Jan. 6.

GRAINS

Valley Grains
Prices for wheat per bushel: mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice.
Soft white wheat, \$3.77. barley, \$6.20. oats, \$6.50. corn, \$6.90 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given daily by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Jan. 6.
Barley, \$7.25 (48-lb. minimum) spot delivery in Twin Falls and Gooding; corn, no quote (Twin Falls only). Prices quoted by Land O'Lakes Inc. in Twin Falls. Prices current Jan. 6.

POCATELLO (AP) – Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report on Monday.
POCATELLO – White wheat 4.35 (steady) 11.5 percent winter 4.34 (up 3) 14 percent spring 5.80 (down 9) barley \$9.4 (down 10)
BURLY – White wheat 4.20 (up 1) 11.5 percent winter 4.56

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COMMODITY PRICES

Commodity prices were not available. They will return next Tuesday.

Monsanto

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growing antitrust pressure coming out of Washington.”

“By allowing generics, they are trying to push back on the claim that their business practices are anti-competitive,” Begleiter said.

Monsanto has broadly licensed its genetic technology to rival seed makers since 1996, when it began selling Roundup Ready soybeans, its first engineered seed, Grant said. The company also allows competitors to combine other genetic traits with its technology, a process known as stacking, with one or two exceptions,

Grant said.

DuPont's Pioneer Hi-Bred unit, the biggest U.S. soybean seed producer, violated one of those exceptions when it stacked Monsanto's Roundup Ready gene with a second gene that allows crops to resist the same glyphosate-based herbicide, Grant said. Monsanto sued DuPont in May to block the Optimum GAT soy and corn seeds, and DuPont countersued, claiming Monsanto was using monopoly power to block innovation. DuPont subsequently delayed commercial sales of both products until the middle of the decade.

Dairy

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Meanwhile, the price of hay held after shooting up from about \$160 to more than \$220 per ton last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Milk's price drop not only hurt dairymen, but also made a significant dent in the county's economy. Of the \$1.2 billion generated by Yakima County agriculture in 2007, more than \$324 million came from the dairy industry, according to the state Agriculture Department.

Now many, like Scheenstra, are putting off purchases and making other cutbacks. And that's having a ripple effect across the economy.

“When I go into any local business here, and they all tell me the same thing: ‘Whatever you're going through we feel it here,’” said Sunnyside dairymen Tony Veiga, also chairman of the state Dairy Federation. “That's what I hear regularly. It doesn't matter if your going to the tire shop or the auto parts store, it's a spin-off, everything comes from the top and trickles down.”

Overproduction has been responsible for much of the milk pricing, dairymen say.

Although grain and hay prices were relatively high in 2007, strong milk prices kept most everyone happy, said DeRuyter.

“We weren't making money hand over fist, but we were making it,” he said.

But when foreign markets were lost after European subsidies proved too competitive, a lot of milk remained in the United States, he said.

“We were geared up to produce for a lot of overseas milk, and when that dried up there was just no where for the milk to go,” he said.

Although the price of hay and grain has recently fallen closer to break-even levels, there is nothing assuring that it will stay there, some dairymen say.

“For me, the real ace in it all is the feed cost,” Scheenstra said.

When milk is worth less, so are the cows.

Last year the average cow price dropped from about \$2,200 to roughly \$1,200 – a national decline of about \$20 billion, said certified public accountant Gary Genske of Palm Beach, Calif., who specializes in the dairy industry.

“If the cows are not productive, there's nobody holding the market up,” he said.

It's a scenario that has some dairymen worried about financing. Some fear that lenders will back away from dairies entirely, and are bracing to receive notices from their banks.

Gordon said the Dairy Federation is now exploring possible emergency funding options from the federal government in case that happens.

Farmers

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The U.S. produces 25 percent of the world's milk but operates under a dated pricing system that was developed in the heart of the depression, he said.

“This isn't 1937 anymore,” Gordon said.

Stallman said dairy struggles are a hot topic among his members, but he doesn't expect them to recommend any sweeping policy changes before the next farm bill in 2012.

Animal welfare and efforts by animal rights groups to regulate farmers are another matter, he said.

The Humane Society of the U.S. has shepherded laws in at least six states to ban cramped cages for farm animals and persuaded some of the country's largest fast-food restaurants and retailers to make at least a gradual switch to cage-free eggs. The group last year championed a ban on tail docking at California dairies.

Ohio farmers struck back by promoting a constitutional amendment to create a livestock care standards board. Some 50,000 signs and 100-plus billboards touted the proposal, which 64 percent of voters approved.

YESTERDAY ON WALL STREET

NEW YORK (AP) — Hopes that global manufacturing activity is heating up lifted industrial stocks Monday ahead of an earnings report from Alcoa Inc. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 46 points, while the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced for a sixth straight day. The Nasdaq composite index slipped. After the closing bell, Alcoa posted revenue that topped expectations, but profits excluding one-time costs fell short of forecasts. The report from the nation's largest aluminum producer gave traders one of the first looks at how companies fared in the final quarter of 2009.

The Alcoa numbers followed a report that China's exports

jumped 18 percent in December. The bigger-than-expected increase came after 13 straight months of declines and raised hopes that the world economy is strengthening.

“The global economy is healing,” said Roy Williams, CEO of Prestige Wealth Management Group in Flemington, N.J. Williams cautioned that the recovery will still face “a lot of potholes.” On Friday, for example, the Labor Department reported a larger-than-expected number of job losses for December.

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NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR JEROME CITY COUNCIL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, the 2nd day of February, 2010, at the hour of 5:30 p.m., a public hearing will be held before the Jerome City Council at the City Council Chambers, 100 East Avenue A, Jerome, Idaho to review a proposed revision of Title 17 of the Jerome Municipal Code, which addresses all land use regulations within the City of Jerome.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND, and shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2010.
/s/ Shonna Fraser, City Clerk

PUBLISH: Tuesday January 12, 2010

NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703, ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN until two o'clock p.m., on **February 2, 2010**, for the work of 1.7 miles of pavement overlay and 2.8 miles of seal coat; N 600 West Rd., Lincoln Co., known as Idaho Federal Aid Project No. **A011(947), in Lincoln County, Key No. 11947.**

[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: RESIDENT ENGINEER ***THOMAS E. BROWN*** AT (208) 886-7851.]

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

A non-refundable handling and mailing charge of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) plus applicable sales tax will be made for bid documents. Phone orders to (800) 732-2098 (in Idaho) or (208) 334-8430 shall be made by credit card (Visa or Mastercard). Written requests shall be made by check or money order to the Idaho Transportation Department, Attn: Revenue Operations, P. O. Box 34, Boise, ID 83731-0034.

Dated January 8, 2010

TOM COLE, P.E.
Chief Engineer

PUBLISH: January 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: January 7, 2010

To: All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals

Subject: Environmental Determination for City of Twin Falls Drinking Water System Improvement Project

In accordance with the Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities (IDAPA 58.01.22) and the Rules for Administration of the Drinking Water Loan Program (IDAPA 58.01.20) an environmental review has been performed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the following project:

City of Twin Falls Drinking Water System Improvement Project Twin Falls County Twin Falls, Idaho

This environmental determination was made as a result of the review process indicating no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project. There may be environmental effects from the referenced project as described below:

1) Direct Impact: Involves the installation of distribution line in a flood hazard area.

a) Short term impact: The installation of the distribution line in a flood hazard area will require a floodplain development permit.

2) Short Term Indirect Impacts: During project construction, other short term impacts may occur that include:

- a) Increased noise,
 - b) Increased dust pollution, and
 - c) Stormwater runoff.
- Appropriate measures must be taken to prevent silt, sediment and other pollutants from entering into Rock Creek during construction activities.

- The dust pollution will be minimized in accordance with the DEQ Best Management Practices (BMPs) for fugitive dust control to prevent or minimize wind erosion and dust generation. An Environmental Protection Agency stormwater prevention plan and permit (SWPPP) must be developed and implemented during and after the project construction. Where possible, impacts from other construction activities will be avoided or minimized with the implementation of appropriate BMPs.

3) Beneficial Impacts: Overall, the completion of the proposed project will have long term positive effects by providing a sufficient, reliable good quality drinking water supply in addition to complying with the Idaho Public Drinking Water requirements.

A floodplain development permit will need to be issued by the City of Twin Falls for the distribution system improvements within the flood plain hazard area. The city will also need to obtain any other local, state or federal permits required for activities taking place during project construction.

Description of the Project: The proposed project involves the construction of a blending station, a booster pump station, an equalization tank and distribution system upgrades. The specific project improvements include:

- Construction of a new 14.4 million gallon per day blending booster pump station next to the existing Harrison pump station.
- Construction of a 500,000 gallon equalization tank next to the existing Harrison pump station.
- Construction of the blending infrastructure at the South Well Site.

- Installation of a 30 inch water main from the Harrison Reservoir to the South wells.
- Installation of a 24 inch main from the South Tank site to the east side of the city to replace the Hankins Water Supply.
- Installation of a 12 inch water main on Falls Avenue West.
- Installation of a 18 inch water main on Falls Avenue East.

