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Day care judgment marred by bankruptcy

Lawyer doubts Happy Feet Day Care owners can pay \$1.26M judgement

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

The family that filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Happy Feet Day Care in Twin Falls may never see their \$1.26 million judgment, since Happy Feet’s owners lacked insurance and

have filed for bankruptcy. Fifteen-month-old Brendan Becker died on July 5, 2009, at a Boise hospital after he had stopped breathing two days earlier at Happy Feet, according to his family. Robyn Brody, lawyer for the family, said Monday it’s unfortunate the state does-

n’t require day cares to be insured, calling her clients’ situation “really, really sad.” “There’s no insurance,” Brody said, adding her clients may not get their full judgment. “We’ll just have to see.” The day care’s operators, Gloria Galan and Julio Silva, were ordered on Jan. 5 to pay the hefty judgment to Becker’s family, which was an increase from a judgment of \$1.06 million handed

down last year in the same lawsuit. Silva and Galan filed a voluntary petition in United States Bankruptcy Court in the district of Idaho on Jan. 7. They’re claiming estimated liabilities ranging from \$1 million to \$10 million, and cite the lesser \$1.06 million judgment from Becker’s family within the petition. Idaho doesn’t require day cares of any size to be insured — or even licensed if

they serve six or fewer children. But “it is good business practice to carry insurance,” said Idaho Department of Health and Welfare spokeswoman Emily Simnitt on Monday. As for Happy Feet, which was operating at 1963 Elizabeth Blvd., its license remains suspended pending the outcome of a criminal investigation, said Simnitt. Twin Falls Police

Department spokesman Craig Stotts would not say Monday if police are still investigating the death or if a crime occurred. Galan served on the Twin Falls City Council from 2000 to 2004. In the civil suit, Judge G. Richard Bevan found “that the defendants’ (Galan and Silva’s) conduct was reckless in accordance with the authorities cited

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Wolf advocate warned for attempting to claim carcass

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The idea had been tossed around in some pro-wolf circles: Mark wolves killed naturally or by the state with hunting tags, to count them under state hunting quotas. Then last November, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Idaho Wildlife Services sent a helicopter to cull seven members of the Basin Butte wolf pack outside Stanley. And Lynne Stone, director of the Boulder-White Clouds Council, who had followed the pack for years, tracked down the body of its alpha female and attempted to

claim it as her own kill. Stone put a wolf-hunting tag on the carcass and took it home, calling the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to report it as a kill. But Fish and Game disagreed and Senior Conservation Officers Lee Garwood and Merritt Horsman confiscated the carcass in December. The problem, said Gary Hompland, regional conservation officer out of Jerome, is wolves killed in control actions become the property of the state under Idaho code. Fish and Game collects animals from such shootings and other

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MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Patricia Berry stands with her injured alpaca, Bronco, who Berry and her husband, James, believe was attacked by a mountain lion last week in Twin Falls. A second young alpaca was killed in the attack last Thursday while the Berrys were away. ‘I wish there was a way to trap (the lions) and move them,’ said Patricia Berry. ‘Animals that get used to livestock are a danger.’

Wildcats attack alpacas near Twin Falls

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer



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WATCH a video interview with James Berry and read Snake River Dispatches, an environmental blog by Nate Poppino.

The pistol at his hip probably felt like an old friend. “Thirty years in law enforcement, and I thought I could stop carrying a gun,” said James Berry, a former sheriff’s deputy, district-attorney’s investigator and judge in California. Berry, who lives east of

Twin Falls, is retired now and raises alpacas. But he sported his handgun Monday afternoon after an attack, possibly by mountain lions, cost him both money

and a beloved family pet last week. The attack happened Thursday morning, while James and Patricia Berry were away from the house.

The alpacas were in two separate groups by their barn. The cats chose to target the young ones, known as crias, separated at the time from several pregnant alpacas and a guard llama. One was killed. Another lost much of his skin and hair from the back of his head. As best the Berrys can tell,

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Halper escorted from Jerome Co. meeting

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — Following a request to cease and desist, Lee Halper departed from a Jerome County Commission meeting Monday with a sheriff’s escort. Halper, a past county commission candidate and a longtime county government critic, told the *Times-News* later on Monday that he intended to comment about the process of amending Chapter 13 of county zoning code, which includes regulations governing confined-animal feeding operations, off-site

“Mr. Halper, you are suing us. We are not going to listen to you.” — Jerome County Commissioner Joe Davidson

animal waste storage facilities and other ordinances. Halper was on the agenda. At a meeting one week earlier, commissioners prevented Halper from talking about the upcoming jail funding election because he is suing the county over issues related to the last ballot measure for jail financing. On Monday, Commission Chairwoman Cathy Roemer told Halper that the commission would accept pub-

lic comment on Chapter 13 amendments at a later date, and said Halper could submit written comments during the Monday meeting or send them via e-mail. Halper attempted to comment. “I’m asking you, sir. We are not going to have this discussion,” Roemer said. “Mr. Halper, she is not going to listen,” said Commissioner Joe Davidson. “Mr. Halper, you are suing us. We are not going to

listen to you.” Halper responded that his lawsuit pertains to the jail issue and not to animal-waste issues. He then asked Roemer to amend the agenda for the commission meeting to allow him to comment. “Mr. Halper, I’m going to ask you to cease and desist and to leave,” Roemer said. “Shall I have Capt. Johnson escort you out, sir?” He still wanted to make a statement and Roemer asked Sheriff’s Capt. Jack Johnson to remove Halper, who stepped out of the

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BPA expects \$6M revenue loss from dry weather

By William McCall
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — The winter forecast for the Bonneville Power Administration is for light snow and possibly even lighter revenue. But not everyone’s sharing its concern. The federal power marketing agency on Monday cut its revenue forecast for the fiscal year by about \$240 million — from nearly \$232 million in net revenue by the end of the year to a \$6 million loss.

Bonneville says El Nino ocean warming likely will result in a dry winter that will reduce spring runoff to feed the rivers that power Northwest hydroelectric dams. With more than a month left until the end of winter, the outlook could change if more snow arrives than expected. But the current prediction by the National Weather Service calls for 79.2 million acre-feet of runoff from January through

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



● Check out some high school hoops. Tonight, Shoshone's girls basketball team holds a dessert auction at halftime of the 7:30 p.m. boys home game against Castleford to raise money for state tournament travel. Sports and chocolate; how can you beat that?

● Batter up! If you want to utter those words, attend the Twin Falls County Youth Baseball's umpire informational meeting at 6 p.m. in the Rosenau

Funeral Home Community Room, 2826 Addison Ave. E. Information: Bill, 280-0802.

● Enjoy the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra "Pops" concert starting at 7:30 p.m. at the King Fine Art Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley. Series tickets start at \$40.

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

Day care

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herein," according to court records.

The baby's mom, Shyloh Masuo, told the *Times-News* last year that she believed her son's death was criminal.

Online court records do not charge Galan or Silva with any crimes connected to the baby's death.

The boy allegedly stopped breathing while he was unsupervised in a car seat, which was left in a play

pen. "There's no doubt this baby was strangled by a car seat," Brody said in court last year.

Attempts Monday to reach Galan and Silva were unsuccessful. The pair never responded to the wrongful death lawsuit in court. Interest on the judgment is accruing, according to court records.

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Wolf

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incidents each year to use for educational purposes or to sell in an annual parts sale and fur auction.

"As far as this one goes, it's not in very good shape," Hompland said, suggesting the wolf may end up at the auction. "I can't imagine it'll be worth much."

Stone was issued a warning for her action. As far as Hompland knew, it was the first time a wolf advocate had actually tried to get an enforcement kill counted under the hunting quota — this one would have been for the South Mountains zone.

After the incident, some wolf supporters questioned whether Stone was singled out for her past advocacy. Hompland acknowledged the close ties Stone had developed with the animal, but said it didn't exclude her from following the rules. The officers did sell her another 2009 wolf tag, he said, something allowed when a hunting tag is used improperly.

"Her motivation really doesn't change the law," he said. "The law is still pretty clear."

Stone, who said she also planned to use the carcass for educational purposes, still isn't convinced. She noted the government doesn't reclaim a number of carcasses and questioned the purpose of keep-

ing them out of the public's hands.

"We've got dead wolves lying all over the state," she said. "And there are a lot of people who would salvage those wolves and make use of them."

Before recovering the wolf, Stone said she called a number of regional Fish and Game offices for guidance and couldn't get a consistent answer on her rights. She still disputes the evidence of sheep and cattle kills the agencies used to justify shooting the wolves, and noted how records of legally killed wolves show that some hunters cut off feet and other body parts, making it hard to tell if they were illegally trapped first.

Stone is keeping track of the wolf's body through records requests to Fish and Game. And though not a part of a recent lawsuit challenging Wildlife Services' actions within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, she is talking to a lawyer about the issue in general and said she may supply a declaration for that suit.

Disheartened after the Thanksgiving shootings, she still sees a need to counter the government's treatment of the wolves, she said.

"They're nothing but vermin to those two agencies."

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Twin Falls Today hosted by Bangs Legacy. noon, Idaho Pizza, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, \$15 lunch, reservations required: 733-3974.

Let's Dance Club with line and square dancing. 6 to 10 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. \$3, no cost for children under 14 with an adult, 410-5650 or galenslatte.com.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Knitters and Crotchetier Anonymous. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 Third Ave. N., Hailey, no cost, 788-3468.

Magic Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, with a focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication and leadership skills, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, new members welcome, 316-8534.

CSI Career Counseling Center, weekly meeting for women, 1 p.m., Taylor 256, College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 732-6262.

CSI Career Services program Community Service Council meeting, noon, Health Science and Human Services building, room 239, College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 732-6262.

CSI Latinos Unidos meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 109, College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 732-6262.

Corner Quilters Guild meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Fat Quarter Quilt Shop, 112 W. Main St., Wendell, open to public, no cost, 934-4591.

Citizens Protecting Resources (CPR) meeting, 7 p.m., Idaho Fish and Game building, two miles north of the Flying J on U.S. Highway 93, 324-3202 or 308-7696.

EDUCATION

Learn guitar: An introduction, basic skills, 6 to 7 p.m., College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, \$60 registration, plus \$5 material fee, taught by Mark Tatro, (non-credit class), 732-6290 or communityed.csi.edu.

Pottery, explores ceramic building and glaze techniques for beginners to experienced potters, 6 to 7 p.m., College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, \$130 registration, plus \$20 material fee, taught by Mark Tatro, (non-credit class), 732-6290 or communityed.csi.edu.

EXHIBITS

Oil paintings by artist Pam Swenson of King Hill, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mimi's Saddlehorn

Events Center, 289 Clear Lakes Road, Buhl, no cost, 543-2721.

"Outside In: Indian Art Abroad," 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.

Magic Valley Arts Council's multigallery exhibitions with artists' reception, featuring: new work by gallery members and guest artist Elly Young with fiber art at Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft, and "The Canyon" oil paintings by Gloria Vaughn Hann at Galeria Pequena, noon to 3 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.

David Vestal art show public reception for the artist, 7 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 7:00 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

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

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

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

Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, work session, noon, Marvin Hempleman county office, Room 246, 246 Third Ave. E, 734-9490

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

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

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

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

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 or 308-6041.

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 W., 423-4151.

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

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

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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

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

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

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., St. Luke's Elks Rehab, 560 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2126.

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

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

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 324-7237.

LIBRARY

Teen Flicks in Yscapes, movie and snack, 4 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 4th Ave. E., no cost, open to public, 733-2964 ext. 110.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

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

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@magicvalley.com; by phone, 735-3278; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O.Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

Halper

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commission chambers into a hallway with Johnson.

In an e-mail Halper later sent to county commissioners, Jerome County Sheriff Doug McFall, the *Times-News* and others, he questioned that Johnson's presence suggested that Roemer had sought protection from him, which he

called an insult to his integrity and a negative reflection on his reputation.

"I thought I wasn't commenting on the amendment (to Chapter 13 of the zoning ordinance). I was commenting on the process," Halper told the *Times-News* Monday afternoon. "I don't understand their reasoning or their authority."

"Jack came up per my request," Roemer said later

on Monday. "I anticipated that there might be a challenge should the subject matter be other than what he was agendized for."

She said she was not acting on the advice of the Jerome County prosecuting attorney.

"When we're conducting the public's business, we as elected officials represent the citizens of Jerome County. We owe it to the citizens to conduct their

business in a respectful manner. When we are disrespected as representatives of the people while we are in session, it is disrespecting the citizens of Jerome County and I won't allow that to happen. Our citizens deserve our utmost respect," Roemer said.

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July — or about 74 percent of the 30-year average of 107.3 million acre-feet, the lowest runoff in the Northwest since 2001.

"This is a very serious decline that impacts our power supply and therefore our finances," said BPA Administrator Steve Wright.

Low river flows would also hurt Idaho Power Co., which has relied for decades on a backbone of dams along the Snake River.

The Idaho utility recently agreed to freeze its base rates until next year, instead splitting a possible \$160 million in savings from the cost of providing power with its customers. Those savings were made possible by projected

healthy river conditions, but spokeswoman Stephanie McCurdy said Monday the utility expects costs to drop and customers to benefit even if the water year ends up more modest.

"We still have several months left that can impact our water year, and we've had late water 'surprises' before," McCurdy wrote in an e-mail. "In addition, there has been good carry-

over storage from last year."

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council, which oversees the regional power supply along with fish and wildlife management, says its most recent analysis shows plenty of power for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana over the next five years.

Staff writer Nate Poppino contributed to this report.

CORRECTIONS

Photo attribution incorrect

Two photos published Sunday in the Business section were incorrectly attributed. The photos were courtesy of Sweetheart Manor.

Council vote incorrect

A Sunday story about the appointment of Wendell's new police chief incorrectly reported that Ken Young was appointed by a unanimous City Council vote. Councilwoman Ilene Rounsefell voted against the appointment.

The *Times-News* regrets the errors.

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Finally, an ISU alum wins a Super Bowl ring

Twelve former Idahoans or out-of-state football players who attended Boise State or the University of Idaho have won Super Bowl rings. Now, after Super Bowl XLIV, there's finally one from Idaho State.

Jeff Charleston, a back-up defensive end for the New Orleans Saints, will receive one of the \$5,000 rings the NFL gives to members of Super Bowl-winning teams.

He played a single season at ISU — in 2005 — after transferring from Western Oregon State College. It was memorable, though: Charleston recorded 12 sacks and 56 tackles and was named Big Sky Conference defensive player of the year.

He went undrafted in 2006 and spent that season on the practice squad of the Houston Texans. In 2007, Charleston signed a free-agent contract with the Indianapolis Colts, the team the Saints beat in the Super Bowl on Sunday. He played 13 games with the Colts, registering 42 tackles and a quarterback sack.

Signed by the Saints in the middle of the 2008 season, Charleston played in 10 games, had 11 tackles and three sacks. This season, backing up All-Pro defensive end Will Smith, he played in every game and had 10 tackles.

Four Idaho natives own a total of five Super Bowl rings, including two by Sandpoint's Jerry Kramer, a guard who played on the Green Bay Packers teams that won the first two Super Bowls. The others are St. Anthony's Jason Buck, a defensive end from Brigham Young University who played for the Washington Redskins in the 1992 Super Bowl;



YOU DON'T SAY
Steve Crump

Nampa's Rob Morris, a linebacker from BYU who played for the Colts in the 2007 Super Bowl, and Lewiston's Jake Scott, a guard from the U of I who was a Colts teammate of Morris!

Mark Schlereth, a guard from Anchorage, Alaska, who played for the U of I from 1985-88, owns three Super Bowl rings — one from the 1988 Washington Redskins and two from the Denver Broncos, who won Super Bowls in 1998 and 1999. And Markus Koch, a defensive end from Kitchener, Ontario, who played at Boise State from 1982-85, won two rings with the Redskins in 1988 and 1992.

Other players from outside Idaho who played football at Boise State and Idaho and later collected rings include Alva Liles, a nose tackle at Boise State who spent his only NFL season with the Oakland Raiders in 1981; Idaho wide receiver Eric Yarber, who was a teammate of Schlereth's and Koch's on the '88 Redskins; Spencer Folau, an offensive tackle from Idaho who played with the 2000 Baltimore Ravens; Jeff Robinson, a linebacker from Idaho who was a member of the 1999 St. Louis Rams; Kimo von Oelhoffen, a defensive tackle from BSU who was a member of the 2005 Pittsburgh Steelers, and Marvin Washington, a defensive end from Idaho who played on the 1998 Denver Broncos team.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

AROUND THE VALLEY

DEQ seeks applicants for water grants

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is accepting applications through March 19 for grants to protect drinking-water sources.

Eligible applicants include public water systems, local governments, soil conservation districts, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. Funds are available for both local and regional projects. Grants may not be used for personnel or equipment costs associated with operations and maintenance of drinking-water systems.

About \$120,000 is available for the grants. They are capped at \$20,000 each.

Information: www.deq.idaho.gov/Applications/gwga2010/ or Amy Williams, 373-0115, amy.williams@deq.idaho.gov.

Water-district meeting set

The annual water-users meeting for Water District 1 is set for 9 a.m. March 2 at the Shilo Inn Convention Center, 780 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls.

People who want to attend the meeting but

need special assistance due to a disability should contact the district at least five days in advance for special arrangements. Information and for lunch reservations: Wendy, 525-7171.

— Staff reports

Twin Falls council deadlocks, won't renew PSI contract

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Twin Falls officials will seek outside proposals for providing trash collection.

With Councilman Lance Clow absent at a meeting in Boise, attending City Council members deadlocked 3-3 Monday on a vote to extend PSI Waste System's contract by another five years.

That meant the motion failed, and the council then voted 4-2 to approve bid specifications and related documents to be distributed as soon as possible. Members rejected 4-2 a motion to table the bid item and reconsider the contract-extension vote, with Greg Lanting and Trip Craig in the minority both times.

Council testimony and debate illustrated how valuable the Twin Falls waste contract is to regional companies. The city has used PSI to collect solid waste since 1970, last soliciting

“We’re really trying to be as open and above-board as possible.”

— Twin Falls Mayor Don Hall

proposals in 2005.

PSI District Manager Chris Carey gave a short presentation requesting the contract extension, noting extensions had been granted in the past and warning that bidding the contract could increase city costs.

Carey had already spoken individually with council members, inviting them to his office, Mayor Don Hall noted at the start of the discussion. The mayor said afterward he was aware of how the meetings could be perceived by the public, but said council members do site visits with other city vendors, and that he had consulted the city's attorney to make sure the PSI visits were appropriate.

“We’re really trying to be as open and above-board as possible,” Hall said.

Rick Parks, president of

Western Waste Services and the original founder of PSI, argued the city should seek bids.

Scott Parks, Western Waste's marketing director, made a pitch for his company's quality and leadership. It is “reasonable for the size of our operation” for Western Waste to match PSI's current Twin Falls costs, he said, telling the council the company is prepared to spend the capital needed to handle the large city.

Of the council, Hall, David E. Johnson and Will Kezele voted against extending the contract, largely stating that competition on the market will benefit the city. No one was dissatisfied with PSI's current service.

“If PSI stands as solid as they’ve promoted them-

selves to be, I don't see why they wouldn't continue to be our vendor,” Johnson said.

Lanting, lamenting Clow's absence, asked City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich about ways to vote on the extension again.

“I hate to see an entire situation this big go down on a 3-3 vote,” Lanting said.

Discussion then turned to the bid specifications. The city will issue a request for proposals rather than for bids to avoid being required to take the lowest bidder. With proposals, Assistant City Manager Travis Rothweiler said, the city can consider a number of other factors, including a company's experience, financial stability and customer-service philosophy.

Sawtooth Elementary gym receives plaque

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

The new multipurpose room at Sawtooth Elementary isn't yet finished, but it's close enough for government work — and to receive a plaque.

At Monday night's meeting, the Twin Falls School Board provided a plaque to Principal Randy Rutledge commemorating the completion of the new facility.

“The idea is to have the gym completed by the end of the month,” Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said. “Certainly within the month, we should be able to open it up and get started.”

Later in the meeting, Kirk Brower, district director of operations, said all projects associated with the \$49.7 million bond levy that passed in 2006, primarily to build Canyon Ridge High

School, are nearly finished.

“We’re confident enough that we gave Randy his plaque tonight,” Brower said, noting that the plaque already reads “occupied February 2010.”

While cutting it close, Brower said the gym will be open and turned over to the district Feb. 25, but a few matters, such as landscaping, will have to wait until the weather improves.

Brower said some plans for signs will be altered “because first-graders don't read very well.”

The elementary's multipurpose room represents the last major phase from the original bond proposal — voters passed a \$33 million plant-facilities levy in 2008 for other projects — but some ancillary items also remain at Canyon Ridge, Brower said, such as installing the track surface when weather permits.

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P E N N .
Sen. John Murtha, influential critic of Iraq war, dies at 77

HARRISBURG — Rep. John Murtha, the tall, gruff-mannered former Marine who became the de facto voice of veterans on Capitol Hill and later an outspoken and influential critic of the Iraq War, died Monday. He was 77. The Pennsylvania Democrat had been suffering from complications from gallbladder surgery. He died at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Va., with his family at his bedside, the hospital said.