Copies Available: Copies of the full FONSI, the December 2009 City of Twin Falls Environmental Information Document for Water System Improvements, and the 2009 City of Twin Falls Water Facilities Planning Study are available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality

Twin Falls Regional Office

1363 Fillmore Street
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
Regional Office Contact: Brian Reed
208-736-4259

Department of Environmental Quality

Water Quality Division

1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706
Grant/Loan NEPA Contact: Ester Ceja
208-373-0585

City of Twin Falls

321 2nd Avenue, East
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
City Contact: Mayor Don Hall
208-735-7287

Public Comments: Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted to DEQ for consideration. All comments concerning the City of Twin Falls Drinking Water System Improvement Project and this FONSI must be addressed to Ester Ceja, Department of Environment of Environmental Quality, Loan Program, 1410 North Hilton Street, Boise, Idaho 83706. All comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before February 12, 2010. After an evaluation of public comment, DEQ will make a final decision. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days after publication of the draft FONSI notice.

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

PUBLISH: January 12, 2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Wednesday, the 2nd day of June, 2010, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. of said day at the front entrance of the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 North Lincoln, Jerome, County of Jerome, State of Idaho, DAVID A. COLEMAN, a member of the Idaho State Bar, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 20, EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO

Section 32: A parcel of land located in the SE¼NE¼, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the SE¼NE¼, Section 32, said point being the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 0°05'18" East, 391.50 feet along the Westerly boundary of said SE¼NE¼;

Thence South 90°00'00" East 162.80 feet;

Thence South 1°26'20" West, 391.62 feet to a point on the Southerly boundary of said SE¼NE¼;

Thence North 90°00'00" West, 153.57 feet along the Southerly boundary of said SE¼NE¼ TO THE REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

The records of Jerome County Tax Rolls disclose the above property address as: **848 South 1975 East, Hazelton, Idaho 83335.**

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 M. JACKSON**, a married man dealing with his sole and separate property, grantor to LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC., an Idaho Corporation, Trustee for the benefit and security of AMERICAN ESCROW SERVICE RETIREMENT PLAN, LLC., recorded May 21, 2007, as Instrument No. 2073028, records of Jerome County, Idaho.

(1) The entire principal balance, interest and late charges through December 22, 2009, in the amount of \$50,177.41;

(2) Taxes for 2007 in the amount of \$504.32, plus penalties and interest;

(3) Taxes for 2008 in the amount of \$391.24, plus penalties and interest;

(4) Taxes for the first one-half of 2009 in the amount of \$367.86, plus penalties and interest;

and the unpaid principal balance owing as of December 22, 2009, on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$50,177.41, plus interest, late charges and foreclosure costs.

DATED: January 5, 2010

DAVID A. COLEMAN, Successor Trustee

PUBLISH: January 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 2010

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the order of the Board of Directors of Minidoka Irrigation District, a Special Bond Election will be held in the District on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010

from the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of voting upon the question and proposition of issuing the bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$14,750,000 for the purpose of financing the District's proportionate share of the cost of improvements to and rehabilitation of the spillway for Minidoka Dam on the Snake River, together with the costs and fees incidental thereto, including costs and fees related to the issuance of bonds.

The total estimated cost of the District's proportionate share of the Project is \$14,750,000, all of which is to be paid from the sale of the proposed bond issue.

The question to be submitted to the electors shall be by ballot reading substantially as follows:

SHALL THE MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO INCUR AN INDEBTEDNESS AND ISSUE THE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,750,000, TO BECOME DUE IN SUCH INSTALLMENTS AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE BONDS TO MATURE OVER A TERM WHICH MAY BE LESS THAN BUT WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO AND REHABILITATION OF THE SPILLWAY FOR MINIDOKA DAM ON THE SNAKE RIVER, TOGETHER WITH RELATED COSTS AND FEES, SAID BONDS TO BE PAYABLE FROM ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT AS PROVIDED BY LAW, ALL AS SET FORTH IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 8, 2009?

The following information is provided pursuant to Section 34-349, Idaho Code:

The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bonds is 6.0% per annum. The range of anticipated rates is from 2.0% to 6.5% per annum. The District has existing indebtedness in the amount of \$275,451. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed bonds, principal and interest, based on the anticipated interest rate, is estimated to be \$30,327,493.

Qualified electors may vote at the following polling places:

Precinct No.	Polling Place
1 and 2	Acequia Elementary School 360 North 350 East Rupert, Idaho
3 and 5	West End Fire Hall 152 South 600 West Paul, Idaho
4	Minidoka Irrigation District Office 98 West 50 South Rupert, Idaho

Qualified electors, under the general laws of Idaho, eighteen (18) years of age or older who are United States citizens who own land in the District and have resided in Minidoka or Cassia County for at least thirty (30) days next preceding the election, and who execute the elector's oath in the form required by law, and no others, will be permitted to vote at said special election.

Any qualified elector may apply to the District Secretary for an absentee ballot. The application must be in writing, must be signed by the applicant, and must contain the name of the elector, his/her home address, and the address to which the ballot shall be forwarded. An application for a mail-in absentee ballot must be received by the District Secretary not later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixth day before the election. An application for in-person absentee voting must be received by the District Secretary not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election, and absentee ballots must be received by the District Secretary not later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of election in order to be counted. Application for an absentee ballot may be made by using a facsimile machine. The District's facsimile number is (208) 436-3882.

If at the special bond election two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified electors voting at such election assent to the issuance of bonds for the purposes set forth in the resolution of December 8th, 2009, the bonds of the District will be issued for said purposes. The bonds may be issued in one or more series and will mature annually over a term which may be less than but which will not exceed thirty (30) years from their date, will bear interest at a rate or rates agreeable to the District, and will be payable from assessments levied upon property within the District in the manner provided by law.

DATED this 8th day of December, 2009.

MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Minidoka and Cassia Counties, Idaho

/s/ Mike J. Wilkins

Chairperson of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

/s/ Ruth Stansbury Bailes

District Secretary

PUBLISH: January 5, 12, 19, 26, and February 1, 2010

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Friday, the 7th day of May, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day at the front entrance of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States; all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Township 9 South, Range 14 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho

Section 26: N¼E¼NE¼NE¼SW¼

Sometimes known as: **4250 North 1360 East, Buhl, Idaho 83316**

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by **ANGEL C. CASTILLO**, a married man as his sole and separate property, grantor to TITLEFACT, INC., as trustee for the benefit and security of FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF TWIN FALLS, recorded February 24, 2000, as Instrument No. 2000-002648, and re-recorded February 25, 2000, as Instrument No. 2000-002695, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay: Monthly payments, collection charges and late charges through December 8, 2009, all in the amount of \$2,581.59;

and the unpaid principal balance owing as of December 8, 2009, on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$50,821.52, plus interest, late charges and foreclosure costs.

DATED: December 17, 2009.

TITLEFACT, INC., Trustee

By R. TODD BLASS, Vice-President

PUBLISH: December 22, 29, 2009, January 5 and 12, 2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 0999234248; T.S. No. 200901324 - 33172 On 04/21/2010 at 10:00am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho: IN THE FRONT LOBBY OF LAND TITLE & ESCROW 237 N. Lincoln Jerome, ID 83338, Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services, LLC, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 2 in Keyhole Acres, 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, Sec 11 T8 R16. 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 **108 Key Hole DR., Jerome, Idaho 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 **Maria A Bertsch** who acquired title as Maria Bertsch, an unmarried woman, as grantors, to Wells Fargo Financial National Bank, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 10/20/2006 and recorded on 11/16/2006, as Instrument No. 2066998, of Official Records of Jerome County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 10/20/2006. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of 97.60, due per month for the months of 5/5/2009 through 12/4/2009, 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 \$25,000.00, plus accrued interest at the rate of 4.7% per annum from 04/05/2009. 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. T.D. Service Company 1820 E. First Street, Suite 210, Santa Ana, CA 92705-4063 Sale Information Line: 714-259-7850 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: (714) 480-5472 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 12/8/09 Pioneer Lenders Trustee Services, LLC By: Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer ASAP# 3380829

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FOUND DOG on Park Avenue in Twin Falls on January 5th. Call 208-316-2119

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By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Answer to previous puzzle

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

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Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010

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Bobby Wolff

*"Peril as a possession
'Tis good to bear,
Danger disintegrates satiety."
— Emily Dickinson*

Today's four-spade contract contains a theme that we are all familiar with in theory, but that we all occasionally miss at the table.

When the deal came up, it was at IMP scoring, meaning that overtricks were relatively unimportant, while ensuring the contract was really all that mattered.

The unsuccessful declarer received the defense of three top hearts. Having seen East echo in hearts, he guessed to ruff the third heart high, then drew two rounds of trumps and found the bad news. Now he could throw East in with a trump after playing off three rounds of clubs, hoping the queen-jack would fall, but it was in vain. That player could exit in either minor, and when the diamond finesse lost, declarer was down one. This was admittedly unlucky — the bad heart and spade breaks and losing finesse had all conspired against him. But was there anything he could have done?

Indeed there was. At the other table declarer executed a loser-on-loser play to all but guarantee his contract. He would fail only against a 4-0 break in trumps, a far smaller chance than having the spades, hearts and diamonds not cooperating. Here too the defenders led out the three top hearts, but declarer riposted by throwing dummy's diamond loser away on the third trick.