In 1974 Murtha, then an officer in the Marine Reserves, became the first Vietnam War combat veteran elected to Congress. Ethical questions often shadowed his congressional service, but he was best known for being among Congress’ most hawkish Democrats. He wielded considerable clout for two decades as the ranking Democrat on the House subcommittee that oversees Pentagon spending. Murtha voted in 2002 to authorize President George W. Bush to use military force in Iraq, but his growing frustration over the administration’s handling of the war prompted him in November 2005 to call for an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops. “The war in Iraq is not going as advertised. It is a flawed policy wrapped in illusion,” he said.

WASHINGTON
Just for show? Chances slim for health care deal

Could this turn into something more than political theater? President Obama’s televised dialogue with Republican lawmakers on health care, promised for later this month, has the makings of an entertaining exchange. But the differences between the basic Democratic and GOP ideas are stark — and the two sides have increasingly hardened their positions in this election year. Yet, in a story with more twists than a soap opera, Obama’s invitation to congressional leaders of both parties to attend a Feb. 25 meeting can’t be dismissed as a mere diversion. Although many Americans have doubts about the Democrats’ sweeping plans to cover the uninsured, Republicans can’t afford to be perceived as oblivious to the health care insecurities of middle-class families. “My expectations? Probably below 50 percent, but not zero,” said Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., a moderate who serves as president of the Democratic freshman class in the House. “At some point, the public is going to demand that Republicans participate like mature adults, and not just say ‘no’ to everything.”

I S R A E L
Tel Aviv ‘savior’ accused of enslaving women

JERUSALEM — Israeli police have arrested a man they believe enslaved a cult-

like harem of at least 17 women and 37 in Tel Aviv.

The man, 60-year-old Goel Ratzon — whose first name is Hebrew for “Savior” — is now sitting in a Tel Aviv jail. He denies any wrongdoing, his lawyer says.

“I’m not their Messiah, I’m not their savior. I’m just good to them,” Ratzon said in a rare interview to Israel television last year.

Police broke up the harem on Jan. 12, taking the children and women to various shelters. Police investigating him on suspicion of enslavement, rape and incest have until Friday to charge him or else his detention runs out, Gabai said.

A U S T R I A
Iran tells UN it will enrich uranium to higher levels

VIENNA — Iran pressed ahead Monday with plans that will increase its ability to make nuclear weapons as it formally informed the U.N. nuclear agency of its intention to enrich uranium to higher levels.

Alarmed world powers questioned the rationale behind the move and warned the country it could face more U.N. sanctions if it made good on its intentions.

Iran maintains its nuclear activities are peaceful, and an envoy insisted the move was meant only to provide fuel for Tehran’s research reactor. But world powers fearing that Iran’s enrichment program might be a cover for a weapons program were critical.

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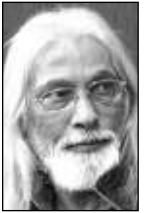
The Burj Khalifa, the world’s tallest building, is illuminated during the official opening ceremony in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, last month. The building’s owner said Monday the observation deck has been unexpectedly shut down.

Lookout deck of world’s tallest tower closes

DUBAI — The world’s tallest skyscraper has unexpectedly closed to the public a month after its lavish opening, disappointing tourists headed for the observation deck and casting doubt over plans to welcome its first permanent occupants in the coming weeks.

Electrical problems are at least partly to blame for the closure of the Burj Khalifa’s viewing platform — the only part of the half-mile high tower open yet. But a lack of information from the spire’s owner left it unclear whether the rest of the largely empty building — including dozens of elevators meant to whisk visitors to the tower’s more than 160 floors — was affected by the shutdown.

— The Associated Press



Ratzon

U.S. Baptists’ attorney in Haiti: Clients had paperwork to take children out of country

By Nicholas Garcia Ferrari and Pierre Richard Luxama
Associated Press writers

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The new lawyer for 10 American Baptists — three of which are from Twin Falls — charged with child kidnapping said Monday he believes they had paperwork to take 33 children out of the country after Haiti’s devastating earthquake.

Attorney Aviol Fleurant’s remarks came as investigators questioned the Baptist group’s leader, Laura Silsby, who insisted she is innocent of any wrongdoing.

“I am trusting in God to

reveal all truths and that we will be released and exonerated of charges,” Silsby, of Meridian, told reporters as she left a courthouse in Port-au-Prince. “We are just waiting for the Haitian legal process to be completed.”

The rest of the group’s members will be questioned this week over allegations they tried to take the children to the neighboring Dominican Republic without proper documents. The Americans said they were on a humanitarian mission to rescue orphans after Haiti’s catastrophic Jan. 12 quake.

Their Dominican lawyer,

Jorge Puello, said at a news conference that the Haitian court was going to drop all charges against his clients Wednesday. Puello would not say where that information came from. Last week, he claimed nine of the 10 were about to be released.

“The judge will rule on Wednesday on whether or not to take the case or free them, and we already have assurances that they will drop the case,” Puello told The Associated Press.

At least 20 of the 33 children had living parents. Some of those parents told The Associated Press they gave the kids to the group because the missionaries

promised to educate them at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic and said they would allow parents to visit.

“Many of the parents who had the opportunity to speak out declared, in good faith, to have given their children to the Americans,” Fleurant said.

“I also believe, really believe — and I don’t want to break the gag order from the court — that the Americans have a document, from somebody, an authorization to take the children with them.”

It wasn’t immediately clear who could have given the authorization.

Failed job seekers add to homeless problem in N.D.

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — More than almost any other state, North Dakota has escaped the worst effects of the national recession, but with its good fortune has come an unexpected problem: homelessness, as desperate job seekers flow into the state looking for work.

Shelters are full statewide, and soup kitchens are feeding as many as they can. Some homeless newcomers are living in cars, but as temperatures linger below freezing, many are bunking with acquaintances to avoid freezing.

Many of the job seekers came to North Dakota without researching jobs or housing, said Louis “Mac” McLeod, executive director of the Minot Area Homeless Coalition. They arrive to find they are unqualified for the work that exists, or if they land a job, they can’t get housing, which is scarce.

“If you got a roof over your head, stay there,” McLeod advised. “We want people to come to North Dakota, but we don’t want people coming here and not being able to survive.”

Most don’t understand how severe North Dakota’s winters are, he said: “Put your hand in a freezer for five minutes — welcome to North Dakota.”

Eric Cisneros, 27, drove 700 miles from Colorado to North Dakota about three



AP photo

Louis ‘Mac’ McLeod, Executive Director of the Minot Area Homeless Coalition, is shown at his office in Minot, N.D., on Feb. 2. The Minot area does not have a homeless shelter for men. North Dakota as a whole has seen an influx of people looking for jobs but available housing is scarce.

weeks ago on a tip from a buddy who landed a job in the oil fields. He’s been spending nights in his truck or staying with new acquaintances in Minot. The town of about 36,000 is home to a college and a U.S. Air Force Base but has no permanent shelter for the homeless.

Most of North Dakota’s smaller cities and towns lack shelters and other services for the homeless. That may be because large-scale homelessness hasn’t been a widespread problem before.

Last year, 987 homeless

people were counted in a survey that recorded people encountered by volunteers in a single day, said Michael Carbone, executive director of the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People. That was an 18 percent increase from the previous year’s count of 836. This year’s figures aren’t yet available.

Cisneros said he plans to tough it out even though North Dakota is “probably the coldest place on the planet.”

In Colorado, he worked as a laborer and carpenter,

competing with dozens of people for each job. In Minot, he found a job as a cashier at a truck stop and has applied for oil industry jobs.

“Initially, it’s been tough in North Dakota but in the long run, I think it will be worth it, because there are jobs here,” Cisneros said.

North Dakota has about 8,500 unfilled jobs and the lowest jobless rate of any state, at about 4 percent.

But jobs don’t guarantee housing. Half of the homeless people in North Dakota are employed, Carbone said.

Poll: Most independents disapprove of Obama’s performance

By Chris Dolmetsch
Bloomberg News

More than half of voters who describe themselves as independents disapprove of President Obama’s job performance for the first time since he took office in January 2009, according to a poll released Monday.

The Marist Poll found that 57 percent of independent voters don’t approve of Obama’s job performance, up from 44 percent in a Dec. 8 survey. Twenty-nine percent of independents approve,

down from 41 percent, and 14 percent said they were unsure.

“If attracting independents and bipartisanship are the aim, then the president clearly has a lot of ground to cover in year two,” said Lee Miringoff, the director of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.-based Marist College’s Marist Institute of Public Opinion, in a statement.

Obama is urging Democrats and Republicans to work together to end the impasse over U.S. health-care reform. Sunday he invited lawmakers from the

House and Senate in both parties to a Feb. 25 meeting to discuss ways to get an overhaul of the health-care system through Congress.

Forty-four percent of all voters approve of Obama’s job performance, down

from 46 percent in the Dec. 8 poll, while 47 percent disapprove, up from 44 percent. Eighty-one percent of Democrats said they approve, while 80 percent of Republicans said they disapprove.

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Study: Women who give birth after 40 nearly twice as likely to have autistic children

By Thomas H. Maugh II
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Women who give birth after age 40 are nearly twice as likely to have a child with autism as those under 25, but it is unlikely that delayed parenthood plays a big role in the current autism epidemic, California researchers reported Monday.

The findings were expected to draw widespread attention because of the intense public interest in autism, but their true impact was expected to be simply in suggesting further avenues of research.

Surprisingly, the age of the father plays little role in the likelihood of the disorder unless the mother is younger

than 30 and the father is over 40, according to the analysis of all births in California in the 1990s.

The number of women over age 40 in California giving birth increased by 300 percent in the 1990s, while the diagnosis of autism increased by 600 percent. At first glance, it might seem that the rise in older pregnancies could be responsible for the rise in autism, which is now thought to affect as many as 1 child in every 100. But the authors of the paper, from the University of California-Davis, calculate that older mothers account for less than 5 percent of the increase in autism diagnoses.

“There is a long history of

blaming parents” for the development of autism, said senior author Dr. Irva Hertz-Picciotto, a professor of public health sciences and a researcher at the UC Davis MIND Institute who has been researching potential causes for the autism increase. “We’re not saying this is the fault of mothers or fathers. We’re just saying this is a correlation that will direct research in the future.”

Researchers have long known that the age of the parents plays a role in a child’s risk of developing autism, but how big a role and how that role varies with the sex of the parent has remained confusing, with contradictory results reported in different studies.

To investigate, Hertz-Picciotto, graduate student Janie E. Shelton and epidemiologist Daniel J. Tancredi of UC Davis analyzed all the singleton births in California during the 1990s for which information was available about the ages of both parents, a total of about 4.9 million births and 12,529 cases of autism.

Because of the large sample size, they were able to show how the risk of autism was affected by each parent’s age. They reported in the February issue of the journal Autism Research that women over 40 were 77 percent more likely to deliver an autistic child than those younger than 25 and 51 percent more likely than those age 25 to 29, independent of

the age of the father.

For men over 40, there was a 59 percent increased risk of autism if the mother was younger than 30, but virtually no increased risk if the mother was over 30.

The researchers also calculated that the recent trend toward delayed childbearing contributed about a 4.6 percent increase in autism diagnoses over the decade.

“Five percent is probably indicating that there is something besides maternal age going on because we are seeing a rise in every age group of parents,” Shelton said. “We don’t know what the biology is. ... We can’t say if it is age or something that is a proxy for age,” such as lifetime exposure to environmental pollutants, which

accumulate in the body over the years.

Also, noted Hertz-Picciotto, older women are more likely to have problems with fertility and require intervention. They may be followed more closely during pregnancy, which would mean more ultrasounds — which a few researchers have gone so far as to suggest might play a role in autism. Older women are more likely to suffer gestational diabetes and to develop autoimmune disorders, both of which have been linked to an increased risk of autism. All are fertile areas for further research.

“We still have a real long way to go” in determining the causes of autism, she concluded.

Criminal probe launched in Conn. plant blast

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. (AP) — Authorities looking for the cause of an explosion that killed five people at a power plant under construction launched a criminal investigation Monday, saying they could not rule out criminal negligence as the cause.

“If everything went right, we wouldn’t all be here right now,” Middletown Mayor Sebastian Guiliano said. “There’s a point where negligence raises to the level of criminal conduct, and that’s what we’re investigating.”

The powerful explosion blew apart large swaths of the nearly completed 620-megawatt Kleen Energy plant as workers for the construction company O&G Industries Inc. were purging a gas line Sunday morning. The blast tore apart sheet metal that covered the plant’s sides and left parts of the complex so unstable that rescuers were unable to work Monday because of the danger of collapse.

The mayor said rescue crews had been unable to get to all areas of the plant and he could not say for certain that no more victims would be found. But authorities also said every worker who was assigned to work at the plant at the time of the explosion was accounted for.

Deputy Fire Marshal Al Santostefano said the death toll should stand at five.

Michael Jackson’s doctor pleads not guilty in star’s death

By Anthony McCartney
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson’s doctor pleaded not guilty Monday to involuntary manslaughter in the death of the pop star at a brief hearing that had all the trappings of another sensational celebrity courtroom drama.

Dr. Conrad Murray appeared in court in a gray suit as Jackson’s father Joe, mother Katherine, and siblings LaToya, Jermaine, Tito, Jackie and Randy watched from courtroom seats behind prosecutors.

Neither Murray nor the Jacksons showed much emotion as Murray entered his plea through his attorney Ed Chernoff.

“We need justice,” Joe Jackson said outside court before leaving with family members in a fleet of Cadillac Escalades.

Earlier, several people shouted “murderer” as Murray walked past a crowd of hundreds of reporters and Jackson fans on his way to a courthouse adjacent to Los Angeles International Airport.

Murray, 56, a Houston cardiologist who was with Jackson when he died June 25, entered his plea just hours after he was charged.

Superior Court Judge Keith L. Schwartz set bail at \$75,000, three times more than the amount most people face after being charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Prosecutors had been seeking \$300,000 bail for



AP photo
Conrad Murray, Michael Jackson's doctor, looks on during his arraignment at the Airport Courthouse on charges of involuntary manslaughter in the singer's death in Los Angeles on Monday.

Murray, who was taken into custody by deputies but not handcuffed in public. He was expected to be released later in the day.

The judge told Murray he could travel throughout the United States after posting bail but must surrender his passport and not leave the country.

It appeared authorities were taking extra steps to ensure the arraignment did not become a media circus.

Lines were formed to gain admission to the courtroom, and the Jackson family was escorted in separately and seated before anyone else arrived.

Despite the precautions, the upcoming proceedings promise to be the focus of widespread attention.

Jackson, 50, hired Murray in May to be his personal

physician as he prepared for a strenuous series of comeback performances.

Officials said the singer died in Los Angeles after Murray administered the powerful general anesthetic propofol and two other sedatives to get the chronic insomniac to sleep.

Murray is accused of the single felony count in a five-page complaint that said he “did unlawfully, and without malice, kill Michael Joseph Jackson” by acting “without due caution and circumspection.”

The complaint contains no details on Jackson’s death, but authorities have said the singer died after Murray administered the anesthetic and other drugs. Murray has said he did nothing that should have caused Jackson to die.

If convicted, the doctor could face up to four years in prison.

“We’ll make bail, we’ll plead not guilty and we’ll fight like hell,” Chernoff said before the charge was filed.

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EDITORIAL

Put more felons on the street? We don't think so

Feeling safe? Are you? That might be premature. If the Legislature cuts the Idaho Department of Correction budget more than Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter has proposed, it will have no choice but to put 250 felons back on the street.

“We walk a very fine line,” corrections chief Brent Reinke told the Legislature’s Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee last week. “Are we at risk? Every day. But we’ve been that way for quite a while.”

And, of course, the deeper the cuts, the more inmates who will hit the bricks.

The time has come for lawmakers to declare corrections off-limits to further reductions in the current fiscal year and in 2011.

If you think not, consider this: Idaho has only one correctional officer for every 50 adult inmates. Every corrections employee is taking unpaid furloughs due to budget cuts.

Already the department has imposed 80,000 unpaid furlough hours on employees, is holding open 49 positions, has cut another 44.

If Idaho had to trim another \$5 million from its prison budget, it would have to release about 250 inmates.

Let’s put that into context. The Twin Falls County Jail — a sizeable lockup by Idaho standards — can handle 224 inmates. By way of comparison, the Bannock County Jail holds 264, the Bonneville County Jail can accommodate 281 inmates, the Nez Perce County Jail 178 and the Kootenai County Jail can hold 325 prisoners. So if Reinke’s hand is forced, it will be the equivalent of liberating all the inmates in a large county hoosgow in Idaho.

Who’s in an Idaho jail? On any given day, murderers, rapists, folks charged with burglary and assault and a bunch of drug users and sellers.

Enough is enough. Reinke says the system can function with Otter’s proposed budget, which includes a \$2 million transfer from the budget stabilization fund for critical personnel costs. The governor’s blueprint calls for a 4.4 percent overall increase in state funding for prisons next year, to \$157.3 million, after an 8.8 percent cut last year. That still leaves the department trying to house and supervise more offenders with less money than in 2008, and would require continued furloughs of department employees.

Last month a study identified the biggest weakness of the Idaho corrections system: There aren’t enough guards to supervise prisoners.

The Legislature must look elsewhere for cuts from here on out. The Department of Correction’s well is dry.

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Steve Crump, Bill Bitzenburg and Mary Lou Panatopoulos.

Our view: The principal responsibility of the Idaho Legislature — to say nothing of its administrative branch — is to ensure public safety. Further cuts to the Idaho Department of Correction budget will put that in jeopardy.

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



Reform's options, amid the ruins

WASHINGTON — The economic collapse of 2008 and 2009 did so much damage to the United States that only now can we begin to measure the devastation.

A sentence buried in the budget that President Obama submitted to Congress last month screamed for attention. “Household net worth fell from the third quarter of 2007 to the first quarter of 2009,” it said, “by \$17.5 trillion or 26.5 percent, which is the equivalent to more than one year’s GDP.”

Translated from economic jargon, what that sentence means is that America lost the benefits of an entire year of work — of all that the brains and labor of American enterprise can produce, in the calamitous near-failure of Wall Street and the banking system.

The casualties of that upheaval are all around us, most notably in the 10 percent of Americans who are officially unemployed — a figure that increases to 17 percent when you consider part-time workers and those who have become discouraged.

What the budget makes clear is that it will be years, under the best of assumptions, before we can recover and it may be a decade



David Broder

until the nation’s finances look as healthy as they did the day Bill Clinton left office and George W. Bush was sworn in.

Unemployment at the end of this year is expected to remain around 10 percent and it may be only a couple points lower when the nation votes for president in 2012.

As David Sanger pointed out in the news analysis that led *The New York Times* last Tuesday, by projecting a full decade in which debt will outpace income growth for the nation, the budget forecasts a protracted test for the United States’ ability to sustain its domestic harmony and international leadership.

The economic consensus is that the steps Obama has prescribed lead in the right direction but fall far short of what is needed to restore to our children the bright prospects that past generations of Americans thought of as our legacy.

If that sobering message does not compel the members of this Congress to set

aside their quarrels long enough to address the problems facing the nation, then they deserve the contempt in which many Americans hold them.

Time and again, the budget document shows beyond question that we are well advanced on “an unsustainable path.” The combination of a growing population of the aged and the relentless inflation of medical costs, beyond the overall rise in prices, dooms the nation’s future prospects.

A chart in the budget shows that the three big entitlements, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, now consume 41 percent of the federal spending, aside from interest payments. On current trends, this will rise to 60 percent by 2030, when all the surviving baby boomers will be 65 or older — crowding out almost everything else the country needs from government.

Because that prospect is such a nightmare, Obama is right in saying this Congress cannot simply walk away from health care reform. It has to try again, with an invitation to Republicans and Democrats to make lowering costs the prime objective and not quitting until

there is agreement on a plan.

Adding poignancy to this picture is the immediate plight of the states and local governments. Obama so far has resisted the temptation to salve Washington’s wounds by dumping more responsibilities onto the lower levels of government.

This year, those governments are really hurting. Revenues are lagging and the demands for subsidized health, education and law enforcement services are higher than ever. All but one state are constrained by constitutional requirements to balance their budgets.

The federal government has helped, with \$280 billion in stimulus funds ticketed for state and local governments last year and this. But after essentially doubling since 2000, the budget shows aid from Washington virtually leveling off next year.

The sad truth is that until the federal government steps up to the issue of health care and entitlement costs, the country will continue to pay the price.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Not fair to generalize all Minico fans

In response to the scolding of Minico High School students, parents, and staff in the Sunday (Jan. 24) and Wednesday (Jan. 27) papers written by Jerome residents:

I mention Jerome because I find their claims amusing and disturbing — amusing in the fact that they are self-defeating and unilateral, disturbing because they are based on hasty generalizations and he-said-she-said high school-style gossip.

First off, I will be the first to admit that within some students at Minico, one will find a lack of class. So what is class? Is it found in this attitude of “There! Those dogs got what was coming to them!” I’ll let you be the judge. As for letting your

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players do the talking on the field/court — someone forgot to send that memo to the Jerome parents who were escorted out of the Jerome/Minico basketball game by security.

Now, back to the fact that Minico may harbor a few less-than-ideal students? I was in attendance at the

Jerome/Minico game; I never witnessed a so-called mob viciously attacking the helpless Jerome basketball players. I saw the Minico student section standing on the floor watching three boys argue with some disgruntled Jerome parents. While the decisions of those boys were wrong, by no

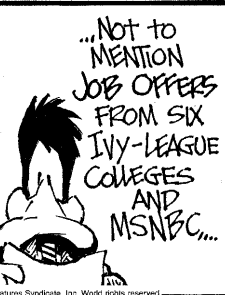
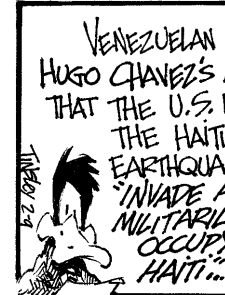
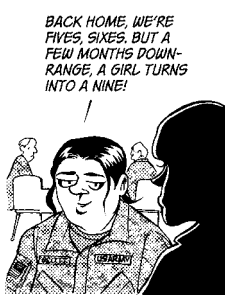
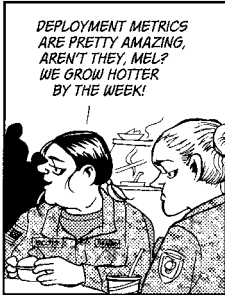
means is it acceptable to “shame” an entire community for the actions of two or three high school boys who have yet to learn how to think before they act. I would address the “quote” made by the athletic director at Minico High School, but I am not really sure which version I should talk about — “That’s how we roll,” or “that’s just what we do here.” The disparity between the two makes me curious as to what was really said, if anything at all. If gossip is going to be spread, at least make it consistent.

Ill-warranted claims don’t sit very well in the gut, do they? But then again, what do I know, I’m just an unclassy Minico High School student.

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Where the real federal budget savings lie

President Obama has proposed to freeze most domestic discretionary spending — a step in the right direction, but not enough. The \$250 billion in expected savings over the next decade is chump change compared with deficits that could top \$10 trillion if policy doesn't change.

As the president has stressed, those deficits are an enormous threat to our prosperity. So how could he make a real dent in the deficit? We should subject tax expenditures to budget discipline.

“Tax expenditure” is the technical name for spending programs run through the tax system — all of those tax breaks that politicians of both parties love to dole out like Christmas presents.

At the same time the president promised restraint on a sliver of the federal budget, he proposed new tax breaks for child care, retirement savings and small-business capital



Len Burman

gains. This is a perverse kind of gift: Many of the goodies the political Santas leave under our trees will be paid for, with interest, by our kids.

But suppose Obama's “freeze” were also applied to tax expenditures. Say we postponed its effect until fiscal 2013 so that the effects do not threaten a nascent economic recovery. Capping tax expenditures at 2012 levels for three years and indexing the cap for inflation after that, as proposed for non-security discretionary spending, would reduce the deficit by about \$3.5 trillion. That's right — 14 times as much as what the president's spending freeze would save.

A cap on tax expenditures would raise so much money

because the expenditures are big and growing fast. The Office of Management and Budget counts 180 of them, totaling more than \$1.1 trillion.

No, capping tax expenditures would not be easy. Almost all are on autopilot: Like Social Security and Medicare, they will grow forever if Congress does nothing. Congress would have to subject the hidden welfare state to annual review. To meet the constraints and reduce costs, some tax expenditures would have to be eliminated or redesigned. This would be a good thing. Like direct spending, some tax expenditures are inefficient and poorly targeted and thus not worth paying for.

Yet the political challenges to controlling tax expenditures are daunting. Conservatives would criticize cuts in tax expenditures as tax increases and complain that they violate the president's campaign promise to never raise taxes on

middle-class families. Liberals would worry about threats to their favorite subsidies.

Nonetheless, there are good reasons for conservatives and liberals to support limits on tax expenditures.

Tax expenditures have proliferated in large part because they enable politicians to promote their pet causes while appearing to lower taxes. But tax expenditures require higher tax rates to cover their cost, just like direct expenditures, and they impose higher burdens on those who don't share in the benefits. A study published in 2008 found that eliminating all individual income tax expenditures would permit a 44 percent across-the-board cut in tax rates without reducing revenue. The top marginal rate could drop from 35 percent to 20 percent. Conservatives could stand up and cheer.

Conservatives might also take note because tax expenditures are mischaracterized as tax reductions

rather than spending, so the federal government appears to be much smaller than it really is. And the expenditures require the kind of top-down regulation from Washington that conservatives scorn.

Liberals should care because tax expenditures crowd out direct expenditures, even when the latter would work better or cost less. Most tax expenditures are worth more to high-income than to low-income households. For example, would it make sense to design a health insurance voucher worth 35 cents per dollar for high-income families, but only 10 cents per dollar for those with low incomes? No, but that is the way the tax subsidy for employer-provided health insurance works. Liberals would surely want more benefits going to those who need help.

A major cut in tax expenditures might seem like pie in the sky if it hadn't happened before. The Tax

Reform Act of 1986 cut tax expenditures and tax rates. The bipartisan compromise that Ronald Reagan forged with Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress cut the top individual tax rate from 50 to 28 percent, with no sacrifice in tax revenue.

I'm not arguing to eliminate all tax expenditures. I just think we ought to subject these expenditures to the same fiscal constraint and scrutiny that the president wants to apply to other domestic spending programs.

The \$3.8 trillion budget the president proposed Monday comes with a \$1.6 trillion deficit. If we don't rein in tax expenditures, we have little hope of ever taming the budget.

Len Burman, a professor of public administration and economics at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

Time to do away with the death tax

In his State of the Union address, President Obama made it clear that 2010 would be all about jobs. So let's focus on jobs: Where they come from and how we can increase their number.

The president's apparent view is that jobs come from government. The stimulus bill passed early last year, he claimed, saved 2 million jobs from possible extinction. He mentioned school teachers, “first responders,” other public employees. At a cost of \$787 billion that comes to \$393,500 per saved job. Not all of the stimulus money has been spent yet; so the cost will be something less than that — but far more than the typical taxpayer earns.

The president remains confident government can create jobs and is calling for more such spending, this time calling the stimulus a jobs bill.

Let me offer an alternate view: first, that most new jobs come from business — and most of these from businesses owned by entrepreneurs, rather than those listed on the stock exchanges; second, that tax relief will do far more than government stimulus money to encourage businesses to post “help wanted” signs; and third, that one tax in particular discourages hiring — the estate tax — and eliminating this tax once and for all would create more jobs than any jobs bill.

How does the estate tax affect jobs?

When government collects the tax, it is basically laying claim to a part of everything an individual owns — home, car, boat, stamp collection, investments, bank accounts, business property, business equipment, business inventory — at the time of that person's death. In the case of people who own family farms and small businesses, the business assets typically are worth far more than the owner's personal assets.

To pay the tax (due nine months after an individual's death), families must often sell assets. Last year the tax was 45 percent of everything above \$3.5 million. Next year the tax is scheduled to jump to 55 percent of everything above \$1 million. This year, thanks to a fortunate quirk in the law, the tax is zero — though Congress and the White House are maneuvering to re-impose the tax retroactive to Jan. 1.

Say the decedent owns a \$400,000 home, a \$35,000 car, has \$15,000 in the bank, \$500,000 in retirement savings, and a business worth \$7.5 million (when buildings, equipment and inventory are tallied). Last year the heirs of that individual would have owed Washington nearly \$2.25 million. Next year: nearly \$4.1 million. The family could sell the house and car



Dick Patten

and liquidate the savings and retirement accounts and still not have nearly enough to pay the tax.

Something else would have to go — and that something would be the business, which would have to be sold, liquidated or broken up. It happens all the time.

Though supporters of the estate tax claim that relatively few taxpayers are affected, those “few” are often business owners. According to government data, compiled by Congress' Joint Economic Committee in 2006, from 1995 to 2005 estate taxes were paid by more than 37,000 “closely-held businesses,” 24,000 family farms, 50,000 limited-partnerships and nearly 28,000 “other” non-corporate businesses, such as sole proprietorships. The combined worth of these businesses in constant 2005 dollars was \$104 billion.

Economist Douglas Holtz-Eakin, former chairman of Congressional Budget Office, tracked the correlation between estate tax rates and jobs in a 2009 study published by the American Family Business Foundation. Holtz-Eakin found that estate tax repeal would increase business investment by 3 percent, increase small business capital by \$1.6 trillion, increase payrolls by 2.6 percent, and slash the current jobless rate by nearly a full percentage point — adding as many as 1.5 million new jobs. A 55 percent tax, on the other hand, would increase unemployment by 500,000, he found.

The estate tax destroys capital, discourages business expansion and reduces total employment. If President Obama wants a real jobs bill he will instruct Congress to pass legislation permanently and explicitly doing away with the counter-productive death tax. It would be far cheaper and far more effective than anything Washington currently is contemplating.

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False starts in race for education reform

In the brave new world of data-driven education reform, most states have learned how to talk the talk. Start with “global competitiveness,” add in some “longitudinal data” and “transparency,” garnish with “accountability” and serve.

But far fewer states are committed to more than the language of reform — a reality made clear by the applications submitted recently to President Obama's Race to the Top grant program.

Race to the Top is the crown jewel of the Obama administration's education reform agenda and the largest-ever discretionary federal grant program for public schools. The hope is that fiscally strapped states will make changes to ineffective policies and present comprehensive reform plans to be competitive for grants of up to \$700 million. Indeed, Education Secretary Arne Duncan says about a dozen states have changed laws or policies thus far.

Still, now that applications are in, we can see that Race to the Top has some fast runners, some faux runners, some plodders and some states that never quite made it to the starting line. In Texas, Gov. Rick Perry



Kevin Huffman

pulled the plug on the state's application, declaring, “We would be foolish and irresponsible to place our children's future in the hands of unelected bureaucrats and special-interest groups thousands of miles away in Washington.”

New York put together a solid application with interesting proposals to alter the teacher certification process and experiment with merit-based pay. The legislature, though, needed to remove a cap on the number of charter schools. The cap stayed, and New York will lose the race this time around.

While the bumbler has made headlines, the heart of the administration's education agenda lies in the distinction between real and sham reform. Take New Jersey's Race to the Top application. The Garden State promises it will adopt new standards for students, change its data systems, provide teachers with computers for to-be-determined activities and con-

vene a commission to devise a new teacher evaluation system.

But beyond all the promises, predicated on various commissions and boards miraculously completing complex political activities, there is little chance of reform trickling down to schools. The state asked school districts to sign on, but it gave them the option of signing on only to the pieces they liked. As a result, school district commitments to enact reform are a hodgepodge of activities.

By contrast, Louisiana submitted a clear plan to reform a large swath of its public schools. The state has taken critical baseline steps, it proposes expanding projects that have shown promising results, and it has ensured that participating school districts will actually do the things that are in the application.

Louisiana already built and uses a data system that ties students' test scores to the teachers who taught them and to the universities and programs that trained the teachers. In its application, Louisiana proposes expanding the use of data and using test-score results to count for 50 percent of teacher evaluations and to

help drive decisions of hiring, retaining and promoting teachers and principals.

Louisiana's plan to take over and turn around low-performing schools isn't an esoteric policy concept. The state took over nearly 10 percent of its neediest schools, turning some into public charter schools and overhauling school leadership and faculty.

The success of the Race to the Top program depends partially on the Education Department making smart choices with its grant awards and sending most states home empty-handed.

For systemic change, though, local political leaders need to understand the difference between talk and action on education reform. Too many states are attempting to Amble to the Top with their reform plans. In April, a handful of states will walk away with hundreds of millions of dollars. That gives states five months to take a good hard look at the plans of their faster-moving peers — and decide if they have the intestinal fortitude to join the race for real.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Suggested reading for those concerned about our country

As a country and as a people, we need a clear and decisive course correction. As a guide, I suggest Dr. Francis A. Schaeffer's “How Should We Then Live?” (the rise and decline of Western thought and culture). A thorough and critical reading should reveal clearly the reasons for the cultural, economic and moral morass in which we exist today. The radical “progressive” would not like this much-needed dose of wisdom but they, in particular, are in dire need of it.

There is a major attitude problem shared by most “progressives” and it is the viewpoint that the fundamentals that have made us the greatest nation ever to have existed on this planet are outmoded, ineffective and irrelevant. As a result, the arts have deteriorated in quality, often replaced by little more than a mere shadow of the literature, music and art of the classi-

cal genre.

In the arena of human behavior and spiritual endeavors, we have turned our back on eternal values and natural laws which have been the bulwark of civil society, and we have become narcissistic, self-serving children. Many churches have changed the Ten Commandments to the “Ten Suggestions” and have allowed our government to enact laws which curtail our constitutional right to free speech and expression and our right to clearly define what constitutes immoral and indecent sexual behavior.

The main problem is that we have allowed the agnostic American Civil Liberties Union to cripple our court system and our educational system, which has become a bureaucratic behemoth that does more social indoctri-

nation than educating, forcing parents to either home school or use private (often church-supported) schools to protect their children's rights to a decent education.

DONALD PUDER
Twin Falls

Chamber speakers concerned about youth education

To the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce: At your meeting Saturday, Jan. 30, was a fine group of people that are proud of our community and Idaho. You had a lot of praise for your officers, directors, volun-

teers and members.

Shawn Barigar is a great leader. You also had Duane Nellis of the University of Idaho, Art Vailas of Idaho State University and Wylie Dobbs of our local school district. They gave talks on our education system. These should have been taped for others to hear. The concern for young people to finish college is important. They will take over for us.

I can see why Tim was pleased to work with your people. Aspin, Trevor and all of our family thank you very much.

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Lawmaker: Nix ‘retarded,’ ‘lunatic’ from Idaho laws

BOISE — An Idaho legislator wants to get rid of words like “lunatic” and “retarded” from state laws, saying they’re outdated and disrespectful.

Boise Democrat Senator Les Bock says changing language in the state code will help educate the public — and send a message Idaho doesn’t tolerate insulting language.

He says person with mental issues should be referred to as “intellectually disabled,” instead.

He introduced legislation Monday that amends every law he could find that currently uses words like “men-

tally deficient,” “idiot,” and “handicapped.”

He told the Senate Judiciary and Rules committee he was reading a bill last year that included the words “mentally retarded.”

He worked with advocacy groups for people with disabilities and state agencies over the summer to find and replace language they considered objectionable.

Idaho Human Rights Commission backs move to Labor

BOISE — The Idaho Human Rights Commission unanimously backed a new partnership between the state’s discrimination watchdog and the Department of Labor.

Last month, Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter proposed eliminating state funding for the 40-year-old agency over the next four years.

An uproar ensued among some who feared that could spell the commission’s demise.

But that was before Pamela Parks, the commission’s head, and Department of Labor Director Roger Madsen worked out a proposal to combine forces and tap Department of Labor-managed funds to cover about \$600,000 that Otter wants phased out from the state general fund by 2014.

On Monday, the nine-member commission endorsed the plan, saying it would ensure the agency has enough money to continue investigating discrimination

complaints, which last year totaled 512.

Idaho lawmakers want to pay kids to graduate early

BOISE — For Idaho students who think school lasts forever, two lawmakers want to pay them to speed up their education.

Reps. Steve Thayne, a Republican from Emmett, and Branden Durst, a Boise Democrat, say Idaho taxpayers now fund districts to the tune of about \$4,593 annually for each of their public school students.

Their plan, called the Master Advancement Pilot Project, would pay about a third of that, or about \$1,531, to students for each year

they graduate early as a scholarship at one of Idaho’s publicly funded colleges and universities.

Idaho would then split the remaining \$3,062 with districts, resulting in tens or even hundreds of thousands in savings to Idaho.

This plan, introduced Monday in the House Education Committee, would let 21 of the state’s 115 school districts and three of 41 charter schools participate for six years, to see how it works.

Tax rebate for jet owners could spur Idaho company

BOISE — Idaho lawmakers hope a proposed sales tax rebate up for debate in the

House will prompt an aircraft maintenance company to expand.

A bill being pushed by Reps. Mike Moyle, a Republican, and John Rusche, a Democrat, would allow owners of big corporate jets to claim a tax rebate on parts installed in Idaho.

Western Aircraft, an aircraft service company in Boise, says it could add up to 10 employees, if such a rebate were offered. Other states offer similar breaks and Western Aircraft says that gives them a competitive advantage.

Just how much this rebate would reduce state tax revenue isn’t clear.

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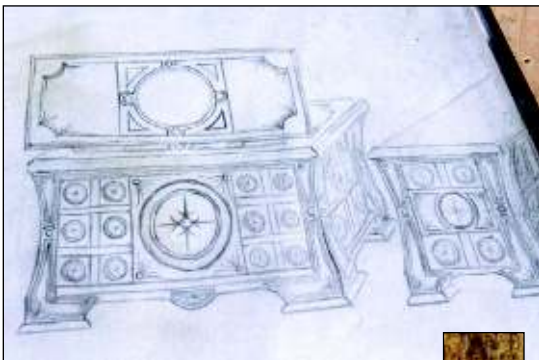
Do you hear a grinding noise when you step on the brakes?

Is your brake pedal spongy or maybe too hard?

FREE BRAKE INSPECTIONS (ON MOST VEHICLES)



Forget the plywood



Several sketches that Trampas Robinson has done for clients are kept in his notes for reference.

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Times-News

“I put my **heart**
and **soul** into
every piece.”
— **Lyle Peterson,**
custom furniture maker

Custom furniture makers offer personalized pieces

By **Melissa Davlin**
Times-News writer

Nothing against mass-market furniture made in China, but sometimes, homeowners want something a little more personal.

That’s where a custom furniture maker comes in. Whether you want a fancy headboard with hand-carved details, or have a vision of a high-end maple burl end table that you can’t find in catalogues, custom craftsmen can help.

There are several reasons to commission a made-to-order piece of furniture, said Jeff Lohr of Filer-based Cedar Creek Designs. A customer might want pieces to match a grandmother’s heirloom table, or might want to fit a bookshelf into a corner and be unable to find one in a store that fits the measurements.

“Every now and then, there’s something that somebody wants that they can’t find anywhere,” Lohr said.

Custom furniture is more expensive, and prices can vary widely depending on design, style and woods. Trampas Robinson, who crafts custom furniture in a Gooding woodshop, said a coffee table can cost from \$500 to \$1,600. A \$500 table might be a simple, high-quality Shaker style with nice finish but not a lot of detail, while a more expensive table will be ornate with a lot of hand carving.

And even if a mass-produced piece of furniture looks nice, much of that money may go out of state. Many customers like ordering from Twin Falls-based Columbia Plateau Woodworks, said owner Lyle Peterson, specifically because it’s local.

“I put my heart and soul into every piece,” he said.

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Start your search

Here’s how to reach the custom furniture makers mentioned in this story, as well as several others around south-central Idaho.

- **Trampas Robinson**, 539-2163
- **Jeff Lohr**, Cedar Creek Designs, 326-4756
- **Lyle Peterson**, Columbia Plateau Woodworks, 320-1224, columbiaplateauwoodworks.com
- **Russ Bork**, Wood River Veneer, 934-8030, wood-veneer.com
- **Phil Auth**, 734-2613
- **Jonathan Durfee**, 430-5536
- **Jake Schumacher**, The Prevailing City Studio, 948-0166, prevailingcity.com
- **Bob Fishel**, 543-8111
- **Country Living**, 309-0285
- **Mike Tilka**, 404-3176
- **Joshua Paxton**, 490-1824
- **The Farmhouse Collection**, 736-8700, farmhouse-collection.com

South-central Idaho is rich with craftsmen. While this list isn’t comprehensive, of course, these furniture makers are among those who responded to our query in last week’s Home & Garden section.



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Trampas Robinson’s Boise State Bronco card table is just one example of what he is capable of creating. Built here in Magic Valley, Robinson’s table is complete with BSU script on the legs as well as other hand-carved features.

Tips for custom buyers

Come prepared.

When Twin Falls furniture maker Phil Auth sits down with a potential client for the first time, he plans to talk for 45 minutes to an hour. In that meeting, they discuss measurements, design, wood types, color and any other factors that will affect the piece. Auth also gives a ballpark price estimate.

Communicate your desires.

If you know what you want, bring a picture or a sketch — even if you’re not sure exactly what you want the finished piece to look like.

“Most people have an idea, they just can’t communicate it real well,” Auth said. “There’s been times when I’ve been talking to someone for half an hour and it’s like whoops, we’re not on the same page there,” Auth said.

To avoid miscommunication, bring pictures of furniture for inspiration. Researching woods and finish types will also make the conversation easier, Gooding craftsman Trampas Robinson said, but it isn’t necessary.