Now as long as the trumps split no worse than 3-1, he was guaranteed 10 tricks by ruffing a diamond in dummy.

NORTH 01-12-A

♠ Q 10 4 2
♥ 5 2
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 10 5 2

EAST

♠ J 9 8
♥ J 8
♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q 9 8 7 4

SOUTH

♠ A K 7 5 3
♥ 9 6 3
♦ K J 4
♣ A 6

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Heart king

BID WITH THE ACES

01-12-B

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about "Not Nosy, Just Concerned" (Nov. 13), the neighbor who suspects the woman she sees entering "John" and "Marcia's" house is having an affair with John while Marcia sleeps. There is another scenario to consider, and it is, perhaps, the biggest reason "Nosy" should keep hers out of it. It is entirely possible that Marcia is fully aware and willingly participating in the after-hours visits of the "tart."



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I am happily married now, but when I was single, I was an after-dark visitor to a well-to-do, (still) happily married couple in an unsuspecting affluent suburban neighborhood. We were all happy with the arrangement, and even joked with each other about what the neighbors would think if they only knew. "Nosy" may get the surprise of her life if she ignores your advice and shares her "knowledge" with Marcia. Things aren't always as they appear.

— **HAPPY THIRD WHEEL**

DEAR HAPPY: That's true. And you were by no means the only reader who suggested that scenario. However, many others were quick to offer me some neighborly advice. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You were off-base in your reply to that lady. She wanted to know how to tell the woman of the house her husband was up to no good. You advised her to mind her own business. You should have told her to send the woman a letter.

If it turns out the visitor is a relative, they can have a good laugh over it and she won't have messed up her friendship with the couple. If it turns out she's right, then Marcia will know to get herself tested for an STD, which John may have given her. And if he hasn't given her one yet, it could stop her from getting one. STDs can kill. Telling the neighbor to butt out was just plain dumb.

— **FREDA IN FLORIDA**

DEAR ABBY: You are out of touch if you don't think a man will have sex in the same house in which his wife is sleeping. My sister awoke one morning to find her (now ex) husband having sex with their houseguest in the bathroom! And about 15 years ago, a friend of mine caught her husband in the basement with another woman. She and their two children had been upstairs sleeping.

Open your eyes, Abby. Why would a relative come in the middle of the night and park a block away?

— **DIANE IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR ABBY: My mom had the same suspicion years ago. Her neighbor lady's husband would leave for work and shortly after his departure a man next door would walk over to her house. He'd go through the back gate, into her home, stay awhile and then walk back to his house. After getting to know them, Mom discovered that the woman and her visitor were brother and sister and enjoyed drinking their morning coffee together.

— **NOSY NO MORE**

DEAR ABBY: I wish a nosy neighbor had told me when my fiancé was cheating on me. After I found out, several people admitted they had suspected the woman who had been coming around when I was visiting my parents was the "other woman," but they didn't want to seem intrusive.

While all of this was going on, I was pregnant with our second child. I learned what was happening when the baby was 3 months old. The woman was someone I considered a friend. I felt betrayed. Abby, "Nosy" should send her neighbor an anonymous note.

— **SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN THERE**

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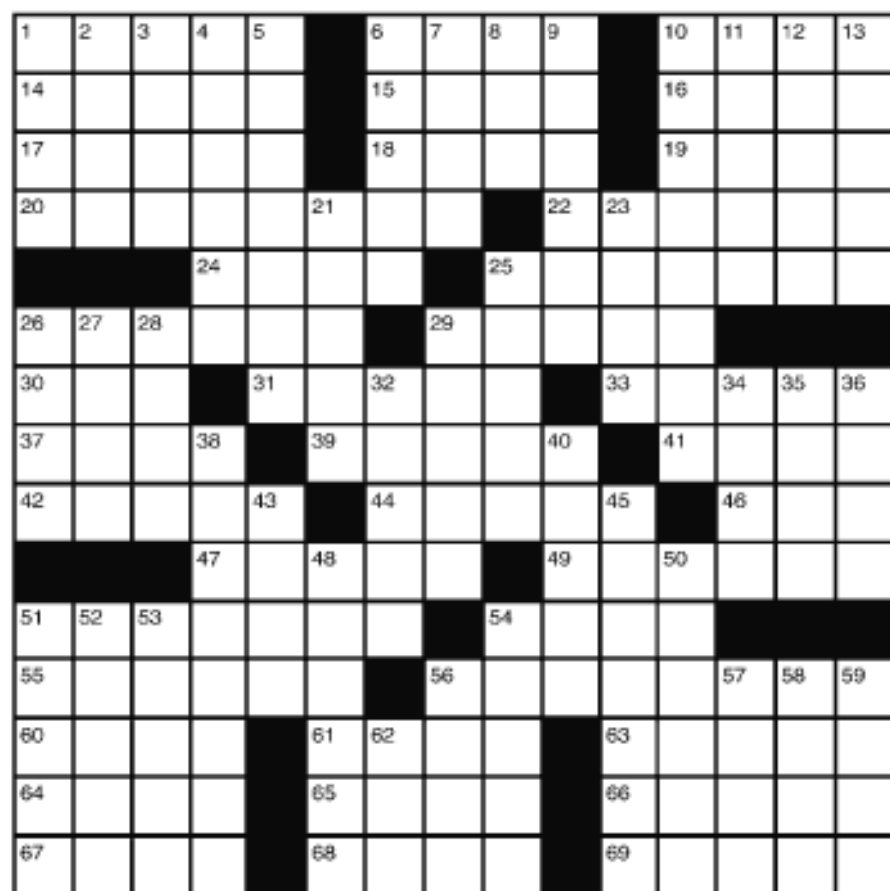
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- 1 Mexican dollars
- 6 Rate of speed
- 10 Nightfall
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- 15 Mild oath
- 16 Part of a foot
- 17 Procrastinator's word
- 18 Breathing organ
- 19 Con game
- 20 Weaken mentally or physically
- 22 Puncture
- 24 Speaker's platform
- 25 Peeping Tom
- 26 Moment
- 29 Heroic narratives
- 30 Mimic
- 31 Instruct
- 33 Approaches
- 37 Movie
- 39 Exhaust
- 41 Let fall
- 42 Brilliance
- 44 Encircle
- 46 Listener's need
- 47 Motif
- 49 Like mushroom soup
- 51 Simple wind instrument
- 54 One listed in a will
- 55 Just about
- 56 Snakes
- 60 Reddish horse
- 61 Tiny amount
- 63 Chili topper, for many
- 64 Wicked
- 65 ___ in; wearing
- 66 Prima ___
- 67 Opposite of acknowledge
- 68 Nervous
- 69 Use a broom

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- 1 Warsaw resident
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- 4 ___ it; exhaust oneself
- 5 Maid or butler
- 6 Throws stones at
- 7 Malarial fever
- 8 Tin container
- 9 Fancy trim
- 10 ___ of; threw out
- 11 Remove a lid
- 12 Climb
- 13 ___ Rouge; Pol Pot's followers
- 21 Assisted
- 23 ___ and groan
- 25 Indian term of respect
- 26 In no danger
- 27 "Beowulf" or "The Odyssey"
- 28 Prisoner's room
- 29 Frighten
- 32 Fragrance
- 34 Vicinity
- 35 Meander
- 36 Lively
- 38 Like the motherly head of a clan

- 40 Friendlier
- 43 ___ and that
- 45 Three-legged stands
- 48 Allure
- 50 Prior to the present, in poetry
- 51 Used rows

- 52 Brown spice
- 53 With all one's might
- 54 Impetuous
- 56 Male deer
- 57 Four and five
- 58 Sound
- 59 Metal fastener
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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Clouding up with a chance of showers forming late. Highs near 40.
Tonight: Periods of light rain and snow possible. Lows upper 20s to near 30.
Tomorrow: Chance of slushy mixed showers. Highs upper 30s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature	Precipitation
Yesterday's High: 23°	Yesterday's: 0.00"
Yesterday's Low: 10°	Month to Date: 0.33"
Normal High/Low: 37°/19°	Avg. Month to Date: 0.44"
Record High: 54° in 1959	Water Year to Date: 1.53"
Record Low: -21° in 1949	Avg. Water Year to Date: 3.12"

IDAHO'S FORECAST



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly cloudy	Chance of rain and snow	Mixed showers possible	Less likely to shower	Partly cloudy	Scattered high clouds
High 41°	Low 32°	39° / 31°	39° / 24°	35° / 27°	37° / 25°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 41°	Yesterday's: 0.00"	Yesterday's High: 84%	5 pm Yesterday: 30.23 in.	Today Sunrise: 6:06 AM
Yesterday's Low: 21°	Month to Date: 0.58"	Yesterday's Low: 62%	Today: 30.23 in.	Today Sunset: 5:27 PM
Normal High/Low: 38°/21°	Avg. Month to Date: 0.49"	Today's Forecast Avg: 80%	Today: 30.23 in.	Wednesday Sunrise: 6:06 AM
Record High: 52° in 1993	Water Year to Date: 2.96"			Wednesday Sunset: 5:29 PM
Record Low: -12° in 1974	Avg. Water Year to Date: 3.52"			Thursday Sunrise: 6:05 AM
				Thursday Sunset: 5:30 PM
				Friday Sunrise: 6:05 AM
				Friday Sunset: 5:31 PM
				Saturday Sunrise: 6:06 AM
				Saturday Sunset: 5:31 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	41/34	43/29	41/26
Bozeman	38/36	38/31	37/31
Burley	40/30	38/28	37/28
Charlottesville	40/30	38/28	37/28
Chattanooga	40/30	38/28	37/28
Cincinnati	40/30	38/28	37/28
Columbus	40/30	38/28	37/28
Dayton	40/30	38/28	37/28
Des Moines	40/30	38/28	37/28
Denver	40/30	38/28	37/28
Detroit	40/30	38/28	37/28
El Paso	40/30	38/28	37/28
Fort Worth	40/30	38/28	37/28
Houston	40/30	38/28	37/28
Indianapolis	40/30	38/28	37/28
Jacksonville	40/30	38/28	37/28
Kansas City	40/30	38/28	37/28
Las Vegas	40/30	38/28	37/28
Little Rock	40/30	38/28	37/28
Los Angeles	40/30	38/28	37/28
Memphis	40/30	38/28	37/28
Minneapolis	40/30	38/28	37/28
Milwaukee	40/30	38/28	37/28
Nashville	40/30	38/28	37/28
New Orleans	40/30	38/28	37/28
New York	40/30	38/28	37/28
Oakland	40/30	38/28	37/28
Omaha	40/30	38/28	37/28

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Atlanta	36/21	38/26	36/21
Atlanta City	36/21	38/26	36/21
Baltimore	34/23	36/24	34/23
Birmingham	47/31	46/22	46/22
Boston	43/21	41/22	41/22
Butte	31/14	39/21	39/21
Charlotte	38/24	37/23	37/23
Chattanooga	38/24	37/23	37/23
Chicago	38/24	37/23	37/23
Cincinnati	38/24	37/23	37/23
Cleveland	38/24	37/23	37/23
Denver	38/24	37/23	37/23
Des Moines	38/24	37/23	37/23
Detroit	38/24	37/23	37/23
El Paso	38/24	37/23	37/23
Fort Worth	38/24	37/23	37/23
Houston	38/24	37/23	37/23
Indianapolis	38/24	37/23	37/23
Jacksonville	38/24	37/23	37/23
Kansas City	38/24	37/23	37/23
Las Vegas	38/24	37/23	37/23
Little Rock	38/24	37/23	37/23
Los Angeles	38/24	37/23	37/23
Memphis	38/24	37/23	37/23
Minneapolis	38/24	37/23	37/23
Milwaukee	38/24	37/23	37/23
Nashville	38/24	37/23	37/23
New Orleans	38/24	37/23	37/23
New York	38/24	37/23	37/23
Oakland	38/24	37/23	37/23
Omaha	38/24	37/23	37/23

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Acapulco	83/70	83/69	83/69
Athens	60/52	57/54	57/54
Bahia	86/56	73/53	73/53
Bangkok	87/69	87/69	87/69
Beijing	19/3	27/8	27/8
Bombay	27/23	28/25	28/25
Buenos Aires	79/55	82/58	82/58
Calcutta	70/43	72/44	72/44
Cairo	70/43	72/44	72/44
Chennai	74/60	76/61	76/61
Chongqing	33/28	32/21	32/21
Columbo	61/57	65/62	65/62
Hankow	62/50	66/63	66/63
Hong Kong	62/50	66/63	66/63
Kobe	62/50	66/63	66/63
London	34/21	36/29	36/29
Los Angeles	34/21	36/29	36/29
Manila	34/21	36/29	36/29
Medan	34/21	36/29	36/29
Osaka	34/21	36/29	36/29
Shanghai	34/21	36/29	36/29
Singapore	34/21	36/29	36/29
Taipei	34/21	36/29	36/29
Tokyo	34/21	36/29	36/29
Yokohama	34/21	36/29	36/29

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "The big secret in life is that there is no secret. Whatever your goal, you can get there if you are willing to work. It is called massive action. Action is the gas in the tank. Without it, the car will not run."
 -Gregg Middlekauff, Author of No Glass Ceiling

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Calgary	37/29	38/29	37/29
Edmonton	37/29	38/29	37/29
Halifax	37/29	38/29	37/29
Montreal	37/29	38/29	37/29
Ottawa	37/29	38/29	37/29
Regina	37/29	38/29	37/29
Saskatoon	37/29	38/29	37/29
Vancouver	37/29	38/29	37/29
Winnipeg	37/29	38/29	37/29

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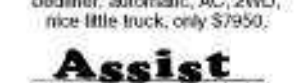
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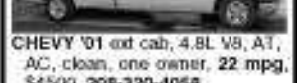
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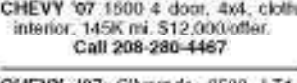
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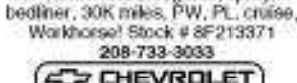
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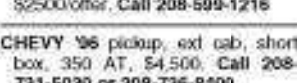
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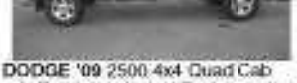
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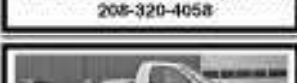
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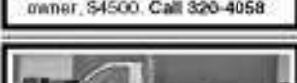
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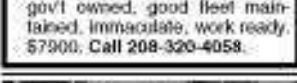
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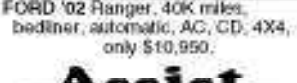
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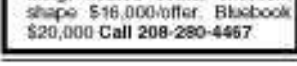
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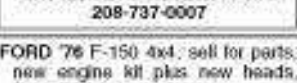
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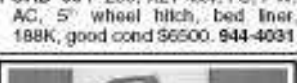
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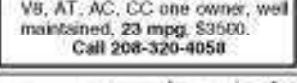
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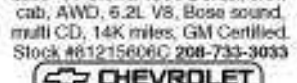
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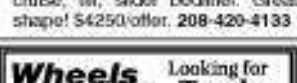
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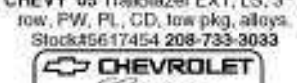
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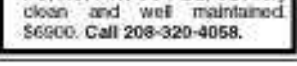
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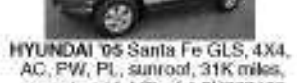
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“I wish I had never touched steroids ... It was foolish and it was a mistake.”

— former baseball player Mark McGwire

McGwire admits using steroids

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Sobbing and sniffing, Mark McGwire finally answered the steroid question.

Ending more than a decade of denials and evasion, McGwire admitted Monday what many had suspected for so long — that steroids and human growth hormone helped make him a home run king.

“The toughest thing is my wife, my parents, close friends have had no idea that I hid it from them all this time,” he told The Associated Press in an emotional, 20-minute interview. “I knew this day was going to come. I didn’t know when.”

In a quavering voice, McGwire apologized and said he used steroids and human growth hormone on and off for a decade, starting before the 1990 season and including the year he broke Roger Maris’ single-season home run record in 1998.

“I wish I had never touched steroids,” McGwire said. “It was fool-

ish and it was a mistake.”

He had mostly disappeared since his infamous testimony before a congressional committee in March 2005, when he said, “I’m not here to talk about the past.” He had been in self-imposed exile from public view, an object of ridicule for refusing to answer the questions.

Once he was hired by the Cardinals in October to be their hitting coach, however, he knew he had to say something before the start of spring training in mid-February.

Before a carefully rolled out schedule of statements and interviews, he called commissioner Bud Selig, St. Louis manager Tony La Russa and Maris’ widow, Pat, on Monday to personally break the news and left messages for the current stars of the Cardinals. He issued a statement and called the AP to get his admission out, then gave several interviews.

“It was a wrong thing what I did. I totally regret it. I just wish I was never in that era,” he said.

McGwire even understands why the

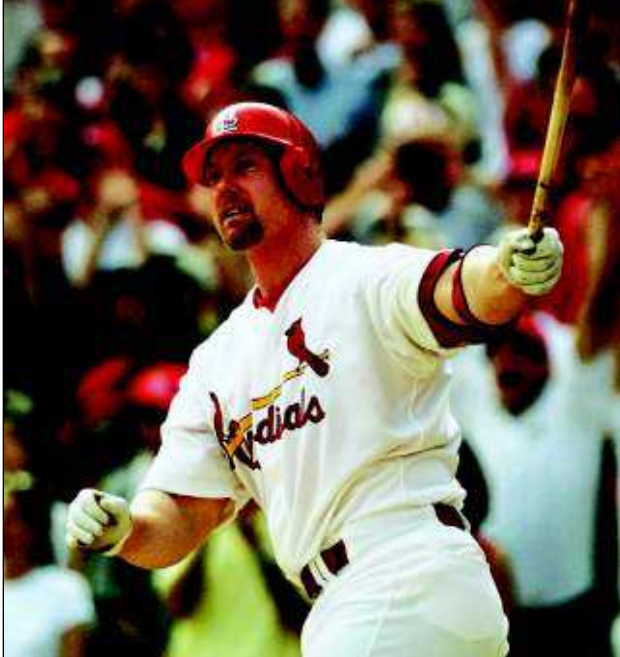
Maris family now believes that Maris’ 61 homers in 1961 should be considered authentic record.