Not sure what you want, or open to suggestions? Good furniture builders will have pictures of their work and other furniture to give you ideas. Let the builder into your house to get an idea of the atmosphere.

Shop around.

Different custom furniture builders have different styles. Russ Bork of Gooding-based Wood River Veneer specializes in veneer (as the name suggests), while Robinson likes to use reclaimed wood from old barns for pieces with a lot of character. Lyle Peterson of Twin Falls likes to make furniture from alder and stain it to look like more expensive woods, such as maple or cherry, and Jeff Lohr of Filer uses both metal and

wood in his furniture.

Look at their Web sites or ask to see portfolios to get an idea of their styles.

Be patient.

Custom furniture takes a while to make — anywhere from four weeks if it’s small to a few months if it’s a large piece and the builder has a long customer queue.

Don’t want to wait for months? Late winter and early spring are the best times to place an order, Robinson said. The holiday season is the busiest, but after December his shop is a lot more quiet.

Think outside the wood box.

Furniture isn’t the only thing you can commission. Robinson has made a bone-shaped box for a family dog’s ashes and two guitar cases for his band mate’s collectible guitars, and has gotten inquiries about carving images into gun stocks. Bork’s company made more than 70 wood doors for a house in upstate New York, and has concealed steel beams with wood covers.

Pay your bill.

If you want custom quality, you gotta pay for it. Expect to pay a down payment of at least half the price. And changing your mind about a commissioned purchase makes you a real schmuck.

Robinson recently built a large poker table for a Boise State University fan with the Bronco logo on it. The buyer backed out after he felt the table took too long to build, however, and now Robinson is stuck with a \$2,500 table. He’s trying to find a diehard poker-playing Bronco fan to buy the finished piece.

— *Melissa Davlin*



Photo courtesy of RUSS BORK

This maple burl nightstand conceals a DVD player, said maker Russ Bork of Gooding-based Wood River Veneer. Because of the drawers’ wavy fronts and the complex construction, the nightstand cost the customer about \$7,300, Bork said.



Photo courtesy of LYLE PETERSON

This alder side table, which Twin Falls builder Lyle Peterson calls ‘The Bowtie,’ was commissioned by a Wood River Valley customer. The table, made from pieces of wood glued together, sold for about \$600, Peterson said.



Trampas Robinson of Gooding made this custom glass-fronted display case for his band mate’s guitar.

Photo courtesy of
TRAMPAS ROBINSON



SARAH DORIO/AP photos
This Decor Demon photo showcases designer Brian Patrick Flynn's ability to create masculine glamour by mixing navy blue velvet upholstery with black wallpaped walls, silver accent pillows and a dominant color scheme of black and white.

Adding some Blair

Awards season is time for a little Hollywood glam

By Melissa Rayworth
For The Associated Press

It's awards season for the movie industry, a time of year when the real place called Hollywood comes closest to being the "Hollywood" of our collective imagination. As red carpets unfurl and movie stars appear at their most glittering, how can you add a bit of Hollywood glamour to your home?

When we talk about that glamour, says Los Angeles-based interior designer Betsy Burnham, we're usually referring to Hollywood's Golden Age — or at least our image of it. We can evoke that era through luxe materials, carefully chosen colors, and elements drawn from the 1920s, '30s and '40s.

"You don't need to recreate a whole time period," says Genevieve Gorder, host of HGTV's "Dear Genevieve." Just focus on "adding the right little notes and accessories" to your home's current style.

"You want things that speak of luxury but don't necessarily cost a luxurious price," she says.

Small touches of the finest things

"Hollywood glamour means luxury, so eat off

your good china even if you and friends are just having takeout," says Burnham. "Also, use luxurious materials in your decorating: cashmere, faux snake or python, horn, silver trays."

Drape your sofa with a faux fur throw, she says, or an Hermes or Louis Vuitton blanket. "Names," she says, "big names, sort of scream Hollywood luxury."

"Luxury by bed" is also very Hollywood, Burnham says. She recommends placing a small, elegant tray at your bedside with a glass and decanter for water (no plastic bottles allowed!). Place your watch or jewelry on the tray at bedtime. Also, "buy the highest thread-count sheets you can afford," she says. It may seem like an unnecessary splurge, but "they'll last. You don't have to buy them every week."

Designer Brian Patrick Flynn, founder and editor of decoremon.com, says upholstery is another great place to start.

"Diamond tufted pieces feel like a 1940s Hollywood set," he says. "When done on dark colored velvets, it casts a sexy shadow that adds another dimension to the piece."

He points out that the look doesn't have to be feminine. "Velvet, if you go toward dark grays and

browns," he says, "can be super, super masculine."

One tip: "If you're a family with kids and want a glam looking space, go with indoor/outdoor velveteen," Flynn says. "It looks luxurious, but stands up well to traffic."

Gorder agrees, and suggests using "old satin throws, or satin quilts from the '30s and '40s" that call to mind a classic movie star's long, flowing dressing gown. "Think of it, she says, "as jewelry for the home."

If you find some at an antique shop that are frayed and worn, no worries: The patina of age only adds to the charm, Gorder says.

Mirrors and light fixtures

In decorating, as in filmmaking, lighting is crucial. These designers recommend using chandeliers, chrome and gold accents, and plenty of mirrors to bring a cinematic glow.

When choosing mirrors and lighting, Gorder says, "look to the era of Deco, which spans the mid '20s to early '30s."

There was a fascination during that era with all things Egyptian, thanks to the discovery of King Tut's tomb, she says. She recommends using Moorish



Designer Brian Patrick Flynn added instant glamour to this space from his online project, Decor Demon, with a chrome chandelier and black geometric wallpaper.

lanterns, because they feel Old Hollywood and give off a romantic, dancing light.

"Try mirrors in a dining room to reflect back the party and the light," says Burnham, "or lining a hallway with mirrors."

Decorating with mirrors can be tricky, she points out, but "there are tasteful ways of doing it" without a tacky look.

She and Flynn both recommend having mirrors custom-made, which costs less than you might think. Flynn suggests buying a large mirror at a big-box store, removing the cheap frame and bringing it to a frame shop. Have it reframed in a color and material that matches your decor perfectly.

Antique mirrors (these designers say you'll find them at flea markets) also add a touch of Golden Age charm.

Oscar-caliber color

"In that era of glamour," says Flynn, "things were kind of private and dark, mysterious and sexy." He recommends using deep

shades of blue, gray, black and deep lavender to create some of that mystery and convey what he calls "handsome glamour."

Or go high-contrast with a stark black-and-white palette. Ebony floors with fresh white walls are a surefire hit, Flynn says, especially played up with accents in gray and silver.

Another option: Ultra-feminine shades of muted pink and rose fit for a starlet.

Set the scene

Burnham loves designing a spot for a bar and setting up the space using crystal decanters and fine glassware.

"It doesn't have to be booze. It can be Pellegrino," she says, but the key is using decanters rather than bottles with labels. One more touch: Include a bouquet of fresh flowers, displayed in your nicest vase.

Adding a dose of Hollywood glamour to your home, these designers say, often comes down to finding little ways to treat yourself like a star.

How to fix a balky garage-door opener

By Al Heavens
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Q: I have a problem with my automatic garage door, and I am hoping you can help me. The garage door is about three years old, and I've not had a problem with it until recently.

I am able to open the door using the keypad mounted on the outside, the remote-control automatic garage-door openers, and the indoor wall-mounted control. I cannot close the door using the automatic garage-door opener or the keypad. The only way I can close the door is to press and hold down the indoor wall-mounted control. If I release it before the door is completely closed, it stops in mid-descent.

It's creating a big inconvenience, because we have to close the garage door from the inside, then exit the front door when leaving home. I can no longer get in my car, press a button, and go on my merry way.

How can we fix the problem?

A: You said your opener was manufactured by Chamberlain in Elmhurst, Ill. The manufacturer's tech staff explains that before the garage door can close properly, the safety reversing sensor must be connected and aligned correctly. An obstruction in the path of the sensor also will prevent the door from closing.

If the safety sensors are not installed, or are misaligned or miswired, or you have shorted a wire at a staple point, the door will not close by the remote control or momentary contact at the wall push button. The door will attempt to close but will reverse, and the light bulb on the opener will flash 10 times. You can, however, apply constant pressure to the wall push button until the door is fully closed.

This sensor is an electronic beam that is sent between two sending and receiving "eyes." These eyes face each other and are located just inside your garage door. They may need to be adjusted so the beam from the sending eye is properly detected by the receiving eye. Once the receiving eye "sees" the beam from the sending eye, a green indicator light will glow on the top of the eye.

Check each sensor for a steady glowing indicator light. If both indicator lights are on, or if one indicator light is flickering, the sensor may be slightly misaligned.

To check for misalignment, obstruct the beam of the sensors so they cannot see each other. When the beam is blocked, the indicator light on one of the two sensors will temporarily go out. This is the receiving sensor. Remove the obstruction and loosen the wingnut on the receiving sensor.

Adjust the receiving sensor until the indicator light is bright and steady, then retighten the wingnut. This usually takes a couple of attempts before it is back in alignment.

If all else fails, contact the tech support staff at Chamberlain at 1-800-528-5880, and the folks there will walk you through the problem.

Dog waste can be composted, but don't use it on food crops

By Mary Beth Breckenridge
Akron Beacon Journal

Q: Is it possible to use dog droppings as garden fertilizer? If the droppings are added directly to the garden in winter, will they break down sufficiently by spring?

A: Dog droppings can be composted, and that's better for your non-food plants and for the environment than sending the waste to a landfill, said Frederick C. Michel Jr., an associate professor of biosystems engineering and part of the compost research group at the Ohio

Agricultural Research and Development Center.

However, the waste shouldn't be added directly to the garden, Michel said. He also cautioned that composted dog waste shouldn't be used on food crops, because the composting process might not kill pathogens such as round worms.

Michel said it's best to compost the waste with a fresh carbon source such as sawdust and finished compost, at a ratio of three parts carbon materials to one part waste. The dog waste should be completely covered. Turn the compost infrequently to limit the release of

odor. Once you stop adding waste to the pile, let it compost for three to six months before you use it, he said. Take precautions to avoid direct contact with the waste, and wash your hands after handling it, of course.

An option to above-ground composting is a dog waste septic system made by burying a bottomless trash can, such as the system described at <http://homepage.mac.com/cityfarmer>. The instructions there call for using septic starter, but

Michel said using some finished compost would work better.

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Advice on decorating walls

By Terri Sapienza
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When it comes to decorating, one of the most challenging tasks is figuring out what to do with a bare wall.

Allison Marvin has made a career out of helping people do just that. She founded Sightline (www.sightline.biz), an art consulting business, in 2004. Marvin helps clients navigate the art world, offers guidance on buying works for their homes and offices, leads tours of art spaces, and introduces beginning and seasoned collectors to galleries and dealers.

Marvin knows that many people are uninterested in seriously collecting art; they simply want to fill their empty walls. Still, she recommends buying something original, which, she says, isn't as difficult to find or as cost-prohibitive as you might think.

"Student work is going to be the least expensive," says Marvin, 37. "Check with local universities to see if they have open studio days. You can get something original, and you're supporting a young artist, which is a nice thing."

Marvin, the daughter of an art writer and a painter, says she always knew she wanted to work in the art world. After studying art in college, she attended law school and practiced at a Washington firm, gaining expertise in intellectual property, contracts and licensing. She left to start Sightline and her own law practice, focusing on art-related law. She runs both businesses out of her Chevy Chase, Md., home, where she lives with her husband and 1-year-old son.

Marvin recently spoke about collecting, hanging and framing art, and where to go to find it.

Q: What advice would you offer someone looking

for art for their homes?

A: I would encourage people to take their time. If that means allowing the time to budget and save the money to put towards a piece, then do it.

I also suggest they resist purchasing several smaller, lower-value pieces and wait for one larger piece when they can afford it and when they find a piece that really sings to them. If a smaller piece is less expensive but it's not something that's grabbing you, exercise patience. Typically, you want to go with the big pieces that really stand out. It's hard to resist buying, but while you continue to look, you're learning about yourself and learning about what you like. Buying artwork shouldn't be about filling a certain space on a wall or about the price. When you find the right piece, it should provoke a guttural response.

Q: How do you figure out your own personal taste in art?

A: Go look at a lot of art. Go to museums. Walk through galleries. Pay attention to your reactions. Have a conversation with yourself about what you like and why, and what you don't like and why. It's all about finding artwork that challenges you, moves you or reflects your sensibilities.

Q: What would you suggest to someone on a limited budget?

A: Ask yourself: What are visual things that appeal to you? What moves you? Do you have favorite books, magazines, objects? Pick a predominant wall in your house and create a display of a personalized collection of objects and images, salon-style (different sizes and shapes hung in a grouped arrangement). If you have favorite magazines and books, pull the pages

out. Hang a postcard that someone sent you or that you picked up on a recent trip. Include programs or other take-aways from art shows you particularly liked. I would do that rather than pay \$250 for a framed poster from a chain store. Instead, save your money and create your own personal story.

Q: Is there a general guideline for hanging art?

A: Most people make the mistake of hanging art too high. Art is supposed to be eye level, but it shouldn't be eye level to a guy who is 6-foot-3. If you hang artwork lower, you bring it into the room, make it much more part of the environment, and you can look at it better.

Rule of thumb: Artwork should hang so that its center is 60 inches from the ground. But I often hang my own art so that the center is a bit lower, about 56 to 58 inches from the ground.

Q: What do you need to know about choosing a frame?

A: Let the artwork be your guide and your only focus. The frame should respect and reflect the art, not fight it. A good framer will show you your options and tell you what he or she thinks looks best. Rule of thumb: Simple is better.

When selecting materials, it's best to use UV-protective glass, especially if the artwork is going to be exposed to sunlight; you want to avoid hanging art in a spot that gets direct sun. For matting, use archival materials, like paper, tape and glue, so the artwork doesn't get damaged over the years. Custom framing can get expensive, but it's the best route for any artwork you invest in; it will look the best and preserve the work the best.

A frame should always be part of an art purchase decision.

Does toilet paper have to be SOFT?

Environmentalists push for manufacturers to stop using wood from virgin forests to make tissue products

By Donald Bradley
McClatchy Newspapers

"They'll take my Ultra Soft Charmin only when they pry it from my cold, dead, aloe-smelling hands."

Highly doubtful it will come to that. Please, sit.

We're talking about toilet paper. Charlton Heston's famous vow was of guns.

The issue over tissue in the bathroom — the really super-soft stuff — is more like the fight about the big SUVs loved by many Americans.

Anti-green, environmentalists say. Politically incorrect. Why should Americans use luxurious toilet paper made from old-growth trees when much of the world gets by with a far more basic and often recycled product?

Why should we flush redwoods, so to speak?

So Greenpeace, the Natural Resources Defense Council and other environmental groups have pushed manufacturers such as Kimberly-Clark (Cottonelle) and Procter & Gamble (Charmin) to stop using wood from virgin forests to make tissue products.

Mountains of paper are dumped every day into recycling bins in homes, offices, factories and schools. Use that to make toilet paper, the activists say.

Time to roll off the big number: If each American family would buy one recycled roll just one time, it would save 400,000 trees, allegedly.

The problem, though, is that each time paper is shredded during the recycling process, its fibers get shorter. The shorter the fiber, the less soft the tissue. And Americans, though saying in surveys that they embrace green initiatives, also say they don't want to sacrifice comfort.

"The truth is that other parts of the world are further along in using recycled content," said Kay Jackson, spokeswoman for Kimberly-Clark. "The American consumer still wants softness, and they are speaking with their pocketbooks."

Pulling back in a competitive market is asking a lot, manufacturers say. They also point out that only 5 percent of forest-industry production goes toward toilet paper.

Darby Hoover, a senior resource specialist with the Natural Resources Defense Council, understands the pressure of customer demand but wonders: Do we really need toilet paper to be as soft as it can be or do we need it just soft enough?

Environmentalists say that other coun-

tries — particularly in South America, Africa and Asia — seem to be OK with "soft enough."

Greenpeace has come up with a "toilet paper guide" for consumers on which brands are environmentally friendly. The criteria are recycled content and the use of chlorine bleaches, chlorine having been identified with its own ecological ills.

"When you're doing your grocery shopping or just stopping by the corner store to grab a roll of toilet paper, make an informed decision as both a consumer and someone concerned about the world's ancient forests," the guide says.

Probably no surprise that brands with names such as Green Forest, 365, Earth Friendly, Natural Value and Seventh Generation scored the highest on the Greenpeace scale.

Bringing up the rear: Charmin, Cottonelle, Angel Soft, and, of course, Quilted Northern, which sounds thick enough to keep someone warm on a cold night in Minnesota.



Some manufacturers say they are taking steps to become more environmentally friendly. More wood is from sustainable forests, and they are trying to up their recycled content.

Critics, though, such as NRDC senior scientist Allen Hershkowitz, point out that many of the reforms apply only to the professional market — schools, business, theaters, stadiums and restaurants.

Home is another tissue. There, many Americans still insist on the pillowy soft of virgin fibers.

Lisa Jester at P&G said the company is committed to the environment and takes seriously its responsibility to help ensure sustainability of the world's forest resources.

"All the fiber we use comes from sources that practice sustainable forestry," she said. "That means that the trees are regrown or replanted and the soil, water and biodiversity are protected."

But environmentalists say old trees are still being cut down when recycling alternatives exist. And it's not just about trees, they say. It's about carbon dioxide and ecosystems necessary to wildlife.

"The large old trees are the ones that do the most good," said Bill Grotts, program for the Heartland Tree Alliance, which is part of Kansas City's Bridging the Gap. "They absorb the most water because they have more leaf area and provide the most cooling effect."

To him and others, that's the bottom line.

Fix it: Painting reeks of cigarette smoke

By Karen Youso
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Q: I own a painting that has the smell of cigarette smoke on it. How can I eliminate this smell?

A: If it's a canvas painting, Deb Soeffker, with

Minnesota Fireshield, a fire restoration company, advises that you crumple up nonwaxed butcher paper or brown paper used for wrapping packages. Spray the paper with white vinegar or Atmosklear (a fragrance-free odor eliminator sold at co-ops, Ace Hardware stores and some

Wal-Marts).

Place the treated, crumpled paper along the back side of the painting. Be sure the paper is not dripping wet. Put the painting into a plastic bag and seal it. Let it sit for a day, then remove it from the plastic and let it air for a day or so.

Repeat as necessary.

New lead rules for contractors

By Al Heavens
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Richard Lee, president of Mr. Handyman of the Western Main Line in Malvern, Pa., recently spent a day in class to be certified as a "lead renovator." The reason, says Lee, is that beginning in April 2010, federal law will require contractors who "disturb lead-based paint in homes, child-care facilities and schools built before 1978 to be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination."

A hazardous condition exists when lead-paint

dust is present on a floor to the extent of 40 micrograms (one millionth of a gram) in a square-foot area.

Another way of expressing it is if a square centimeter lead-based paint chip were ground into dust, it would (by EPA standards) contaminate 25 square feet of floor space. The feds require the "proper" containment and cleanup when 6 or more square feet of lead-based paint will be

"disturbed" in a home, Lee said.

The EPA suggests consumers ask to see certification before they sign the contract.

Since December 2008, remodelers have been required by law to supply a brochure to customers outlining the dangers and rules.

Information: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>



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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Early river bottom fog, then partly cloudy. Highs middle 30s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy and chilly. Lows in the middle teens.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the middle 30s, lows mid 20s.

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Temperature

Yesterday's High 37°

Yesterday's Low 26°

Normal High / Low 41° / 21°

Record High 59° in 1963

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Precipitation

Yesterday's 0.00"

Month to Date 0.09"

Avg. Month to Date 0.23"

Water Year to Date 2.38"

Avg. Water Year to Date 4.06"

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Scattered mountain snow showers and flurries are possible, but not very likely today through Thursday. Mountain snows are likely Friday and Saturday.

Today Highs 40°/30°

Tonight's Lows 10°s to 20°s

BOISE

Cool and partly to mostly cloudy today and Wednesday. Mostly dry again on Thursday with rain showers developing on Friday.

Today Highs/Lows 30°s to 40°s / 20°s

NORTHERN UTAH

Partly to mostly cloudy today. Mostly cloudy on Wednesday and Thursday with a slight chance of snow showers.

Map

Map showing weather forecasts for various Idaho locations including Coeur d'Alene, Grangeville, McCall, Salmon, Caldwell, Boise, Mountain Home, Twin Falls, Burley, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Rupert.

Yesterday's State Extremes

High: 48 at Lewiston Low: -13 at Stanley

weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fi-flurries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

Tonight

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Partly to mostly cloudy

Partly cloudy, patchy fog

Partly cloudy

Mostly cloudy and mostly dry

Scattered rain and snow showers

Partly to mostly cloudy

High 37°

Low 22°

38° / 27°

44° / 30°

42° / 32°

43° / 31°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature

Yesterday's High 38°

Yesterday's Low 34°

Normal High / Low 40° / 21°

Record High 56° in 1991

Record Low -7° in 1989

Precipitation

Yesterday's Trace

Month to Date 0.15"

Avg. Month to Date 0.26"

Water Year to Date 3.45"

Avg. Water Year to Date 4.62"

Humidity

Yesterday's High 86%

Yesterday's Low 65%

Today's Forecast Avg. 71%

Barometric Pressure

5 pm Yesterday 29.97 in.

Sunrise and Sunset

Today Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM

Wednesday Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM

Thursday Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM

Friday Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 6:07 PM

Saturday Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 6:06 PM

Today's U. V. Index

Low Moderate High

1 3 5 7 10

The higher the index the more sun protection needed

Moon Phases

New Feb. 14

First Feb. 22

Full Feb. 28

Last Mar. 7

Moonrise and Moonset

Today Moonrise: 5:06 AM Moonset: 2:00 PM

Wednesday Moonrise: 5:47 AM Moonset: 3:00 PM

Thursday Moonrise: 6:21 AM Moonset: 4:01 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Beware of the thoughts you keep, because everything in reality manifests from the mind."

Justin Palmer
Second Year College Student

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	30 14 pc	30 14 pc	Saskatoon	17 -5 pc	17 -3 pc
Edmonton	27 7 pc	27 2 pc	Toronto	21 19 pc	24 15 pc
Kelowna	30 15 pc	30 24 ls	Vancouver	43 37 pc	39 37 ls
Regina	13 7 pc	19 9 pc	Victoria	47 41 pc	43 42 r
			Winnipeg	10 -6 pc	12 -3 pc

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

A bit of Eden in your own backyard

Greenhouses help you get a jump on spring

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

Step out of Gene Schurg's finished basement and into his orchid-packed greenhouse, and suddenly all those cravings for spring evaporate.

The air is moist and warm, and the earthy scent of the place is spiced with a sweet fragrance when you sidle up to an orchid in fresh bloom. For the past 10 years in his Vienna, Va., home, Schurg has found solace in the jungle of his own making. Deep winter holds no gloom for this avid gardener. The darkest season is just a hazy backdrop to a light-filled sanctuary from life's ills.

"Turn on some music on the radio and zone out all the other things that are happening in the world or at work," he said. Schurg's main interest is orchids; his benches and rafters are packed with nearly 600 Of them. But a greenhouse can also be a place for other tender plants such as citrus, birds of paradise, bananas, begonias, ferns, geraniums and bougainvilleas.

And it promises a triumphant jump on spring, with seed flats by March full of baby vegetables, herbs, annuals, perennials and houseplant cuttings.

The price of this paradise, apart from construction costs, which vary widely, is a continuing commitment to the greenhouse and its plants. But for most people who discover the enchantment of this hobby, this is not so much a burden as an enriched way of life.

The glazed sunroom or conservatory off the back of the house is not the same as a greenhouse. A sunroom can be a light-filled and welcoming place for houseplants, but the level of heating and humidity is for the comfort of humans, not exotic flora. Greenhouses, by contrast, are all about creating an environment that is optimal for one's chosen collection of vegetation. This may be cooler and certainly a more moist place, but one where green thumbs find a haven, usually telephone-free.

Greenhouses range in form from plastic covered,

A Snap & Grow greenhouse by Poly-Tex. Greenhouses can afford year-round gardening pleasure for those in cold climates.

Cool greenhouse or warm greenhouse: Which is right for you?

Greenhouses are generally classified as cool or warm. Cool greenhouses are kept at overnight winter temperatures in the 40s, allowing the safe storage of frost-sensitive plants in relative dormancy. Vegetables and annuals can be started from seed in February and March. Use an electric warming mat to provide bottom heat to speed germination. Warm greenhouses are kept at a minimum of 55 degrees. Heating costs are higher, but a warm house promotes active growth and flowering of tender plants, including orchids.

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the relatively snug upper 40s. Starting in February, it becomes a hive of seed-starting activity, for vegetables and summer annuals for her three-acre garden in Jeannette, Pa. The greenhouse is big enough for a chair or two, where she has lunch, luxuriates in the moist heat and looks out to a landscape covered in snow or moistened by cold drizzle. "You have a T-shirt on and you smell the earth and the plants," she said.

An aluminum-framed greenhouse kit can be purchased for less than \$3,000, but fancy greenhouses can cost 10 times that or more. Karasek, who built his own, spent less than \$2,000 on materials. Lawrence estimates she spent about \$5,000 to build and equip hers. Schurg's cost \$85,000, he said. Half of that cost was in site preparation, which included extensive soil excavation, foundation work and the construction of a 12-foot brick wall that forms the north

side. It had to pass muster with his homeowner's association, he said.

The hassle and expense was worth it. For Schurg, the greenhouse has turned the gardening year on its head. Entire midwinter Saturdays are spent checking for bugs and looking for new growth — in short, doing what all gardeners love: nurturing their beloved plants. The greenhouse, in turn, nurtures

WHAT TO CONSIDER BEFORE SETTING IT UP

(1) Cooling

The greenhouse effect is not just a catchphrase. On warm, sunny days, even in winter, a greenhouse can overheat with disastrous results for plants. Growers counter this with vents that open when temperatures reach about 80 degrees. In spring, summer and early fall, owners use shade cloth to reduce the intensity of the sunlight, as well as venting fans. Some growers also use evaporative coolers, while others simply empty the greenhouse in high summer.

(2) Location

Greenhouses can either be free-standing or attached to a house or other structure. They should be sited with a southern exposure, and away from buildings and trees that would shade them. Many jurisdictions also require building permits and govern distances from property lines.

(3) Air circulation

Greenhouses need internal air circulation to even temperatures and reduce the risk of fungal diseases. This can be achieved with a single small fan or a number of them, depending on the size of the greenhouse.

(4) Flooring

Some hobbyists grow vegetables directly in the soil covered by a greenhouse during the winter. The soil must be well prepared before the greenhouse is built. Most greenhouses have benches to hold plants in pots or seed flats. On the ground, growers recommend a gravel layer at least 18 inches deep over a vapor barrier to prevent cold seeping up from the earth.

(5) Heating

Greenhouses are heated from perhaps late October to mid-April, especially at night to protect tender plants from freezing. Greenhouse heaters are typically fueled by electricity, natural gas, propane or oil, and the size of the heater is based on the glazed area of the greenhouse. Any foundation walls should be insulated.

(6) Humidity

Plants, especially cuttings and seedlings, need high humidity. Some greenhouses have timed misting systems to maintain humidity. Or, owners simply hose down the floor once or twice a day. This is separate from watering plants.

(7) Infrastructure

Greenhouses need connections to electricity, gas or oil (for heat), and water. They also need to be secured to the ground. The anchoring could be something as simple as a staked frame or a full foundation with footings, depending on the size.

(8) Coverings

The greenhouse frame is clothed typically in one of three materials, or a combination of them. The covering should be double- or triple-walled to reduce heating and cooling costs. The cheapest is a double-skinned covering of clear plastic polyethylene. A small fan runs constantly to create an inflated cavity between the inner and outer layers, which last about four or five years. A stiff, transparent plastic glazing called polycarbonate is 10 times the price of polyethylene but looks much more attractive and lasts at least 10 years. The most expensive option is glass, which lasts indefinitely with maintenance and the absence of wayward baseballs.

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Cows feed on silage in this photo. Dairies are adding cows to their herds according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, analysts and industry insiders disagree over the reasons behind the increase.

Analysts and industry insiders disagree over reason behind increase

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer
and Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

Only months ago, dairy producers were slaughtering an average of 50,000 dairy cows a week because a milk glut made it impossible to sell their milk for what it cost to produce. Now, dairy farmers are reversing course, adding more cows to depleted herds. The increase is catching industry analysts and traders by surprise. Traders were expecting a 2.5 percent reduction in dairy heifer numbers — not the reported 2.4 percent increase. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 4.52 million heifers were held back to replenish dairy herds. That’s the highest level since 1986 and works out to 49.7 replacements for every 100 milking cows, up significantly from 47.2 going into 2009.

Idaho dairy producers kept back 295,000 heifers, 7 percent more than last year. That is nearly a complete turnaround from the previous year when replacements fell by 10 percent. Bob Naerebout, executive director for the Idaho Dairyman’s Association, was surprised to see an increase in replacements. With milk prices still below cost of production, the market is not sending a strong expansion signal that the increase seems to indicate. He attributes a change in breeding programs for the increase, saying many producers are using sexed semen in artificial insemination programs to increase the number of heifer calves.

Rebound or retrench

Other industry watchers expect prices to increase this year. That’s because demand

for milk products within the U.S. is slowly returning, and countries that had trouble affording American milk last year are regaining the means to import more, said Bob Cropp, an emeritus professor of agricultural and applied economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. “As the world economy improves, I think we’re looking at something close to \$17 in 2010,” Cropp said. The average dairy farmer needs to earn \$15 to \$17 per 100 pounds of milk to break even. Prices languished below \$12 last summer, their lowest point in seven years, before slowly climbing back to a nationwide average of \$16.50 last month. But prices don’t appear to be holding. Class III milk futures plummeted Feb. 1, the first trading day after the cattle inventory report was released. Eric Meyer and Dave

Kurzwski, traders with Downes-O’Neill LLC, described it as “panic selling” after three straight weeks of declines. The 2010 average price has dropped \$1.05 per hundredweight in the last two weeks. Milk futures for the first half of 2010 fell 37 cents to \$13.65 per hundredweight in April through July contracts each fell by at least 50 cents, and March through July made new lows. Meyer and Kurzwski believe the sell-off may be the capitulation point from which the market resets. The declines in futures over the past couple of weeks have the potential to turn on a dime, they said. Undercutting the market For the industry as a whole, See **DAIRY**, Agribusiness 2

Program changes kids’ views on food

By Lisa Rathke
Associated Press writer

SHARON, Vt. — The third and fourth graders at Sharon Elementary know where the veggies in their soup come from because they’ve visited the farms. They know the nutritional value of the carrots, onions and cabbage because they’ve studied them in class, and they know how they’re grown because they’ve nurtured them in raised beds out back. The 105-student school is part of the National Farm to School Network, aimed at getting healthier meals into school cafeterias, teaching kids about agriculture and nutrition and supporting local farmers. About 40 states have farm-to-school programs, but Vermont is a leader in incorporating all three missions into its programs. “Vermont has really taken it on in quite the most holistic way and not just in a couple of school districts but statewide,” said Anupama Joshi, director of the Farm to School program, based at the Center

for Food and Justice at Occidental College in Los Angeles. Vermont may be a step ahead of other states because a nonprofit partnership called Vermont FEED had already been working to get local foods into schools. The state also has backed the farm-to-school effort with funding to help schools buy equipment to chop or process the local food and buy meat from a local farmer. What started as a handful of pilot programs has grown into 45 Vermont schools getting grants and about 60 with farm-to-school activities. The funding is expected to dry up next year with budget cuts. Sharon used its \$13,500 grant to buy a potato chopper and a food processor. Food service director LinAnn Perry now uses the food processor machine to slice squash and tomatoes picked from the school’s gardens and area farms in the summer and fall, later to be frozen. The school also bought a salad bar, which has been a huge hit with the kids.

See **FOOD**, Agribusiness 2



AP photo

Students prepare a vegetable soup at Sharon Elementary School in Sharon, Vt. The school is part of the national Farm to School program.

Agriculture committee to begin tour of local farms and processors

Who knew an ear of corn or a fresh tomato could improve your health, your community and the environment, all at the same time? Buying local foods is a simple way to do all three. Local food doesn’t suffer

AG MINUTE
Paul Arrington
the “jet lag” of produce trucked across the country. It puts more money back

into the local economy and saves a lot of gas. The Magic Valley has everything the local consumer needs when grocery shopping. With options including fresh produce, cheese, French fries, fish, beef or bacon, there is a

local business that can serve your needs. Amalgamated Sugar, located in Paul is the largest sugar factory in the world. It also operates a sugar factory in Twin Falls. Amalgamated Sugar is the fourth largest employer in

Twin Falls County. In 2009, there were 29,000 acres of sugar beets raised in the Twin Falls District. When processed, this converts to 310 million pounds of sugar. You can buy this locally produced sugar at your grocery store under the White

Satin and other generic name brands. In addition, this sugar is sent all over the world including:
• 11 million pounds to Hershey’s
• 6 million pounds to
See **TOURS**, Agribusiness 2

Do the numbers

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Idaho isn’t only state competing in Calif.’s egg exodus

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho isn’t the only state watching to see if a California animal cruelty law drives flocks of big egg farms there to fly the coop. Nevada officials want to poach their share of a possible egg exodus. “We’ve contacted various members of poultry associations, especially in the California market,” said Kathy Johnson, Pershing County’s economic development director. “We’re not trying to play predator. We’re simply offering an option.” Idaho officials say they haven’t yet begun an aggressive campaign to attract egg and poultry producers, saying the industry is relatively new to the state’s breadbasket. “We haven’t formed an effort to go pursue California producers, but that could change soon with the addition of Hy-Line,” said Jan Rogers, director of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization. “What it comes down to is that we haven’t studied that sector, so there is a lot we don’t know about it.”

Des Moines, Iowa-based Hy-Line North America last year opened a new facility in Burley that hatches million of hens to be shipped elsewhere. And last month, commissioners there approved zoning changes to allow a broiler chicken plant to house up to 4 million birds. One thousand employees would process some 13,000 birds an hour. One University of California-funded study before the 2008 ballot measure concluded costs would rise 20 percent, including equipment investments and use of more feed, and result in virtually all egg production leaving after six years. Only 5 percent of U.S. egg production comes from non-caged hens. California is the nation’s fifth-largest egg producer, with 5 billion eggs annually. Iowa is tops, with 14.3 billion. Idaho and Nevada aren’t even close. So far, Debbie Murdock, executive director of the Association of California Egg Farmers, hasn’t heard of any impending relocations to Idaho, Nevada or elsewhere. Still, Prop 2 has her members’ feathers ruffled. “We have 20 million hens in this state,” Murdock said. “It’s a huge expense for us to have to move. It’s a huge expense for us to change our housing. A move like this, especially in this economic climate, can be very scary.”

The Times-News contributed to this report.

Grain prices rally ahead of crop report

By Stephen Bernard
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Grain prices rallied Monday, a day ahead of a key crop report from the Department of Agriculture. John Sanow, an analyst with Telvent DTN in Omaha, Nebraska, said most of the gains in wheat, soybeans and corn were due to short-covering. Short sales occur when a trader bets an investment will drop in price. Grains have done just that over the past month. Prices have steadily dropped since the USDA said Jan. 12 that grains supplies are plentiful. If Tuesday’s crop report shows supplies unexpectedly shrank, it would drive up prices and erase gains for investors who shorted the market. Shorting occurs when a trader borrows a contract and immediately sells it, while promising to buy the same contract back later — hopefully at a lower price. If the price does fall, the trader buys the contract back at the cheaper price and returns it, pocketing the difference.

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	2395665	3.15	-.07	GoldStr g	33537	2.89	-.04	PwShs	Q00833457	42.67	-.31
BkofAm	2038330	14.48	-.52	NthgtM g	27439	2.46	-.01	Cisco	679704	23.50	-.20
SP&P500ETF	1951490	105.89	-.77	Taseko	26741	4.12	-.13	Intel	615833	19.35	-.12
SPDR Fincl	1054366	13.66	-.28	NovaGold g	25192	5.59	...	ETrad	592617	1.49	+.03
FordM	902020	10.97	+.06	NwGold g	19773	4.22	+.01	Microsoft	515018	27.72	-.30
GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BKA BM RE	5.00	+.62	+14.2	IMergent	6.50	+.84	+14.8	SussxB	4.75	+.96	+25.3
Hasbro	34.71	+.391	+12.7	Nevsun g	2.38	+.25	+11.7	ChinaFire	14.47	+.241	+20.0
PhnxCos	2.41	+.24	+11.1	FlexSolu	2.00	+.18	+9.9	Golfsmith	2.74	+.38	+16.1
GATX pf	235.50	+23.00	+10.8	Shenglin n	8.28	+.71	+9.4	BrdwYF	6.90	+.91	+15.2
Culp Inc h	12.37	+1.09	...	BowlA	14.16	+1.16	+8.9	BrdpntGlch	4.14	+.52	+14.4
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NBKGrcece	3.42	-.52	-13.2	EngtSvc	3.15	-.45	-12.5	WestwdO n	4.32	-.27	-16.8
Primedia	3.10	-.34	-9.9	CCA Inds	5.08	-.36	-6.6	Chindex	10.51	-2.06	-16.4
Techntrl	3.34	-.36	-9.7	CaracOP	4.43	-.31	-6.5	Primoris	9.64	-1.86	-16.2
GenCorp	4.09	-.42	-9.3	NVSB IntT n	2.75	-.19	-6.5	WVSB Hldgs	2.31	-.43	-15.7
JacksnHew	2.26	-.23	-9.2	AdcareHlt	4.05	-.25	-5.8	SuprtH pIA	7.37	-1.23	-14.3
DIARY				DIARY				DIARY			
Advanced	1,107			Advanced	219			Advanced	931		
Declined	1,971			Declined	252			Declined	1,708		
Unchanged	89			Unchanged	67			Unchanged	132		
Total issues	3,167			Total issues	538			Total issues	2,771		
New Highs	29			New Highs	3			New Highs	27		
New Lows	12			New Lows	3			New Lows	28		
Volume	4,199,310,487			Volume	78,771,238			Volume	1,999,794,966		

INDEXES					
10,729.89	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	9,908.39	-103.84	-1.04
4,265.61	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,792.89	-29.31	-.77
408.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	365.63	-3.82	-1.03
7,471.31	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	6,713.87	-68.88	-1.02
1,908.81	1,234.81	Amex Index	1,766.14	-3.44	-.19
2,326.28	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	2,126.05	-15.07	-.70
1,150.45	666.79	S&P 500	1,056.74	-9.45	-.89
11,941.95	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	10,966.74	-90.62	-.82
649.15	342.59	Russell 2000	586.49	-6.49	-1.09

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST											
AlliantTch	1.50	46	30.62	-.08	+1.2	Kaman	.56	19	23.71	-.66	+2.7
AlliantTgy	...	14	76.96	-.68	-12.8	Keycorp	.04	...	6.82	-.07	+22.9
AmCasino	.42	...	14.42	+.06	-5.3	LeeEnt	...	...	3.70	-.23	+6.6
Aon Corp	.60	18	39.65	-.06	+3.4	MicronT	...	...	8.91	+.21	+15.6
BallardPw	...	...	2.13	+.06	+12.7	OfficeMax	...	...	13.45	-.56	+6.0
BkofAm	.04	...	14.48	-.52	-3.9	RockTen	.60	7	38.75	-.52	-23.1
ConAgra	.80	13	22.67	-.16	-1.6	Sensient	.76	13	24.98	-.61	-5.0
Costco	.72	23	58.14	-.44	-1.7	SkyWest	.16	9	13.86	-.23	-18.1
Diebold	1.04	40	27.56	+.31	-3.1	Teradyn	...	...	9.25	-.05	-13.8
DukeEngy	.96	14	16.32	...	-5.2	Tupprwr	1.00f	16	43.56	+.16	-6.5
DukeRlty	.68	...	10.83	-.41	-11.0	US Bancrp	.20	29	23.49	-.48	+4.4
Fastenal	.80f	33	41.21	-.78	-1.0	Valhi	.40	...	15.83	+.36	+13.3
Heinz	1.68	16	43.16	-.08	+	WalMart	1.09	15	52.93	-.52	-1.0
HewlettP	.32	15	47.59	+.27	-7.6	WashFed	.20	61	18.99	+.24	-1.8
HomeOp	.90	21	28.59	+.61	-1.2	WellsFargo	.20	31	26.43	-.99	-2.1
Idacorp	1.20	13	31.04	+.53	-2.8	ZionBcp	.04	...	17.99	...	+40.2

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.

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Chg: Daily net change in the NAV.