“They have every right to,” McGwire said in an interview on the MLB Network.

In his AP interview, McGwire’s voice shook when he recounted breaking the news to his son, Matt, who is 22. When McGwire hit the record homer, he hoisted Matt — then a 10-year-old batboy — at home plate. The former player called that conversation the toughest task in the ordeal.

“He’s very, very understandable. So are my parents,” McGwire said. “The biggest thing that they said is they’re very proud of me, that I’m doing this. They all believe it’s for the better. And then I just hope we can move on from this and start my new career as a coach.”

McGwire was a baseball icon — Big Mac, with a Paul Bunyan physique and a home run swing that made fans come out to the ballpark early to watch batting



AP file photo

St. Louis player Mark McGwire watches his record-setting 70th home run of the season against the Montreal Expos during the seventh inning at Busch Stadium in St. Louis on Sept. 27, 1998.

See **MCGWIRE**, Sports 2

I might take this one seriously

I probably got in over my head with this one.

This fall, I joined the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, a prestigious organization that boasts members such as former Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly and former broadcaster Keith Jackson to name a couple. Now I am among the elite only because my check for the \$30 dues didn’t bounce.



Bradley Guire

I did it on a whim, because why not? They elected John Wayne, who was neither writer nor broadcaster, to their Hall of Fame. I did it because it was another organization to which I could submit entries and try to win plaques. Little did I know that one of the perks was real responsibility: I get a vote for the Paul “Bear” Bryant Coach of the Year Award. It’s just one of many coaching awards, but I consider this one up there with the Heisman, the premier individual player award.

Now, there are many things about sports I don’t take seriously. Understand that I never aspired to be a sports writer. It’s a job I just fell into. But as a graduate of the University of Alabama, I will take anything seriously if it’s named after the Bear.

It’s also an edgy situation considering my voting background. The last time I voted for anything, I was torn between choosing “Do the Bartman” by Bart Simpson or glam metal band Warrant’s “Cherry Pie” on some MTV show back in 1990 when they showed music videos. I may have voted for “Do the Bartman.”

Although the vote didn’t happen until after the BCS Championship game, the final ballot was available immediately after Alabama’s 13th title went into the books, providing time enough to mull over the candidates, weed them out one by one, get confused, ask former sports writer Eric Larsen his opinion, suck my thumb while

See **GUIRE**, Sports 2

Carroll says challenge drove him to NFL

By Greg Beacham • Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Pete Carroll loves challenges and the NFL game. The Seattle Seahawks offered both, and not even Southern California could compete.

Carroll ended his nine-year tenure with the Trojans on Monday, leaving behind a program facing multiple woes for a lucrative deal to coach the Seahawks.

“If you know anything about me, you know I can’t pass up this challenge,” Carroll said.

USC quarterback Matt Barkley also said quarterbacks coach Jeremy Bates is leaving with Carroll after just one season, presumably to become the Seahawks’ offensive coordinator.

Carroll won 97 games, seven Pac-10 titles and two national championships at USC, but the school is under a cloud of an NCAA investigation and other scandals after its worst season since Carroll’s first year. Although the charismatic 58-year-old coach spoke glowingly of his “gorgeous” tenure in Los Angeles, he jumped at the best — and timeliest — of many offers he’s received over the years to return to the NFL, which he reveres as “the highest level of competition.”

See **SEAHAWKS**, Sports 2

CRHS player Huddelson not afraid of pressure

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

Taking the lead as a sophomore can be tough.

You’re expected to guide the team as an unofficial coach both during and away from games and practices. You have to earn the respect of the upperclassmen on the team. You have to have the answers, you have to have trust, you have to be on point at all times. Now throw in the fact that this is your first varsity season at a new school.

This is Karly Huddelson’s charge. “She’s learning that it has to be her,” said Canyon Ridge girls basketball coach Kim Wray, who has known Huddelson since she was a



In the SportLight
Karly Huddelson
Canyon Ridge

little girl. “She puts a lot of pressure on herself. She wants nothing more than to prove that Canyon Ridge has a good basketball team.”

The odds at times seem insurmountable as the Riverhawks are winless through the first half of the season. Huddelson plays under pressure both internal and external to carry the team. She’s averaged

12.6 points per game, and if she doesn’t play well, the team suffers.

She knows she shouldn’t let all that pressure burden her more than necessary, because she feels that she’ll let the team down if she lets the pressure get her down. But it gets to her, and it sometimes shows.

“I can be emotional sometimes,” she said. “I get more aggressive ... when I get mad at myself, I play harder.”

Still, Huddelson fights. She does everything a good player should do: absorb game film, practice, correct her own mistakes, limiting turnovers and bad passes. She needs to step up her defense as she works to become the best all-around player in the Magic Valley, something that Wray believes is possible given

time and the right supporting cast. It’s part of a process to transform all that pressure and emotion into something positive.

“I have to balance it out and not hang my head and be upset,” she said.

The Great Basin Conference tournament is drawing near, but the Riverhawks are keeping their goals realistic given the circumstances of being a first-year program fielding players with limited varsity experience.

“I’m looking for the team to come together and win a game,” Huddelson said. “Just win one game. We can make that goal.”

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American competitors rolling with Winter Olympics 1 month away

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press writer

The success of Lindsey Vonn on the ski slopes, Tim Burke in biathlon and Billy Demong and Todd Lodwick in Nordic combined is giving the U.S. a considerable lift a month before the Olympics.

With a string of World Cup conquests across Europe, the four highlighted a historic weekend for the Americans gearing up for Vancouver.

By piling on the podiums, the Americans are raising expectations — both their own and others’ — for a fruitful Winter Games.

Vonn said these triumphs are giving the U.S. “good energy that we need going forward.”

“Definitely, I think the U.S. team in all areas is doing really well. I’ve been reading so many headlines of other athletes having success: Billy

Demong, Todd Lodwick, Shaun White, Lindsey Jacobellis,” Vonn said Monday via teleconference from Flachau, Austria, where she’s preparing for a World Cup slalom race Tuesday night.

Vonn, the reigning World Cup champion, dominated three days of speed racing in Austria as no American had done before. Not even a bruised left arm, which she hurt in a crash during a giant slalom race two weeks ago, could prevent her from winning two downhill and a super-G.

Demong and Lodwick made U.S. Nordic combined history with a 1-2 finish in Italy, becoming the first Americans in the sport to mount a World Cup podium together.

And in Germany, Burke retook the overall lead in the biathlon World Cup by finishing second to five-time Olympic champion Ole Einar Bjoerndalen of Norway. It was the first podium

finish by a U.S. biathlete in a men’s mass start race.

Burke’s third podium in two months — and in three different disciplines — cemented his status as a favorite in Vancouver, where he’ll try to become the first U.S. biathlete to medal at an Olympics.

Also, Jacobellis and Nate Holland had first-place finishes in snowboardcross World Cup races in Austria and Americans collected three more medals in the sliding sports. Erin Hamlin won a bronze in luge and U.S. pilots Steven Holcomb and John Napier claimed second and third-place finishes behind Olympic champion Andre Lange of Germany in the four-man World Cup bobsled races in Koenigssee, Germany.

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Bronco men fall to Louisiana Tech

BOISE — Robert Arnold led the Boise State men's basketball with 18 points as the Broncos lost 79-64 to Louisiana Tech Monday.

Anthony Thomas added 15, while senior Kurt Cunningham scored 10. Ike Okoye grabbed 14 rebounds, blocked three shots and stole twice.

While Boise State (9-8, 0-4 Western Athletic Conference) took advantage of Louisiana Tech's (16-2, 4-0 WAC) turnovers, the difference in the game came on points in the paint and second-chance points as the Bulldogs tallied 50 points to the Broncos 34.

The Broncos travel to San Jose State Thursday and Utah State Saturday.

FRESNO STATE 80, SAN JOSE STATE 70.

FRESNO, Calif. — Paul George scored 29 points, including 10 straight during a key stretch of the second half, to lift Fresno State over San Jose State 80-70 on Monday night.

Sylvester Seay added 19 points for Fresno State (10-7, 3-0 Western Athletic), which won its fourth in a row. Mike Ladd had 15.

Mac Peterson scored a career-high 21 points for San Jose State (8-7, 1-2), going 7-for-12 from behind the arc. Peterson's seven 3-pointers tied a school record.

Chris Oakes added 12 points and a game-high 13 rebounds for the Spartans,

who forced just five Bulldogs turnovers.

After trailing 38-29 at halftime, San Jose State battled back in the second half and pulled within 56-54 on an Adrian Oliver layup with 8:48 remaining.

But the Bulldogs responded with a 14-6 scoring run that began when Greg Smith powered past Oakes and converted his own missed layup.

George then went to work, hitting a layup, a fall-away jumper and two 3-pointers in a span of 3 minutes, 18 seconds. Seay capped the surge with a drive to put Fresno State ahead 70-60 with 4:03 left.

NO. 4 VILLANOVA 92, LOUISVILLE 84

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Scottie Reynolds scored a season-high 36 points, including a game-clinching layup in the final minute, to lead No. 4 Villanova past Louisville 92-84 on Monday night.

Reynolds was nearly perfect, going 9 of 10 from the field, including making all five of his 3-point attempts, as the Wildcats (15-1, 4-0 Big East) snapped a three-game losing streak to the Cardinals (12-5, 3-1).

Samardo Samuels led Louisville with 21 points and Edgar Sosa added 17, but the Cardinals had no answer for Reynolds.

— wire reports

Shoshone girls rally to defeat Wendell

Times-News

Down by seven points after three quarters, the Shoshone girls basketball team rallied in the fourth to beat Wendell 46-39 Monday on the road.

A 24-10 fourth-quarter surge by the Indians gave them the win. Kelcie Hutchins and Lacey Kneip led the Indians with 14 and 10 points, respectively. Kristen Brandsma paced the Trojans with 12 points.

Wendell (6-7) will host Gooding Thursday in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play, while Shoshone will play Lighthouse Christian Friday.

Shoshone 46, Wendell 39

Shoshone 6-10 24-46
Wendell 10-11 10-39
SHOSHONE (46)
Shelby Buzzuto 6, Kelcie Hutchins 14, Taylor Astle 4, Lacey Kneip 10, Kylee Stein 8, Jennica Kerner 2, Michelle Aoi 2. Totals 11 19-18 46.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 46, MURTAUGH JV 20

Kyanna Jones' 22 points led the Lighthouse Christian girls basketball team past Murtaugh's junior varsity squad 46-20 Monday in Jerome.

The Lions (3-12, 0-2 Snake River Conference North) will host Shoshone Friday for senior night.

Lighthouse Christian 46, Murtaugh JV 20

Murtaugh Lighthouse Christian 49 16-20
21 14 3 8-46
MURTAUGH (20)
K. Perkins 9, S. Saucedo 2, B. Worthington 4, K. Adams 4, A. Stanger 1. Totals 7 6-4 20.
LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (46)
Kyanna Jones 22, Luciana Romanus 9, Kelsey Fadness 2, Alex Ver Hoeven 4, Josena van Vliet 9. Totals 15 14-24 46.
3-point goals: Lighthouse Christian 2 (Jones 2). Total fouls: Murtaugh 15; Lighthouse Christian 15. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Guire

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lying on the floor in the fetal position, and start over again. Just look at the candidates: Mack Brown (Texas), Jim Harbaugh (Stanford), Chip Kelly (Oregon), Chris Petersen (Boise State), Paul Johnson (Georgia Tech), Nick Saban (Alabama) and Kevin Sumlin (Houston).

Other than Brown, Petersen and Saban, I know little about the rest of these coaches.

I take that back: I do know that Chip Kelly turned a season-long suspension of LeGarrette Blount — you remember, he's the guy who punched out Boise State hoss Byron Hout and went nuts on Bronco fans and his own teammates to provide a classic clip — into an eight-game suspension. Not that it mattered, because wearing any of the 1,503 Oregon uniform combinations was punishment enough. Anyway ...

Petersen: He took a group of no-name players, led by a quarterback who looks like he's 14, and again won a major bowl game after blowing out a schedule filled largely with high school teams like 1-11

Miami (OH).

Brown: I should have selected him for that genius call at the end of the second quarter of the BCS game, the shovel pass that was intercepted and returned for a score by Tide defender Marcell Dareus. Brown also appears to have some issues with decision-making when time is running out of a half or a game, so he's out.

Saban: Perhaps I should give it to him for not having 'Bama take a knee and instead drive for that final and unnecessary score on the Longhorns. I expect Saban to win with stout defense and the cream of the crop when it comes to high school recruits and top-quality assistant coaches. He delivered.

So for me, it came down to one man: Saban.

Who will claim the honor? Beats me. I'll find out with the rest of you on Thursday when the recipient is announced.

Now that I've survived the experience, I wonder how I can get one of those AP or Harris Poll votes?

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Boozer, Jazz topple Heat

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams had 23 points and 10 assists and Carlos Boozer finished with 25 points and 11 rebounds as the Jazz beat the road-weary Heat 118-89 on Monday night, Utah's first win over Miami in more than two years.

Mehmet Okur added 13 points and tied his career high with five blocks as the Jazz beat the Heat for the first time since December 2007.

The Heat lost to the Clippers 94-84 on Sunday night in Los Angeles and the travel fatigue was obvious after a close first quarter.

Michael Beasley scored 20 points for Miami and Dwyane Wade finished with 13 points and six assists despite spraining his right wrist late in the first quarter.

Miami lost for the sixth time in eight games and fell to .500 for the first time in a month.

BULLS 120, PISTONS 87

CHICAGO — Luol Deng scored 27 points on 13-of-18 shooting and the Chicago Bulls handed the Detroit Pistons their 13th consecutive loss, 120-87 on Monday night.

Detroit matched its longest skid since losing 13 straight to end the 1993-94 season.

After three consecutive losses, Chicago rebounded with a lopsided win against Minnesota on Saturday, and then took advantage of a depleted Pistons team playing again without Tayshaun Prince.

Derrick Rose finished with 22 points on 11-of-13 shooting for the Bulls, who shot 57.1 percent overall, including 70.6 percent in the third quarter.

Rookie Jonas Jerebko had 15 points and nine rebounds and Richard Hamilton added 17 points for the Pistons, who last won on Dec. 12, against Golden State.

THUNDER 106, KNICKS 88

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant continued his scoring surge with 30 points and the Oklahoma



AP photo

Jazz forward Carlos Boozer shoots a jumper during the second half of Utah's game against the Miami Heat on Monday in Salt Lake City. Boozer scored 25 points as the Jazz beat the Heat 118-89.

City Thunder won for the eighth time in their last 10 games, beating the New York Knicks 106-88 on Monday night.

Durant, who entered the game with a 28.7-point scoring average, had 15 in the first quarter as Oklahoma City (21-16) built a double-digit lead it kept for most of the rest of the game. Durant has scored 30 or more points in nine of his last 11 games.

Nate Robinson led the Knicks with 19 points. New York (15-22) suffered its worst loss since falling by 22 points in the season opener against Miami. The Knicks gave up 100-plus points for just the fourth time since Dec. 6.

The Knicks shot 38.2 percent, well below their season average.

HAWKS 102, CELTICS 96

BOSTON — Joe Johnson scored 36 points, going 5 of 7 from 3-point range, to lead the Atlanta Hawks to a 102-96 victory over the Boston Celtics on Monday night.

The Celtics have dropped only 10 games all season and three have been to Atlanta, which had lost seven straight to Boston coming into the season.

Rajon Rondo had 26 points and seven assists for

Boston. Rasheed Wallace was a last-minute scratch because of a sore left foot, and Boston was already without Kevin Garnett.

The Hawks trailed by 14 points early in the second quarter but closed the gap in the third thanks to three straight technical fouls on the Celtics coaching staff.

Head coach Doc Rivers was ejected.

PACERS 105, RAPTORS 101

INDIANAPOLIS — Danny Granger scored 23 points, and the Indiana Pacers overcame a 23-point deficit to beat the Toronto Raptors 105-101 on Monday night.

Troy Murphy had 20 points and 16 rebounds, A.J. Price scored 16 points and Mike Dunleavy added 15 for the Pacers, who had lost two straight. It was Indiana's first win since Granger's return from a heel injury that had kept him out for a month.

Chris Bosh had 27 points and 10 rebounds, and Andrea Bargnani added 12 points and 17 rebounds for the Raptors, who played their third game in four days.

Former Pacers guard Jarrett Jack started for Toronto and finished with five points and five assists.

It was his first game in Indiana since the Pacers chose not to match Toronto's offer last summer.

76ERS 96, HORNETS 92

PHILADELPHIA — Andre Iguodala and Elton Brand scored 18 points each, Allen Iverson added 16 and the Philadelphia 76ers snapped a four-game home losing streak with a 96-92 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Monday night.

Thaddeus Young and Lou Williams added 12 points each and Samuel Dalembert had six points, 14 rebounds and five blocks for the Sixers, who had lost nine of 10 at home.

Dalembert had 12 rebounds in the first quarter, the most in one quarter by a Philadelphia player since the Wachovia Center opened for the 1996-97 season.

Emeka Okafor had 20 points and 11 rebounds, David West added 13 points and 13 rebounds and Chris Paul had 13 points and 14 assists for the Hornets, whose season-best six-game winning streak was snapped.

SUNS 105, BUCKS 101

PHOENIX — Steve Nash had 30 points and 11 assists, helping the Phoenix Suns rally after blowing a 24-point lead and beat the Milwaukee Bucks 105-101 on Monday night for the 22nd consecutive time at home.

The Bucks were without coach Scott Skiles, who was hospitalized just before the game, and high-scoring guard Michael Redd, whose knee injury will keep him out the remainder of the season.

Amare Stoudemire had 23 points and 10 rebounds for Phoenix and Jason Richardson also scored 23.

Hakim Warrick led Milwaukee with 21 points and 10 rebounds and fellow reserve Luke Ridnour scored 17. Rookie Brandon Jennings added 14 points and Andrew Bogut had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

— The Associated Press

McGwire

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practice. He hit 583 home runs, tied for eighth on the career list, and his average of one every 10.6 at-bats is the best ever.