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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.
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Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Feb	Live cattle	87.90	87.15	87.68	+.25
Apr	Live cattle	91.20	90.40	90.90	+.40
Mar	Feeder cattle	99.65	98.10	99.23	+.50
Apr	Feeder cattle	100.75	99.55	100.03	+.35
May	Feeder cattle	101.75	100.75	101.40	+.23
Feb	Lean hogs	67.80	66.80	67.58	+.88
Mar	Lean hogs	69.05	67.15	66.78	+.20
Feb	Pork belly	81.50	xx.xx	81.00	+.10
Mar	Pork belly	83.00	81.60	82.00	+2.00
Mar	Wheat	487.25	479.00	484.00	+1.00
May	Wheat	499.00	494.00	499.00	+11.00
Mar	KC Wheat	498.00	489.75	495.50	+11.00
May	KC Wheat	510.00	501.00	507.50	+11.25
May	MPS Wheat	514.00	505.00	511.75	+9.25
May	MPS Wheat	525.50	517.00	523.25	+8.50
Mar	Corn	362.00	354.75	356.00	+4.50
May	Corn	372.75	366.25	367.50	+4.50
May	Soybeans	939.50	925.00	929.50	+16.00
Mar	Soybeans	948.00	936.40	940.00	+15.75
Jan	BFP Milk	14.15	14.08	14.11	+.01
Feb	BFP Milk	13.59	13.49	13.50	-.05
Mar	BFP Milk	13.24	13.10	13.22	-.02
Apr	BFP Milk	13.31	13.21	13.25	-.15
May	BFP Milk	14.00	13.78	13.87	-.13
Mar	Sugar	27.12	26.31	26.60	+.43
Apr	Sugar	xx.xx	xx.xx	25.77	+.40
Mar	B-Pound	1.5657	1.5531	1.5603	+.0003
Jun	B-Pound	1.5642	1.5549	1.5596	+.0005
Mar	J-Hen	1.1220	1.1167	1.1195	-.0021
Jun	J-Hen	1.1215	1.1179	1.1204	-.0018
Jun	Euro-currency	1.3714	1.3621	1.3671	+0.0036
Jun	Euro-currency	1.3709	1.3621	1.3669	+0.0037
Mar	Canada dollar	.9383	.9308	.9313	-.0005
Jun	Canada dollar	.9379	.9310	.9315	-.0002
Mar	U.S. Dollar	80.67	80.23	80.44	-.16
Feb	Comex gold	1073.4	1061.6	1065.0	+12.8
Apr	Comex gold	1074.3	1061.8	1064.9	+12.1
Mar	Comex silver	15.32	14.95	15.05	-.23
May	Comex silver	15.32	14.99	15.08	-.21
Mar	Treasury bond	1199	118.3	1191	-.02
Jun	Treasury bond	1172	1171	1172	+.02
Mar	Coffee	131.60	128.50	130.65	+1.85
May	Coffee	133.40	130.35	132.55	+1.85
Mar	Cocoa	2239	2229	2237	+.28
May	Cocoa	2218	2178	2214	+.15
Mar	Cotton	69.54	67.10	69.16	+2.54
Mar	Cotton	71.01	68.71	70.76	+2.53
Mar	Crude oil	72.39	70.77	71.89	+.70
Mar	Unleaded gas	1.9114	1.8700	1.8970	+.0106
Mar	Heating oil	1.9036	1.8650	1.8859	+.0111
Mar	Natural gas	5.680	5.396	5.405	-.110

Quotations from Sinclair & Co. 733-6013 or (800) 635-0821

BEANS

Valley Beans
Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact 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 Feb. 3.
Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture Pintos, \$30 great northers, not established small whites, Ltd. \$30 pinks, Ltd. \$30 small reds, Ltd. \$30. Quotes current Feb. 3. Valley Grains

GRAINS

Prices for wheat per bushel-mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice.
Soft white wheat, ask barley, \$5.50 oats.
\$5.80 corn, \$7.25 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Feb. 3.
Barley, \$7.10 (48-lb. minimum) spot delivery in Gooding: corn, no quote (Twin Falls only). Prices quoted by JD Heiskell. Prices current Feb. 3.

POCATELLO (AP) – Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report on Monday, Feb. 8.
POCATELLO – White wheat 4.10 (steady) 11.5 percent winter 3.93 (up 22) 14 percent spring 5.59 (up 17) barley 5.52 (steady)
BURLEY – White wheat 4.00 (steady) 11.5 percent winter 3.97 (up 11) 14 percent spring 5.33 (up 9) Barley 5.50 (steady) OGDEN – White wheat 4.17 (up 5) 11.5 percent winter 4.07 (up 6) 14 percent spring 5.51 (up 8) Barley

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

Magic Valley Bean School set for Feb. 19

The 2010 Magic Valley Bean School will be held at 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at the Turf Club located at 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

A panel discussion on integrated pest-control management in strip-till beans, a presentation on prevention of wireworm damage, and an update on bacterial blight prevention will be offered for attendees interested in acquiring one pesticide credit.

The Magic Valley Bean School is sponsored by the Idaho Bean Commission in cooperation with the University of Idaho, and co-sponsored by a number of Magic Valley dealers and agriculturally-

related businesses.

Organic farming conference set for T.F.

Certified organic farmers and others using organic methods are invited to attend a conference on Friday and Saturday in Twin Falls. The Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides is hosting the Grower's Own Conference.

This conference features a farmer-to-farmer exchange, with participants sharing their knowledge and experience with various organic farming methods and issues.

The conference will kick off with dinner at 9 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Canyon Crest Event Center. The farmer-to-farmer exchange will

begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

The cost is \$55. Pre-registration is required. Contact Jennifer Miller at jmiller@pesticide.org or 850-6504 for more information.

Alfalfa and Forage Conference slated

The 2010 Idaho Alfalfa and Forage Conference is set for Feb. 16-17 at the Best Western Burley Inn and Convention Center.

The conference is sponsored by the Idaho Hay and Forage Association and University of Idaho Extension.

For more information about the conference, call 888-0988.

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Tours

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Sweets Candy

- 5.5 million pounds to Ghirardelli
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- 2.9 million pounds to Brown & Haley (Almond Roca)
- 1 million pounds to Ferrara (Lemon Heads, Fireballs, etc.)
- 100,000 pounds to Idaho Candy (Idaho Spuds, etc.)

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee's 2010 Ag Tour – "From the Farm to your Plate" – will begin soon

The tour will visit local farming and food processing operations and learn how certain foods we eat every day go from the farm to your plate.

To get involved in supporting Agribusiness in our communities, mark your calendar for the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. to attend the Agribusiness Committee meeting at the Twin Falls Chamber office, located at 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. The next meeting is March 2.

Paul Arrington is the chairman of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee.

Dairy

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maximizing production isn't always a good thing. When too much milk is produced, prices can drop so low that all farmers lose money. But it's hard to persuade farmers to cut back production – if one does but his neighbors don't, he has less milk to sell and his rivals get a better price for all the milk they produce.

So an industry group stepped forward to try to reduce the nation's dairy herd in a way that doesn't hurt individual farmers. The National Milk Producers Federation runs Cooperatives Working Together, or CWT, a program that pays retiring dairy farmers to have their cows slaughtered.

The CWT program kicks in when supply outstrips demand, including in 2008 and 2009 when it paid to have more than 250,000 cows killed. The figure represents about 10 percent of the total number of dairy cows slaughtered each year for food.

"We did have an imbalance between supply and demand heading into 2009," federation spokesman Chris Galen said. "CWT was the only way to collectively do something about it."

Most of the farmers who participated in CWT's program last year were in the West and Southwest. Those farmers' feed costs increased more than in other regions, and their cows produced less milk in the unusually hot weather.

Because of that, one Calif.-based dairy group is advising its members to weather the storm not by maximizing milk production but by cutting costs, for example by locking in long-term feed contracts at lower prices.

"We say maximize your efficiency," said Michael Marsh, the chief executive of Western United Dairymen. "If you can enhance your productivity and lower your costs, that's going to pay off more in the long run."

Despite this year's better outlook, dairy farmers nationwide say their optimism is guarded. The price crash in 2009 was so dramatic that milk producers say it'll take time to regain confidence – and years to repay debt.



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 09-0175030 Title Order No. 090830007IDGNO Parcel No. RPW2000051005BA The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, Inc. located at 706 Main St., Gooding, ID 83330., on 05/20/2010 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/24/2006 as Instrument Number 216475, and executed by **MARIA B MATOS, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY**, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Gooding County, state of Idaho: LOTS 5 AND 6 IN BLOCK 51 OF WENDELL TOWNSITE, GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, **245 NORTH HAGERMAN ST, WENDELL, ID 83355-5073** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 09/01/2009 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 7.250% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$107,507.02, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 01/08/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 90028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 Successor Trustee Deedra Williams ASAP# 3406374

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FMG-88952 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, **PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC**, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on May 18, 2010, at the hour of 02:00 PM, of said day, **FRONT STEPS OF THE JEROME COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 300 NORTH LINCOLN, JEROME, ID**, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of JEROME, State of Idaho.; to-wit: LOT 9 IN BLOCK 54, JEROME TOWNSITE, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **330 2ND AVENUE WEST, JEROME, ID 83338**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **TINA VALLES, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN**, as Grantor, to **FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY**, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MERITAGE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 5/8/2005, recorded 5/13/2005, under Instrument No. 2052562, Mortgage records of JEROME County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR MERITAGE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 5/6/2005, **THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 8/1/2009 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH**. Amount due as of January 11, 2010 Delinquent Payments from August 01, 2009 1 payments at \$516.71 each \$516.71 payments at \$519.70 each \$2,598.50 (08-01-09 through 01-11-10) Late Charges: \$308.92 Beneficiary Advances: \$102.10 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 TOTAL: \$3,526.23 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$55,317.50, together with interest thereon at 7.625% per annum from 7/1/2009 to 9/1/2009, 7.625% per annum from 9/1/2009, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 1/11/2010. **PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC** Trustee By: Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP# 3414362

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PUBLIC NOTICE
OF THE IDAHO PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

The election of pork producer delegate candidates for the 2011 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will take place at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 20, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn in Meridian, off of the Eagle Rd. Exit and 1-84. All Idaho pork producers are invited and encouraged to attend.

Any producer who is a resident of the state and has paid all assessments due may be considered as a delegate candidate and/or participate in the election. All producers are encouraged to bring a sales receipt proving the hogs were sold in their name and the checkoff deducted. For more information contact the Idaho Pork Producers Assoc. 208-898-0454.

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NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703, ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN until two o'clock p.m., on **March 2, 2010**, for the work of reconstructing N. Overland Ave. from 2nd Ave. to the I-84 ramps including, sidewalks, curb & gutter, storm drains, sanitary sewer, medians, widening, 3 traffic signals, and illumination; I-84B, North Overland, Burley, known as Idaho Federal Aid Project No. STP-7592(103), in Minidoka County, Key No. 08903.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: RESIDENT ENGINEER ***KIMBOL ALLEN*** AT (208) 544-7901.]

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 February 1, 2010.

TOM COLE, P.E.

Chief Engineer

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CITY OF HEYBURN
ONE PAGE SUMMARY OF THE PLAN OF ANNEXATION

The City of Heyburn has created a Plan of Annexation by the City of Heyburn, Minidoka County, Idaho for the land subject to this possible action is located at corner of O and 21st Streets, Heyburn, Idaho, in Minidoka County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows:

The SE¼SE¼ of Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 23 East, Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho.

The Plan will contain:

1. A provision that all tax supported municipal services will be provided in the area to be annexed EXCEPT: Utility services will be provided pursuant to the City's existing line extension policy. Utility services to future developments will be provided in accordance with the City's policy regarding developer provided infrastructure for subdivisions and the City's existing line extension policy.
2. That changes in taxation and other costs, which would result if the subject lands were to be annexed: In 2009, the owner of a residential lot and home located in the area to be annexed valued at \$150,000 (without any homeowners or other exemptions) would pay \$1397.32 in real property taxes. If the property were already annexed into the City of Heyburn the taxes would be \$2250.33.
3. That the providing fee-supported municipal services, if any, to the lands proposed to be annexed will be the same as the rest of the City.
4. There will be will have no appreciable change to other units of local government which currently provide tax-supported or fee-supported services to the lands proposed to be annexed.
5. The proposed future land use plan and zoning designation would be either CL (Commercial Local) or RM (residential medium) Zones.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2010.

THE CITY OF HEYBURN

George A. Anderson, Mayor

PUBLISH: February 9, 2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 10-0000723 Title Order No. 100007338IDGNO Parcel No. RPT32410030120A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street, Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 08/01/2010 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 02/06/2007 as Instrument Number 2007-002922, and executed by **JIM YORK, AND ROSEMARY YORK, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor (s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: LOT 12 IN BLOCK 3 OF LYNNWOOD SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 7 OF PLATS, PAGE 21. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, **1347 FREMONT DR, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301-4126** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 12/01/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 3.500% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$192,814.65, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 01/15/2010 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUSTCOMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 90028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 RECONTRUSTCOMPANY, N.A. Successor Trustee Deedra Williams, Team Member ASAP# 3414463

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 09-0177512 Title Order No. 090839799IDGNO Parcel No. RPT38810110070A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street, Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 05/20/2010 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 09/05/2008 as Instrument Number 2008-019726, and executed by **SHAWN L COATES, AND COLLEEN M COATES, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: LOT 7 IN BLOCK 11 OF NORTHSTAR DIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 11 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 42, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, **1176 STARFIRE STREET, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 08/01/2009 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.500% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$121,961.85, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 01/08/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 90028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 Successor Trustee Deedra Williams ASAP# 3406378

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NOTICE OF SALE

On the 21st day of May, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. on said date at the office of Land Title & Escrow, Inc., located at 1411 Fillmore Street, Suite 600, Twin Falls, Idaho, Land Title & Escrow, Inc., as Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, payable in full at the time of the sale, the following described real property, located in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

See Exhibit A

PARCEL NO. 1:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO

Section 25: That portion of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 25;

Thence North 89°23'00" East, 1310.46 feet along the South boundary of Section 25;

Thence North 00°19'17" West, 500.00 feet to the Northwest corner of "Sawtooth Second Addition";

Thence North 89°23'18" East, 717.55 feet along the North boundary of "Sawtooth Second Addition" to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 00°36'42" West, 96.13 feet along the Easterly boundary of "Old Farm Subdivision No. 2";

Thence North 02°49'45" West, 80.04 feet along the Easterly boundary of "Old Farm Subdivision No. 2";

Thence North 00°17'50" West, 672.40 feet along the Easterly boundary of "Old Farm Subdivision No. 2" to the Northeast corner thereof;

Thence North 89°27'19" East, 270.00 feet;

Thence South 00°17'50" East, 672.08 feet;

Thence North 89°23'18" East, 25.36 feet;

Thence South 00°36'42" East, 156.13 feet;

Thence South 89°23'18" West, 293.04 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL NO. 2:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO

Section 25: That portion of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 25;

Thence North 89°23'00" East, 1310.46 feet along the South boundary of Section 25;

Thence North 00°19'17" West, 500.00 feet to the Northwest corner of "Sawtooth Second Addition";

Thence North 89°23'18" East, 1010.59 feet along the extended North boundary of "Sawtooth Second Addition" to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 00°36'42" West, 156.13 feet;

Thence South 89°23'18" West, 25.36 feet;

Thence North 00°17'50" West, 672.08 feet;

Thence North 89°27'19" East, 270.00 feet;

Thence South 00°17'50" East 731.76 feet;

Thence South 89°23'18" West, 137.46 feet;

Thence South 00°27'43" East, 96.13 feet;

Thence South 89°23'18" West, 106.60 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

The street address or the designation commonly used for the property is **4200 North Road, Buhl, Idaho 83316**. The name, address and telephone number of the person or firm from whom information may be obtained is Bruce Hunsaker, P.O. Box 1188, Burley, Idaho 83318, (208) 678-2552.

The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding the title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **Old Farm Properties, LLC**, as Grantor, to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. as Trustee, and D.L. Evans Bank as Beneficiary, dated October 18, 2007, and recorded on the 18th day of October, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-025595, and as modified December 9, 2008 by Instrument No. 2008-026004 in the office of the County Recorder for Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The default for which said sale is to be made is the failure to pay all principle, late charges, and accrued interest due on the maturity date of December 9, 2009.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust is \$496,735.65, together with accruing interest, and costs of sale.

DATED this 15th day of January, 2010.

LAND TITLE & ESCROW, INC.

/s/ Larry Roberts

Title: President

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		9						
4	2				8			3
1	5			3		6		
			4		2		5	8
				7				
6	9		1		5			
		6		1			7	9
5			3				2	6
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Answer to previous puzzle

9	5	4	1	7	8	2	6	3
1	6	3	4	2	9	8	7	5
7	2	8	6	5	3	4	1	9
4	3	2	8	6	7	9	5	1
5	9	7	3	4	1	6	2	8
8	1	6	2	9	5	7	3	4
6	4	5	9	1	2	3	8	7
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Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010

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"All that a man hath will he give for his life; and while all contribute of their substance the soldier puts his life at stake, and often yields it up in his country's cause."

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In today's deal, when West intervened with a natural call of two clubs, North cue-bid rather than double, not being keen on looking for a penalty against nonvulnerable opponents.

That got him to the spade game — but incidentally, had the two-club call been artificial, North would have doubled, using that call as Stayman, with three clubs now being natural and forcing.

West led the club king and, on inspecting dummy, appreciated that his partner was bereft of points. Even more disconcerting was to see five trumps in dummy, which meant that the defensive trumps were splitting 2-2. Where was he to go for the fourth defensive trick? West could see just one chance — which involved playing East for the spade 10 or jack.

He cashed his second top club, then played a third. Having seen East's high-low in clubs, denoting a doubleton, South trumped with dummy's spade king, then guessed to lead a spade to his jack. West captured this with the ace and played a fourth round of clubs. East did indeed have the spade 10 and cooperatively ruffed West's club with it. South had no choice but to overruff, promoting West's spade nine to the setting trick.

If declarer believed West had the spade ace, his only legitimate chance would have been to find East with both the spade nine and 10 by leading a trump to his seven, not to his jack. It would not have worked, but he would have gone down fighting.

NORTH 02-9-A	
♠ K 8 6 5 4	
♥ Q 8 5 4	
♦ A J	
♣ Q 7	
WEST	EAST
♠ A 9	♠ 10 3
♥ 10 3	♥ J 7 6 2
♦ 9 6 2	♦ 10 7 5 4 3
♣ A K J 10 4 2	♣ 9 3
SOUTH	
♠ Q J 7 2	
♥ A K 9	
♦ K Q 8	
♣ 8 6 5	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Club king

BID WITH THE ACES

02-9-B

South holds:

♠ A 9
♥ 10 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ A K J 10 4 2

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
?			

ANSWER: This is a tough problem. You are too good to rebid three clubs, you cannot raise diamonds, and you would prefer better heart support than the doubleton 10. The choice is to bid two no-trump with only one spade stop (far from unreasonable) or to bid two spades. Using the fourth suit here not only suggests doubt about which strain to play in, but also suggests a little extra in high cards, so it would be my choice.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kg19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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BUHL Kacy Meadows now accepting applications. Kacy Meadows Apt Community features: 1, 2 & 3 bdrm homes with all appls, lg balconies/patios, basketball court, play ground, on-site laundry facility and free internet service. "Income restrictions do apply on certain units". Contact the office today for application at 208-543-2740. Located at 37 Kacy Meadows LN

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For more information 543-8833 or pick up application at 37 Kacy Meadows Lane TDD# 1-800-545-1833

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BURLEY Very nice 3 bdrm, 1 bath duplex, apts available. \$650 + deposit. Call 208-677-4005

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FOR RENT 1, 2, or 3 Bedroom Apartments Rent is based on income. Goosecreek Manor/ Sawtooth Apts. 733 E. 22 Street Burley, ID 83318 678-9429

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JEROME The Oaks. Enjoy living in one of our beautiful, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage Duplex Style Townhomes. Amenities incl, energy efficient central heat & air, ceiling fans, W/D hookups, ceramic tile, & vaulted ceilings, private fenced backyard & more. Enjoy the use of our state of the art fitness center, basketball court, & play ground. No smoking or pets. \$578 + dep \$500. 208-324-6969.

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604 Unfurnished Apartments

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm duplex, 2 full baths, new paint, garage, no smoking/pets. \$500. 732-6438

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, close to school, all new appls. \$500 mo. + \$400 sec dep. 208-420-4585

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath duplex, deck upstairs, \$585 mo. + dep. No smoking/pets. Open March 1st. 326-6653 or 404-3159.

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath apts all appls + W/D, \$200 off 1st mo. \$595 Russel Square ~ 208-539-6913

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, new carpet/ paint, no smoking/pets, close to CSI, \$575. 149 Robbins-732-5408

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, new carpet/ paint no smoking/pets CSI hookups \$525. 145 Robbins-732-5408

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, spacious upgraded duplex, \$800 plus dep. Includes upgraded refrig., stove, microwave, W/D. Gas fireplace, water, sewer, trash and lawn care incl. Super insulated with central heat and air, gas furnace. Located at 737-A Falls Ave W. Call Alden 208-731-3587 or email at pioneer1@cableone.net

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TWIN FALLS 2 Bdrms, 1 Bath Nice Apts. Only \$495-\$535. 734-4334 Honey Locust Ln Included Water, No Pets

TWIN FALLS Attractive 2 bdrm duplex, very clean, appls, garage, no drugs/pets. \$685+ dep. 733-2546

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TWIN FALLS Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, W/D hookup. Ground level, \$675 + \$500 dep. 1/2 off 1st months rent. Handicap accessible. Pet neg. 208-720-7345

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TWIN FALLS Furn rm, utils + cable incl. Kitchen & laundry privileges, NO pets. 734-8226 or 410-7331

Mobile Homes

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TWIN FALLS 734-4334 Offices, Retail Spaces Shop with Bay Door & Dock Great Location in TF & Jerome. Various Sizes at Great Prices

TWIN FALLS For lease or sale (lease option) 2130 sq. ft. professional office space in premier location at Blue Lakes Office Park. Ground floor, excellent visibility with ample parking. 208-736-1004

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608 Commercial Property

TWIN FALLS 1600 sq ft warehouse with large office, \$700/month. 5800 sq ft shop \$1250 month. Call 208-539-7426.

TWIN FALLS 2000 sq. ft. shop with office. For more information call 208-734-9288 or 208-421-2832.

610 Storage/Warehouse

WANTED to rent 20x20 garage with electricity for light carpentry and paint materials. In the Twin Falls area, needed by Feb. 1st. Call 208-431-1339

616 Roommates Wanted

TWIN FALLS Roommate wanted, own room, \$250/mo., + half utils. Avail. 2/1. Call 208-731-0652

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701 Livestock/ Poultry

ANGUS 4 yearling heifers & 1 yearling bull, top quality, out of superior bull. Call for price 208-324-2776.

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704 Pets and Pet Supplies

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CHINESE PUGS 2 females, \$250 & 2 males, \$200. Black & gray, avail now, 1st shots, 6 weeks. 312-7022

COCKAPOO puppies adorable buff males, born 12/24/09, 1st shots, dewclaws removed, tails docked, cash only. 208-654-6544 / 431-5524

FREE KITTENS 2 males, one white, one multi-colored, all shots, good health, 4 mos old. Nick 878-4962

FREE MALAMUTE mix puppies, 5 weeks old. Call 208-358-0241.

GERMAN SHEPHERD Puppies 14 weeks old, black/tan, black/red, 3 females, 1 male, papered, 1st shots \$450. Mom and dad on site. Call 208-733-5927 or 316-1957

HAVANESE Sweetie for your Sweetie. Adorable boys, black, white & cream. Call 208-404-6579.

LAB Puppies, 6 wks old, dewormed, 1st shots, mother on site, latter available. Males, 2 ivory, 1 black, 1 yellow. \$200. 208-731-2532



Silly or sweet, romantic or frantic, Valentine's Day Love Line a 2x2 will fill your hearts content with a sentiment to someone special in the Times-News Sunday, February 14th.

Message:

Cost is \$15 for up to 25 words (25¢ for each additional word)

BORDERS

1. 2. 3. 4.

Your Name

Phone

Payment

Compose your message and send it along with your payment so we receive it by Wednesday, February 10th, at 3:00 pm. 132 Fairfield Street West PO Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303 or call Jill Hollon at 208-735-3222 jhollon@magicvalley.com

0602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, all apts incl. \$750 mo. + \$750 dep. 1621 Heyburn Ave. E. ~ 731-0920

TWIN FALLS Move in Special, 1/2 off 1st months rent and dep. Pet ok. 3 bdrm., 1 bath, \$600 + \$600 dep. Call 208-212-1678.

TWIN FALLS Newer 2 bdrm., 2 bath, apple incl, dbl garage, 1 yr lease \$795 month. 208-731-3621.

TWIN FALLS Newer 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 3 car garage, upscale neighborhood, incld AC, gas heat, gas fireplace, apple, fenced yard & privacy deck. Nicely landscaped w/irrigation system, truly a home you would be proud to live in. \$885 + dep. No smoking/pet neg. Call 208-308-2491 or 208-358-1053.

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TWIN FALLS Nice updated 3 bdrm, 2 bath house for rent at 140 Fillmore. Please call 208-761-4896. \$750, month to month or lease.

TWIN FALLS Quiet clean, 2 bdrm., with offic. EVERYTHING NEW DW, garage, auto sprinklers, no pets/smoking. 530 Ash \$620 + dep. Call 208-734-6230

TWIN FALLS Small 2 bdrm., 1 bath refinished, garage, lg lot, no smoking/pets, \$545 + dep. 736-6730.

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WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN BUY! Mercy Housing is now accepting applications for the Magic Valley Self-Help Program. Homes are 3 or 4 bedrooms. 2 bath with 2 car garages. Payments based on income \$425-\$850 No closing costs. No down payment

Funded by USDA-RD, HUD, IHFA Energy Star Homes

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603 Furnished Apartments

TWIN FALLS/BURLEY/RUPERT * WOW!

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

UGIED

HETAB

DIBEHN

LIZZES

Answer: "O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O"

(Answers tomorrow)

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argrion and Jeff Knurek

WHEN THE POWER FAILED IN MICKISS, THE LOVERS WERE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: DOILY JUICY BANNER GOVERN
 Answer: How the defendant described the panel hearing his case — A "GRAND" JURY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2010. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
 On Feb. 9, 1960, Adolph Coors Co. chairman Adolph Coors III, 44, was shot to death during a botched kidnapping attempt while on his way to the family brewery in Golden, Colo. (Coors' body wasn't found for seven months; the man who killed him, Joseph Corbett Jr., served 19 years in prison. Corbett committed suicide in Aug. 2009.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:
 In 1773, the ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected the provisional president of the Confederate States of America.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

In 1942, daylight-saving "War Time" went into effect in the United States, with clocks turned one hour forward.

In 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, W.Va., Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1971, the crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov died at age 69, less than 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was succeeded by Konstantin U. Chernenko (chehr-NYEN'-koh).

In 2002, Britain's Princess Margaret, the high-spirited and unconventional sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died in London at age 71.

Ten years ago: Hackers stepped up their "denial of service" attacks on popular Internet sites, zeroing in on such targets as ETrade and ZDNet, inconveniencing millions of Web users and unnerving Wall Street. Boeing Co. engineers and technical workers began a 40-day strike.

Five years ago: Hewlett-Packard chief executive Carly Fiorina was forced out by board members, ending her nearly six-year reign. A new postage stamp honoring President Ronald Reagan was issued in ceremonies across the country.

One year ago: President Barack Obama used his first news conference since taking office to urgently pressure lawmakers to approve a massive economic recovery bill. All-Star third baseman Alex Rodriguez admitted to taking performance-enhancing drugs, telling ESPN he had used steroids while with the Texas Rangers for three years. Lindsey Vonn won the downhill for her second gold at the World Championships in Val d'Isere, France, becoming the second American woman (after Andrea Mead Lawrence) to win two golds at a worlds. Playwright Robert Anderson ("Tea and Sympathy") died in New York at age 91.

704 Pets and Pet Supplies

GOLDEN RETRIEVER puppies, mom/dad AKC reg. & on site. \$100 For more info call Jeff 404-3950

LAB purebred puppies with papers, 1" shots, dewclaws removed. Both parents good hunters. \$250 males \$300 females, 6 weeks old on 2/03. Black or yellow. 208-670-3091.

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PUG Valentine's Day puppies, purebred, 2 males, 1 female left, 1" shots. \$350-\$400. Call 421-0475 or 320-3521

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YORKIE pups: 2 males left. 11 weeks old, AKC reg. Now only \$600 ea. 208-420-6141

705 Farm Equipment

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CASE IH 7250 '95 10,000 hours, 14.9/46 tires, \$35,000. Call 208-731-5265.

CASE IH one ton baler w/accumulator, low bales count & 30' Ace roller harrow w/old up wings. 431-3435

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JOHN DEERE 210 disc, good shape, \$1200. Call 208-420-5138.

JOHN DEERE tractor 4440 2WD, 14.9x46 tires, exc cond. \$18,700. 208-308-7107.

MANURE BOXES 3 Burley Iron Work. Complete, 4 yrs old, everything but pto. Call 208-358-1126

PARMA 25' roller harrow, folding, new, \$43,000. Call 208-731-4666.

ROLLER HARROW 30' crows feet, used in front of grain drill, \$7000. Call 208-731-5265.

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WANTED siphon tubes, aluminum, 1 1/2 14" 1 1/2", need any amount. 208-731-3732 Bob.

WANTED Tractors and other misc; repair/salvage/turning. Bob, 208-312-3746

707 Irrigation

IRRIGATION 10" mainline, 8" mainline, HL hook & latch. Wheel line-pasture. 308-6311 or 829-5691.

709 Hay Grain and Feed

#1 QUALITY Green Leafy Baled Hay, Alfalfa grass mix & straight alfalfa Southern Idaho Feeds 347 South Park Ave W. Twin Falls 208-732-5270

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HAY All 3 crops, approximately 100 tons, small bales. 208-543-4113 or 208-490-1098

HAY Exc. quality, 2" & 3" cutting 100 lb. 2 string bales, \$7/bale. Wendell 208-639-0201

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HAY FOR SALE Small Bales. 200 Ton feeder hay & horse hay. 434-4404; 431-9098

HAY Good quality, green, no rain. Big bales, 90 tons grass, 80 tons 1" cutting, 120 tons 2" cutting, 100 tons 3" cutting. 731-6458 Buhl

709 Hay Grain and Feed

HAY quality horse hay, 2 string bales and 3x3 bales. Grass/alfalfa. Call 623-261-2339

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STRAW 3,000 4x4 bales. Hay 3x4 and 4x4. Call Jared at 208-351-2163.

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T.S.C. Hay Retrieving 200 ton raised on 1" cutting. \$50/ton + hauling. Call Con at 208-280-0639

712 Miscellaneous AG

120 BEET SHARES for sale in Mini-Cassia area to Highest Bidder received by Feb 15th. 208-678-3136

MISCELLANEOUS

801 Antiques/Collectibles

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SPRING BURLEY FLEA MARKET Over 25 Vendors with great buys! Feb. 13, (9-5) & Feb. 14, (10-4) FREE ADMISSION at Burley Fairgrounds. Prom jewelry, Coddie Lee jewelry, antiques & collectibles, knives, tools, rocks, used furniture, fishing equipment, books and vintage clothes. Come treasure hunt, something for everyone. Managed by Blue Cow 312-4900

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DEAR ABBY: "49 and Holding" (Dec. 5), who doesn't want her daughter to give her a 50th birthday party, needs to grow up and learn to celebrate life instead of hiding from the fact that she's growing older. She is aging because she's alive — and what a blessing that is.

I lived through the worst years of the AIDS epidemic and witnessed the deaths of more than 200 friends — all of whom would have loved to celebrate a 50th birthday. My mother died at 82 and was grateful for every year, as am I.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Life's milestones warrant a party. Those who don't want to celebrate life and the birthdays that come with it should consider the alternative.

— BRUCE C., ATLANTA
DEAR BRUCE: My readers agreed that "Holding" should quit whining and enjoy life because everyone isn't so fortunate. Growing old is a gift, and it sure does beat the alternative!

Read on:
DEAR ABBY: Sorry, 50 is NOT the new 30. Fifty is 50! One of the reasons "Holding" may have issues with aging is this obsession with youth. Youth is definitely transitory, but that doesn't mean one's health, beauty and vibrancy vanish. "Holding" has every right to feel as she does, but I hope she won't continue sitting on the sidelines of life.

By the way, I'll be celebrating my 51st birthday in a few days. My daughter is taking me to Las Vegas to paint the town ... not red (too youthful) but crimson. You definitely DO get better as you age!

— JACQUELINE W. CHANDLER, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: I admit that I felt much as "Holding" did until my sister told me that, for her, turning 50 was an exceptionally freeing experience. It's true. At that age, I realized I wasn't going to be the CEO of the company I worked for, that I had a job I enjoyed, that my family was there for me in whatever I chose to pursue, and that there were places on this planet I wanted to visit (and have). I have found it difficult finding a downside to being 50.

Age is in your head, Abby. I've met 10-year-olds who are eons past 50, and 70-year-olds who are as curious, inquisitive and active as people far younger. So I say, go for it proudly.

— PAST 50 AND FABULOUS

DEAR ABBY: Everyone regards aging differently, but why be depressed over something you can't control? When I turned 50, I decided I could either be depressed and drink myself silly or celebrate the milestone.

I declared to my family, friends and co-workers that it was my year and my goal was to do 50 things I had never done before — or hadn't done in a long time. I reconnected with neglected friends, went on my first cruise, stayed in a haunted hotel. While I didn't quite make it to 50 things (I made it to 30), it was fun trying, and everyone had a blast in the process.

— 50-PLUS AND DEALING WITH IT

DEAR ABBY: At 36 I was diagnosed with cancer. My son was only 5. As radiation treatments pulsed through my body in the hope of giving me more life, I wondered if those would be his last memories of me.

Fast forward 13 years. I am 49 and holding — with one major difference. I look forward to each and every birthday. In a few months, I'll turn 50. And do you know what looks even better than my 50th birthday? My 60th!

Birthdays are a celebration of life, a reminder that we have the good fortune to be with the people who mean the most to us.

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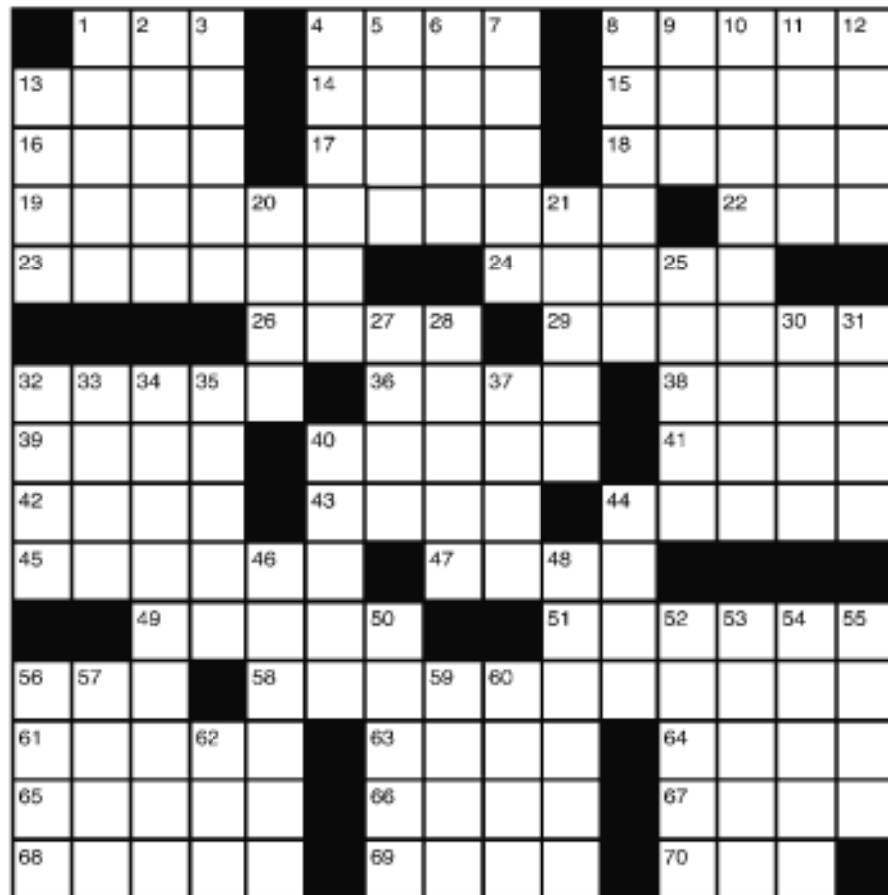
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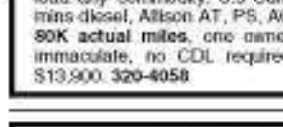
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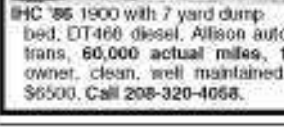
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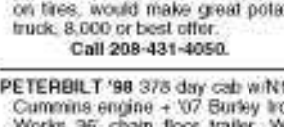
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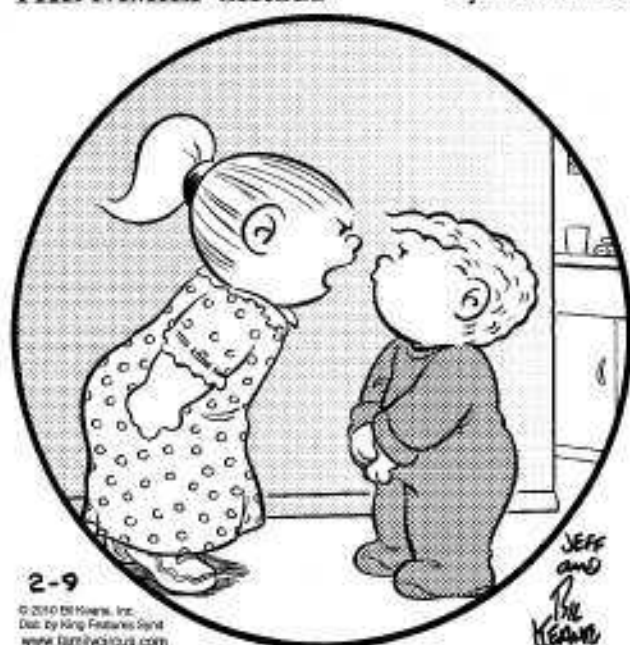
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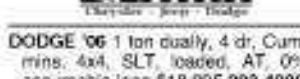
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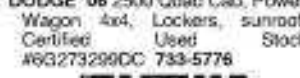
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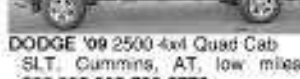
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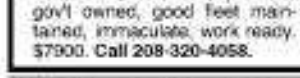
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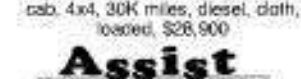


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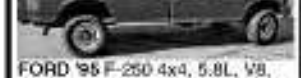
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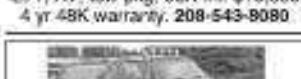
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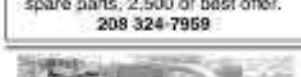
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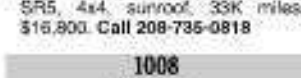
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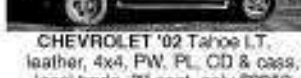
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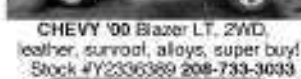
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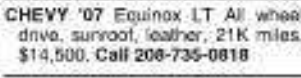
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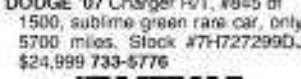
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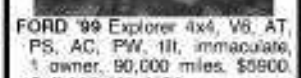
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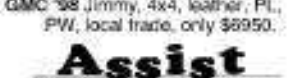
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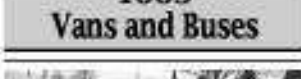
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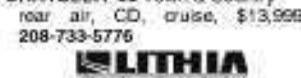
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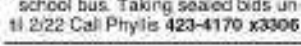
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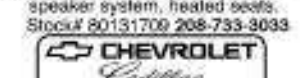
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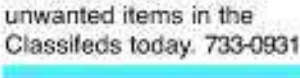
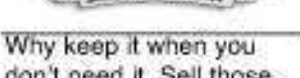
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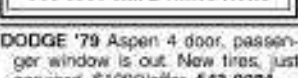


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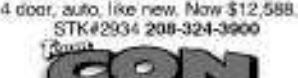
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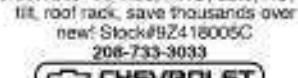
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Hoping to do better than previous IndyCar drivers that have jumped to NASCAR, Patrick will make her debut this weekend at Daytona following a sixth-place finish at ARCA race. >>> **SPORTS 3**



IHSAA working to protect concussed athletes

Bryan Harper is not Wile E. Coyote. When the Jerome football team's senior cornerback suffered his first concussion last September, he didn't see multicolored stars and bounce back up like the Road Runner-chasing carnivore. Harper reported that he lost consciousness and became disoriented, after suffering the Grade 3 brain injury, saying that he thought he was dreaming about the game and not actually playing in it.



Bradley Guire

Head trauma hurts. It disorients and it scares those unlucky enough to take a hit, and its after-effects have become a concern for football players especially. Despite the advances made to football gear since the days of the leather cap, football players still suffer concussions. It's a fact of playing, and Uncle Sam is starting to pay more attention.

Last week, the Associated Press covered a House Judiciary Committee hearing on why major college football conferences haven't adopted policies on handling concussions beyond NCAA requirements. The hearing also delved into the realm of high school football, during which time Dr. Bennet Omalu — a co-founder of the Brain Injury Research Institute at West Virginia University — testified that players 18 and younger should sit for three months following a concussion.

As it stands here, the Idaho High School Activities Association manual advises that a player may only return after permission is obtained from an appropriate health care professional. It's a step to protect injured athletes from being rushed back to the field without receiving proper care.

Harper was cleared by a doctor and returned to the field for the Oct. 23 final game of the regular season against Burley, four weeks after he suffered the concussion.

"I was a senior, so this (season) was pretty much it," he said.

Jerome head football coach Gary Krumm and his staff took precautions for Harper's return, such as acquiring a specialized mouth guard, called the Brain Pad, which is supposed to limit the vibrations that can reverberate through the skull from a hit. But mouth guards and new helmets like the Xenith X1 — also billed as a product to decrease the effects of impact — still can't completely protect the human brain from shifting inside the skull when struck with great force.

Lawmakers in Washington state passed a law last year requiring a licensed

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READ more about concussions and existing equipment to better protect athletes of all ages.

Spartans stay alive



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Minico's TiAnna Stimpson (22) grabs a rebound away from Wood River's Monica Garceau (33) and Tristan Bowers Monday night at Minico High School.

Minico girls eliminate Wood River in overtime

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The game was tied with five seconds remaining in overtime when Marlee Chandler, one of Minico's best free throw shooters at 83 percent, stepped to the line.