His record of 70 home runs in 1998 was surpassed by Barry Bonds' 73 homers in 2001 — the year of McGwire's retirement and the apex of the Steroids Era. Bonds himself has denied knowingly using illegal drugs but has been indicted on charges he made false statements to a federal

grand jury and obstructed justice.

He said he first used steroids between the 1989 and 1990 seasons, after helping the Oakland Athletics to a World Series sweep when he and Jose Canseco formed the Bash Brothers.

He said he returned to steroids after the 1993 season, when he missed all but 27 games with a mysterious heel injury, after being told steroids might speed his recovery.

And there was the pressure of living

up to his previous performance and his multimillion-dollar salary, McGwire said, adding that he was "getting paid a lot of money to try to stay up to that level."

McGwire became the second major baseball star in less than a year to admit using illegal steroids, following the New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez last February. Big Mac and A-Rod, coincidentally, are currently tied on the home-run list.

Seahawks

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"I do not expect to ever be able to top what we just did," Carroll said. "I think it's just been a beautiful time together. It hurts to separate right now ... but it can't keep on going, because I can't pass up this opportunity."

Carroll's departure ends one of the most successful runs in college football history — perhaps right when it was about to become much less fun, considering the just-completed 9-4 season which ended USC's

run atop the Pac-10 and snapped its string of BCS bowl games.

Carroll insisted his decision had nothing to do with the NCAA's lengthy look into his program, denouncing rumors of a rift between him and athletic director Mike Garrett. Carroll said he thought he "would be here forever."

But Seahawks owner Paul Allen pried the 58-year-old coach out of a comfortable oceanside life as one of the most popular sports figures in the

nation's second-largest media market, with numerous charity endeavors and a team that helped fill the area's NFL void.

Carroll is taking along Bates, a longtime NFL assistant who essentially replaced Steve Sarkisian last year as the leader of the Trojans' offense. Sarkisian recruited Barkley before jumping ship to the University of Washington last year.

Carroll's departure seeped out to his players through various uncon-

firmed reports in the media over the weekend. The Trojans who straggled into Heritage Hall for an afternoon meeting chose USC largely on the strength of Carroll's success and charisma, but they returned to classes Monday with no idea what was next.

Garrett's search for a replacement is likely to be speedy, with national signing day looming Feb. 3 and several recruits already wondering about their tentative commitments to USC.

Olympics

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In California, White punched his ticket to Vancouver with a victory in the U.S. Snowboarding Grand Prix, the second win of the season for the defending Olympic half-pipe champion.

And in Anchorage, America's best cross-country skier, Kikkan Randall, continued her preparations for the Olympics by winning the 1.4-kilometer classic sprint race for a sweep of women's events at the 2010 U.S. Cross Country Ski Championships.

Three wins in Haus im

Ennstal, Austria, raised Vonn's total to 28 victories, putting her at No. 2 on the all-time list of American skiers, three titles behind Bode Miller, who, by the way, is working his way back from a tender right ankle he twisted while playing volleyball last month.

No other American downhill skier has ever won on three straight days.

The Americans' successes on the eve of the 2010 Games makes for a sweet symphony to the U.S. Olympic Committee, which funded America's winter sports to the tune of

\$58.2 million for the current four-year period, a 55 percent increase over 2003-06.

The USOC is especially proud of the leaps in biathlon, Nordic combined and cross-country skiing, sports where the Americans are aiming for breakthroughs in Vancouver, goals that look very realistic based on triumphs on the World Cup circuits the last two years.

Burke, who has claimed World Cup podiums in the 20-kilometer individual race, the 10-kilometer sprint and the men's mass start, will race those three

disciplines at the Olympics next month along with the pursuit and the relay, giving him five shots at a medal.

Andy Newell of Shaftsbury, Vt., is steadily becoming one of the fastest men in cross-country skiing. At the World Cup ski sprint opener in Finland this season, he was the only U.S. skier to make it past qualifications in the classic technique race, the kind of sprint that will be used in the 2010 Olympics.

No longer can anyone question whether the Americans are one of the best teams in the world.

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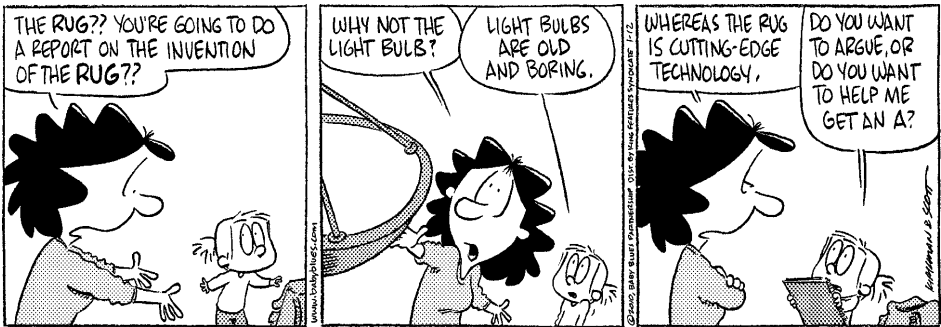
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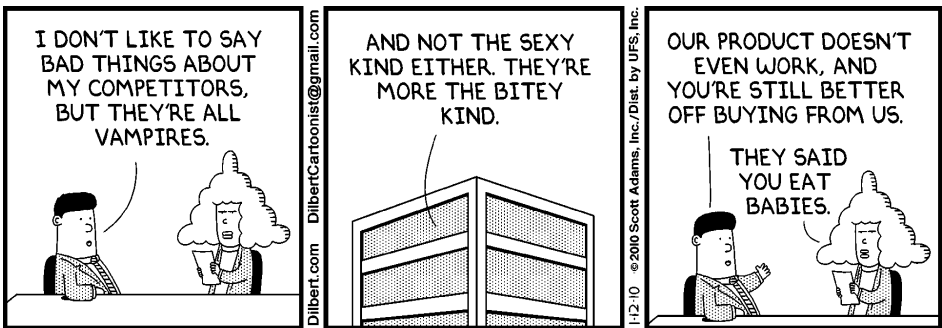
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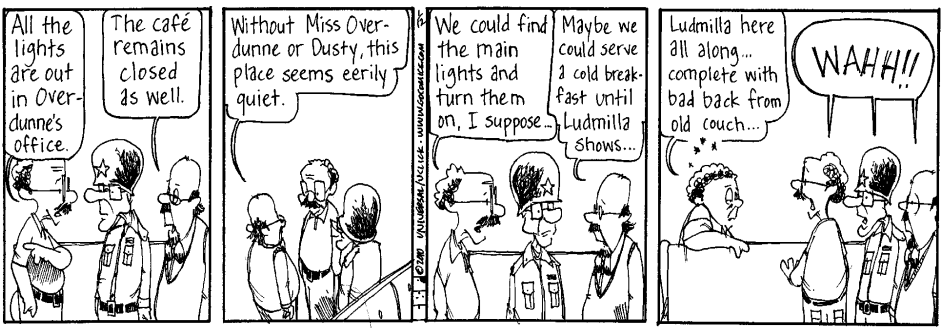
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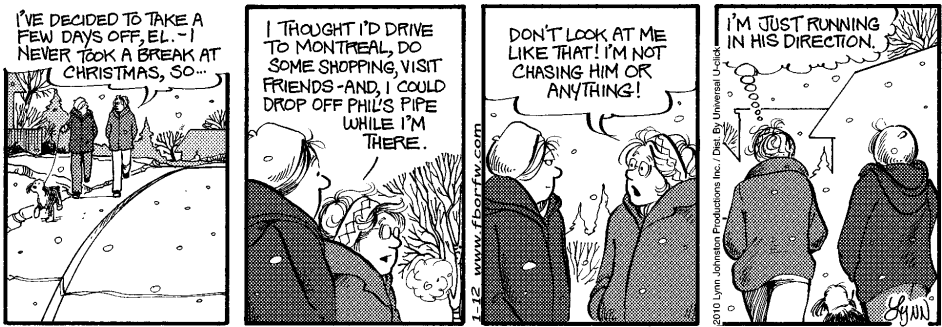
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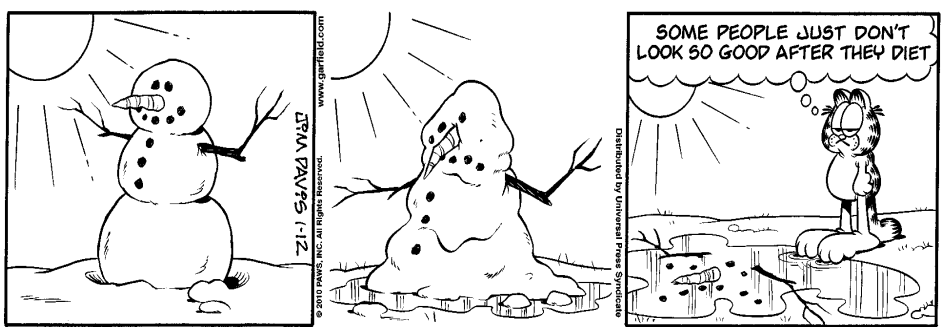
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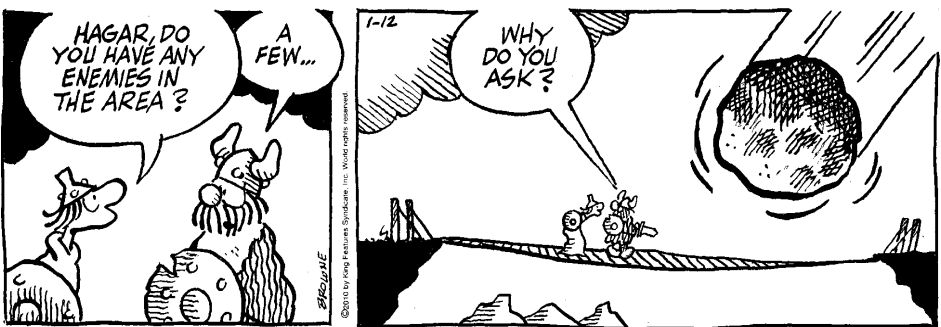
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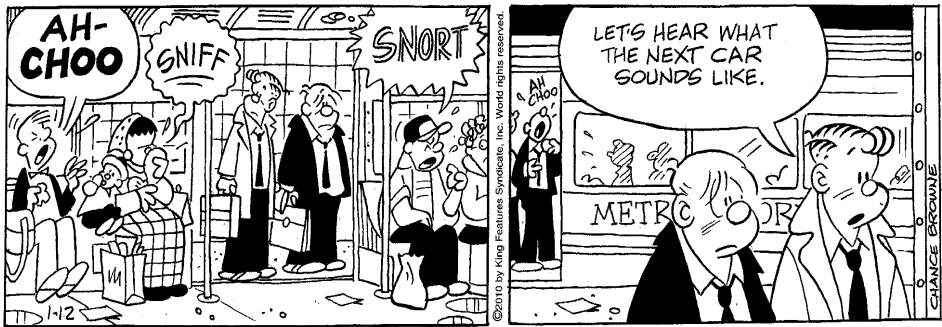
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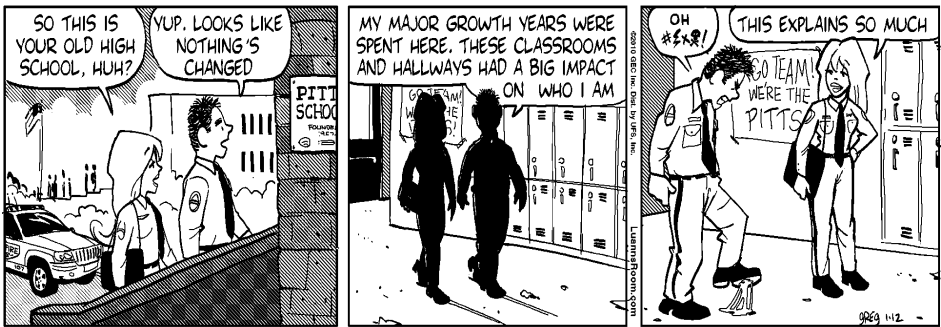
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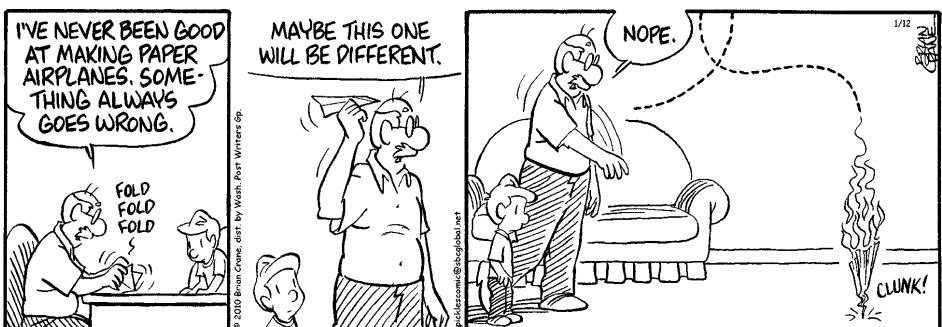
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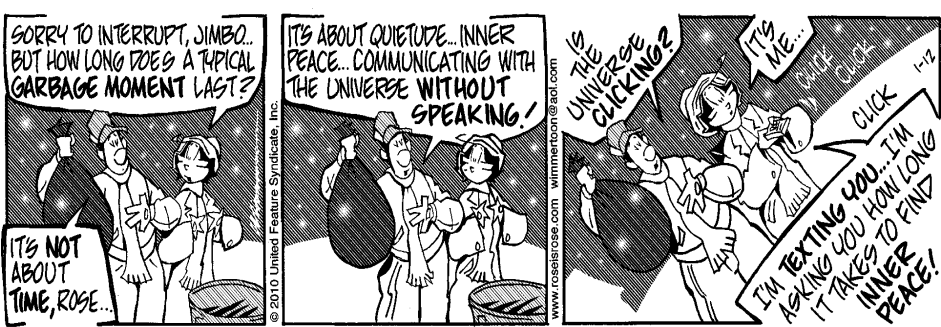
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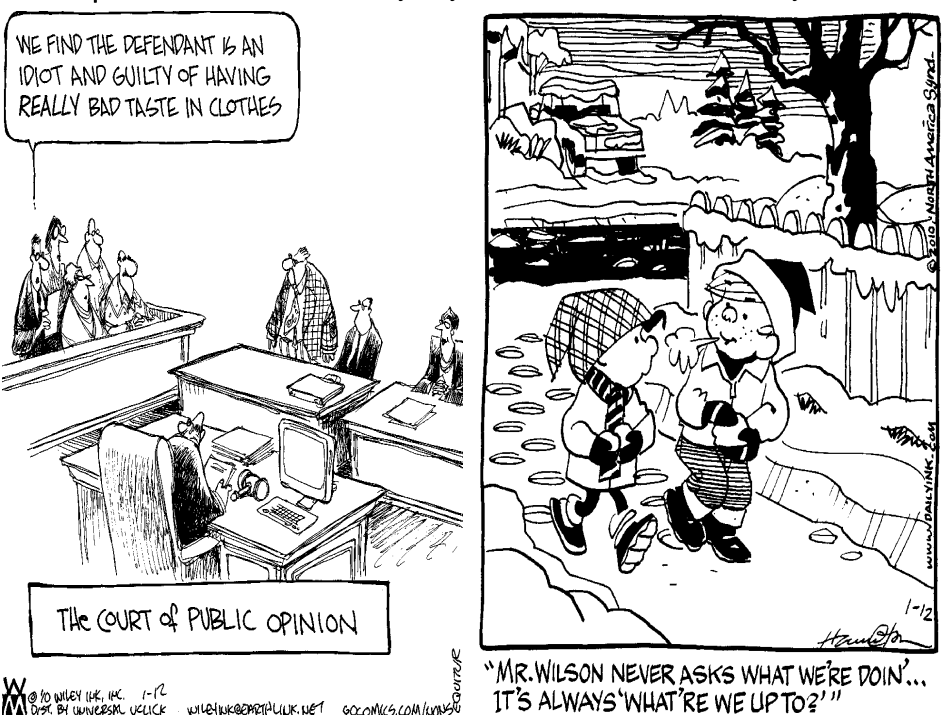
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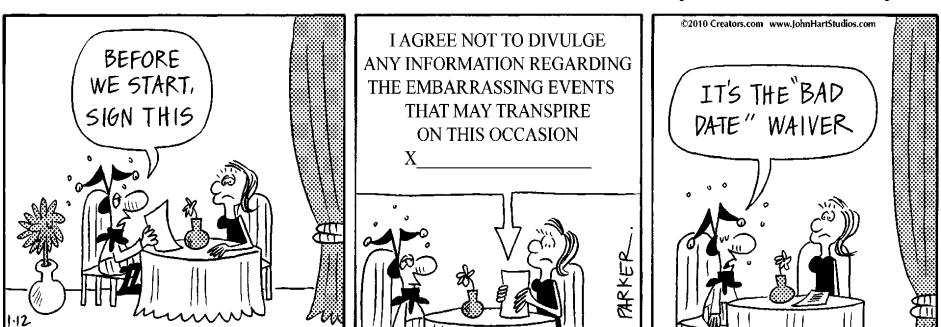
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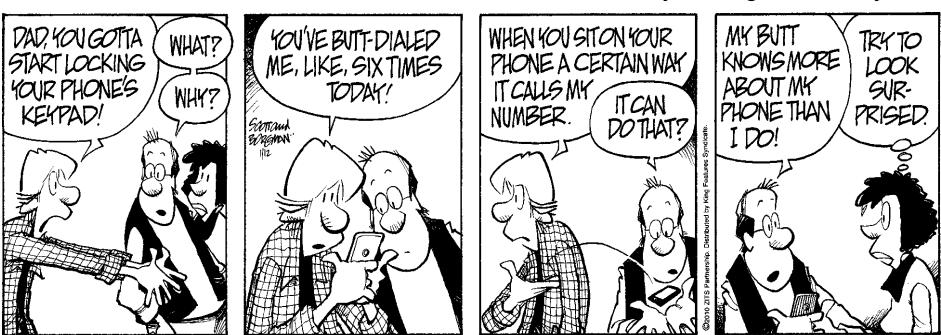
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