She missed the first and grabbed her head with both hands in disbelief.

"It's very intense," Chandler said. "Everybody's yelling, and you just have to focus on the next one, and you've

got to win the game." That's exactly what she did.

Chandler confidently stroked the second shot, and Wood River's Kaitana Martinez couldn't get her buzzer-beater to fall as the Minico girls basketball team survived a 48-47 overtime thriller Monday night.

The Spartans (14-8) stay alive in the District IV Great Basin Conference tournament and play at Twin Falls tonight. Tonight's winner clinches a trip to state and

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Get a full roundup of conference basketball action.

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gets a shot at Jerome for the conference title on Thursday.

The loss eliminates Wood River, which finished its season 17-7 overall. Martinez scored 10 and Tristan Bowers had 11 for the Wolverines.

Minico, which snapped its four-game losing streak,

got 17 points from Kendra Bailey and 16 from Brecka Fetzer.

The Spartans won despite being outrebounded 31 to 22 and turning the ball over 11 times to Wood River's eight.

After trailing 24-21 at halftime, Bailey's 3-pointer tied it midway through the third quarter. The remainder of the second half and overtime saw seven ties and four lead changes. It was a tightly contested game

See **MINICO**, Sports 2

IN THE SPOTLIGHT Frosh Griffin starts strong for Eagles

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

With seven runs and six RBIs on seven hits, Mikkell Griffin made her debut one to remember.

The College of Southern Idaho's freshman second baseman made an impact during the Golden Eagles' opening weekend (Jan. 29-30) at the College of Southern Nevada's Kickoff Classic in Henderson, Nev., and she's poised to contribute even more as the season progresses.

"It definitely felt good," Griffin said of her performance. "There's always room for improvements. I'd like to do better with runners in scoring position, but overall I was satisfied."



Griffin

Against El Paso Community College, which CSI defeated 7-4, Griffin homered twice for four RBI, and one of those shots came with Marie Williams and Jessica Albertson on base. In the Eagles' 20-1 clubbing of GateWay Community College, Griffin hit 3-for-4 with two doubles, three runs and two RBI. CSI connected 16 times during that contest, which lends some credence to Griffin's theories on hitting.

"I think hitting's contagious a lot of the time," she said. "When my teammates started hitting, it just makes it all the easier to hit. I think it's a team effort."

She started out hitting near the middle of the order, but head coach Nick Baumert decided to try her at the No. 3 spot, where she excelled.

"When we made that move, it happened so quick," Baumert said. "She didn't have much time to think about it. In that No. 3 hole, if you get a kid that runs pretty well and is able to move

See **GRIFFIN**, Sports 2

Payton, Brees bask in glory of New Orleans' title

By Brett Martel
Associated Press writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Clearly exhausted from a late night of post-Super Bowl celebrations, Sean Payton leaned on a podium Monday morning, clutching the Vince Lombardi trophy in his right hand.

"You can't get enough of this," the Saints' head coach said at a news conference at the Fort Lauderdale convention center. "This thing lay in my bed next to me last night, rolled over it a couple times. I probably drooled on it. But man, there's nothing like it."

Certainly, the New Orleans Saints never experienced anything like it.

Before this one, the Saints had only eight winning seasons — and two playoff victories — in their previous 42 years combined. New Orleans had to win three postseason games over three great quarterbacks — Kurt Warner, Brett Favre and Peyton Manning — to win the title this season.

The last quarterback standing was Drew Brees, who joined Payton in 2006 with the idea of transforming the Saints into champions for a region needing



AP photo

Eric Nunez waves a New Orleans Saints banner Monday as a plane lands at Louis Armstrong International airport in Kenner, La. Fans were greeting the returning Super Bowl Champion New Orleans Saints. The Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in the NFL football Super Bowl, attaining their first championship in franchise history.

widespread rebuilding after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

That was easier said than done, but in their fourth season together, they did it. Brees was chosen the Super Bowl MVP after Sunday night's 31-17 victory over the Indianapolis Colts. After that, his only remaining challenge was believing

he'd actually pulled it off.

"I had to wake up this morning and turn to my wife and say, 'Did yesterday really happen?'" Brees said.

"Our victory last night was the culmination of four years of hard work, fighting through a lot of adversity, ups and downs and more importantly than that, representing a city that has been through so much,"

Brees said.

"Along the way, people have asked me so many times, 'Do you look at it as a burden or extra pressure? Do you feel like you're carrying the weight of the city on your teams' shoulders?' I said, 'No, not at all. We look at it as a responsibility.' Our city, our fans, gave us

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NFL FUTURE: SPOTLIGHT OFF THE FIELD

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A memorable season capped by a super title game with a record TV audience has NFL executives and fans beaming.

The smiles might soon disappear.

Pro football is headed into the great unknown. Barring a quick — and totally unexpected — agreement with the players' union on a new contract, 2010 will have no salary cap. After that, perhaps a work stoppage, something NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith puts at "14" on a scale of 1 to 10.

Commissioner Roger Goodell doesn't agree, believing negotiations will lead to a new deal before March 2011, when the collective bargaining agreement expires. But an accord before the New

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CSI baseball wins in Phoenix

Times-News

A day after dropping a doubleheader to South Mountain Community College, the College of Southern Idaho baseball team rebounded to defeat another Phoenix-area school Monday, thumping GateWay Community College 8-3.

Sophomore righty Trey Mohammed provided six quality innings for the Golden Eagles, setting the tone with strikes and only one run allowed. Head coach Boomer Walker said the club did a better job at the plate, crediting the performance of Lionel Morrill and leadoff man Ryan Lay.

“We swung the bat

extremely well,” Walker said. “We hit them hard early, but they weren’t falling. We stayed with it and scored a bunch of runs in the fifth and sixth.”

A box score was not available.

The Eagles (2-2) take the day off today but remain in Phoenix to face Phoenix College Wednesday.

Sunday's Late CSI boxes
South Mountain CC 6, CSI 5, nine innings
CSI 000 300 000 - 573
South Mountain 001 301 001 - 671
Mike Renner, Tyler Vavra (6), Tyler Duffin (8), Bryce Montoya (9) and Remington Pullin, Parker Morin; Kyle Ottoson, Kenny Sigman (6), Colton Sheley (8), Martin Martinez (9) and Shane Blair, W. Martinez, L. Duffin. Extra-base hits - 28: South Mountain, Trey Ford.

South Mountain 2, CSI 1
CSI 001 000 0 - 150
South Mountain 010 001 x - 240
Preston Olson, Caleb Olson (6) and Parker Morin; Joseph Lopez, Woody Nisbet (7) and Will Fadness. W: Lopez, L: C. Olsen. SV: Nisbet. Extra-base hits - none.

Griffin

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some runners with a bunt or hitting the ball in the gap, you might as well throw her to the fire.”

Griffin finished the week-end with a .368 average.

Baumert added that Griffin, of St. George, Utah, grew up a lot through those six games, both at the plate and on the diamond.

“She made a couple of diving grabs, and started a double play where she picked up a grounder and shoveled it to (short stop Kelsey Bryant),” Baumert said. “She’s going to get better defensively. Once we get everyone up to game speed, it’ll be a fun group to watch.”

At the College of Arizona Western’s Tournament last weekend in Yuma, Ariz.,

Griffin was again key to the Eagles’ successes.

She batted in Marie Williams during the eighth inning to claim the winning run over Arizona Western on Thursday, doubled twice on Friday and hit an RBI triple on Saturday.

The team will again need her at her best this week as CSI (9-5) travels to St. George, Utah, to play back-to-back doubleheaders with Colorado Northwestern Community College on Wednesday and Thursday and with Salt Lake Community College on Friday and Saturday to open the Scenic West Athletic Conference season.

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Concussions

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health care provider to give written approval for student-athletes age 18 and younger to return to the field. A recent ESPN.com report cites that at least six other states are considering the same legislation, sometimes labeled as “return-to-play restrictions.”

Such legislation isn’t needed in Idaho. While parents would be wise to invest

their time in educating themselves and their kids about concussions, area coaches and doctors are already guided by the IHSAA toward making the right decisions about limiting risks to athletes returning from concussion.

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Saints

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strength and we owe this to them. ... There’s no people that you would want to win for more than the city of New Orleans.”

As Brees spoke, Payton sat off to the side, elbows on knees, face buried in his hands. When it was his turn to speak, he recounted Vince Lombardi’s grandson, Saints assistant Joe Lombardi, posing for a photo with the sterling silver hardware bearing his last name.

“Joe Lombardi, his father, Vince Jr., and his two brothers sat and posed with this trophy, the four of them, while pictures were taken. And I just thought to myself, ‘You’ve got to be kidding me,’” Payton said. “If you believe in heaven, and you believe Vince Lombardi is there looking down on his grandson, it doesn’t get any better.”

Payton said when all was quiet in the team hotel around 3 a.m., he offered a prayer of thanks for his team and his experience in New Orleans, where he became a head coach for the first time in 2006. The city was still largely in ruin then.

“When we got into coaching or playing, we got into it for certain reasons and yet the reasons in New Orleans far exceeded what we ever expected,” Payton said.

The theme for the Saints in 2009 became: A season of firsts. They opened with their first 13-game winning streak, which earned them a first No. 1 seeding in the NFC playoffs. That led to a first home NFC title game, then a first Super Bowl.

Their run to the Super Bowl captured the attention

of football fans everywhere. The game was watched by more than 106 million people, surpassing the 1983 finale of “M-A-S-H” to become the most-watched program in U.S. television history, the Nielsen Co. said Monday.

Commissioner Roger Goodell called this Super Bowl “clearly more than a game.

“I keep thinking of the word ‘magical,’” he said. “When you think about the relationship between the Saints and the Gulf Coast and the city of New Orleans, it was more than just a football game and more than just a football team. The hopes, the dreams and the struggles of that community were all reflected in that football team. It was a great night for the people in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region.”

Throughout the past week, Brees used the Super Bowl as a platform to promote New Orleans’ recovery and express his adoration for the distinctive and historic city. After the Saints’ Super Bowl triumph, Brees agreed to appear on the Late Show with David Letterman on Monday night.

“We’re going to enjoy this for a while. I think New Orleans is enjoying it right this second, still,” Brees said. “We don’t expect anybody to go to work today in New Orleans, or maybe for the next two weeks considering Mardi Gras is next week.

“We know what it’s like to build something from the ground up and just to feel like this is our time. ... I think what’s going to be fun is using the term ‘repeat’ all next year.”

DISTRICT IV TOURNAMENTS

Class 4A Great Basin Conference Tournament
Tuesday, Feb. 2
Game 1: No. 4 Wood River 37, No. 5 Burley 27
Game 2: No. 3 Twin Falls 83, No. 6 Canyon Ridge 26
Thursday, Feb. 4
Game 3: Jerome 62, Wood River 33
Game 4: Twin Falls 36, Minico 31
Game 5: Burley 62, Canyon Ridge 21 (Canyon Ridge eliminated)
Saturday, Feb. 6
Game 6: Wood River 38, Burley 14 (Burley eliminated)
Game 7: Jerome 53, Twin Falls 42
Monday, Feb. 8
Game 8: Minico 48, Wood River 47 (Wood River eliminated)
Tuesday, Feb. 9
Game 9: Minico (14-8) at Twin Falls (15-8), 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 11
Championship: Winner 9 at Jerome (21-1), 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12
Second championship: If necessary, 7 p.m.
First and second place qualify for state tournament, Feb. 18-20 at Mountain View HS in Meridian.

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament
Monday
Game 1: Kimberly 54, Buhl 28
Game 2: Gooding 54, Wendell 40
Tuesday
At Filer
Game 3: Wendell 47, Buhl 33 (Buhl

eliminated)
Game 4: Gooding (11-8) 35, Filer 33
Wednesday
At CSI
Game 5: Filer 30, Wendell 23 (Wendell eliminated)
Game 6: Kimberly 62, Gooding 36
Monday, Feb. 8
Game 7: Gooding 32, Filer 28, OT (Filer eliminated)
Wednesday, Feb. 10
At CSI
Championship: Kimberly (18-2) vs. Gooding (13-9), 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 11
Second championship: If necessary, 7 p.m.
First place qualifies for state tournament, Feb. 18-20 at Skyview HS in Nampa. Second place advances to state play-in vs. second place from District VI at 1 p.m., Feb. 13 at Highland HS in Pocatello.

Class 2A Canyon Conference Tournament
Tuesday, Feb. 2
Game 1: No. 3 Glenns Ferry 49, No. 2 Valley 48
Thursday, Feb. 4
Game 2: Declo 40, Glenns Ferry 31
Monday, Feb. 8
Game 3: Glenns Ferry 42, Valley 40 (Valley eliminated)
Thursday, Feb. 11
Championship: Glenns Ferry (7-16) at Declo (16-5), 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12
Second championship: If necessary, 7 p.m.

First place qualifies for state tournament, Feb. 18-20 at Kuna HS.

Class 1A Division I Snake River Conference Tournament
Monday
Play-in Game
At Murtaugh
Oakley 54, Lighthouse Christian 30
Wednesday
At high seed
Game 1: North No. 1 Challis 97, South No. 4 Sho-Ban 61
Game 2: South No. 2 Hansen 61, North No. 3 Hagerman 44
Game 3: South No. 1 Raft River 53, North No. 4 Oakley 34
Game 4: North No. 2 Shoshone 53, South No. 3 Castleford 38
Thursday
At high seed
Game 7: Challis 70, Hansen 53
Friday
At high seed
Game 5: Hagerman 70, Sho-Ban 68 (Sho-Ban eliminated)
Game 6: Castleford 57, Oakley 43 (Oakley eliminated)
Game 8: Shoshone 43, Raft River 40
Saturday
At Murtaugh
Game 9: Raft River 67, Hagerman 45 (Hagerman eliminated)
Game 10: Hansen 49, Castleford 36 (Castleford eliminated)
Championship: Shoshone 48, Challis 45
Monday, Feb. 8
At Murtaugh
Game 12: Raft River 47, Hansen 38

(Hansen eliminated)
Wednesday, Feb. 10
Second place: Raft River (14-9) vs. Challis (18-3), 7 p.m.
First and second place qualify for state tournament Feb. 18-20 at Columbia HS in Nampa. Third place advances to state play-in vs. third place from District III at 3 p.m., Feb. 13 at Glenns Ferry HS.

Class 1A Division II Northside Conference Tournament
At Carey
Saturday
Game 1: No. 4 Camas County 60, No. 5 Community School 23
Game 2: No. 3 Carey 65, No. 6 Bliss 8
Monday, Feb. 8
Game 3: Richfield 53, Camas County 37
Game 4: Dietrich 45, Carey 35
Tuesday, Feb. 9
Game 5: Community School (4-11) vs. Carey (14-6), 6 p.m.
Game 6: Bliss (6-11) vs. Camas County (11-9), 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10
Game 7: Winner 5 vs. Winner 6, 6 p.m.
Championship: Richfield (17-2) vs. Dietrich (17-4), 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 11
Second place game: Winner 7 vs. Loser 8, 7 p.m.
First and second place qualify for state tournament Feb. 18-20 at Nampa HS. Third place advances to state play-in vs. second place from District III at 1 p.m., Feb. 13 at Glenns Ferry HS.

Richfield, Dietrich girls make Northside title game

Times-News

Two teams that split their regular-season meetings will play Wednesday with the conference tournament title on the line.

The Richfield girls basketball team meets Dietrich for the Class 1A Div. II Northside Conference tournament championship after the teams’ Monday victories in the semifinal round in Carey. The Tigers defeated Camas County 53-37, while Dietrich beat Carey 45-35.

“They’re small and fast,” Blue Devils coach Acey Shaw said of Richfield. “If we keep them from forcing us to run the ball and stay patient on offense, we should be all right. It’ll come down to defense.”

Dietrich beat Richfield 30-26 in Dietrich on Jan. 9, while Richfield beat Dietrich 43-28 in Richfield on Feb. 3.

Richfield head coach Steve Kent said he was impressed with the way the Mushers battled through Monday’s game despite losing starter Katelyn Peterson early to a broken finger.

“(Darian) Cantu stepped up and had a great game,” Kent said. “The whole group played hard to make up for the loss of Katelyn.”

Teenie Kent and Mirian Rivas led all scorers with 19

points to help the Tigers move to 17-2. Rivas finished with five steals, as did Sasha Kent. Victoria Hettenbach grabbed five boards. Cantu paced the Mushers with 17 points.

The Blue Devils (17-4) started the game intense, according to Shaw, and played tough on defense to force multiple Carey turnovers to take a 19-9 first-half lead. Jessica Parke led the way with 12 points, while Dietrich was led by Shayla Porter’s 11.

The championship game is set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, in Carey.

Richfield 53, Camas County 37
Camas County
Richfield
10 10 7 10 - 37
12 13 10 - 53
CAMAS COUNTY (37)
Katelyn Peterson 2, Erica Phantharassen 4, Darian Cantu 17, Danielle Knowlton 8, Sunnie Vouch 6. Totals 18 0-0 37.

Dietrich 45, Carey 35
Carey
Dietrich
3 6 9 17 - 35
8 11 14 12 - 45
CAREY (35)
Jaide Parke 4, Jessica Parke 12, Angela Ellsworth 2, Amy Ellsworth 4, Micayla Adamson 9, Nicky Gomez 4. Totals 12 10-15 35.

CLASS 3A SAWTOOTH CENTRAL IDAHO CONFERENCE
GOODING 32 FLIER 28, OT
Gooding held off Filer in

overtime to win 32-28 on Monday and advance to the district tournament championship game.

Angela Vitek scored 10 to help the Senators to Wednesday’s title match.

Gooding, which has played with only six players for the season, won despite being held to just one point during the fourth quarter.

Kimberly awaits Gooding at the College of Southern Idaho Gymnasium.

Gooding 32, Filer 28, OT
Filer
Gooding
57 75 4 - 28
8 6 9 18 - 32
FILER (28)
Alyssa Lekkerkerk 2, Charmaine Weatherly 6, Taylor Twitchell 3, Sierra Koyle 2, Taylor Oyley 4, Natalie Hughes 11. Totals 12 1-1 28.

CLASS 2A CANYON CONFERENCE
GLENN'S FERRY 42, VALLEY 40

Glenns Ferry edged Valley 42-40 on Monday to advance in the Canyon Conference Tournament.

Glenns Ferry’s Karli McHone and Mollee Shrum each scored 15 in the win, while Valley’s Alyssa Henry scored 16.

Glenns Ferry trailed Valley after two quarters but rallied to win by two.

“I am really happy with my girls,” said Pilots head coach Rick Hance. “We trailed after the first two quarters and they kept

mentally in the game. They turned on the juice when they needed to in the fourth quarter. The biggest thing was we hit our free-throws in clutch time.”

Glenns Ferry travels to Declo on Thursday to play for the tournament title.

Glenns Ferry 42, Valley 40
Valley
Glenns Ferry
14 12 4 10 - 40
9 8 9 16 - 42
VALLEY (40)
Marrisa Richardson 4, Valene Lickley 8, Kaylee Kent 1, Dacia Hunter 2, Alyssa Henry 16, Cheyanna Nelson 3, Conny Chaires 6. Totals 15 7-14 40.

CLASS 1A DIV. I SNAKE RIVER CONFERENCE
RAFT RIVER 47, HANSEN 38

Echo Hansen’s four 3-pointers helped Raft River beat Hansen 47-38 on Monday.

Hansen’s dropped 12 points for the Trojans, while Whitney Holtman and Chelzee Nye both added 10. Shawnie Higgins scored 15 for the Huskies.

Raft River plays Challis on Wednesday in the second-place contest.

Raft River 47, Hansen 38
Hansen
Raft River
7 5 10 16 - 38
6 10 12 19 - 47
HANSEN (38)
Nadine Giardina 5, Dori Lockwood 12, Taylor Thomas 1, Mickelnee Baxter 2, Hannah Stanger 1, Shawnie Higgins 15, Shelby Hancock 2. Totals 10 16-21 38.

RAFT RIVER (47)
Kassie Ottley 6, Echo Hansen 12, Hailey Higley 2, Whitney Holtman 10, Chelzee Nye 10, Hailey Greenwood 7. Totals 15 13-19 47.
3-point goals: Hansen 2 (Giardina, Higgins); Raft River 4 (Hansen). Total Fouls: Hansen 17; Raft River 15. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Top-ranked Kansas hooks 'Horns

AUSTIN, Texas — Marcus Morris scored 18 points to lead No. 1 Kansas to an 80-68 victory over No. 14 Texas on Monday night.

The Jayhawks (23-1, 9-0) held the Longhorns (19-5, 5-4), the top-scoring team in the Big 12, to 37 percent shooting and scored 27 points off 17 turnovers.

NO. 4 VILLANOVA 82, NO. 5 WEST VIRGINIA 75
MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Scottie Reynolds scored 19 of his 21 points in the final 13 minutes to lead Villanova in

the season’s first game between teams ranked in the top five.

The Wildcats (21-2, 10-1) rebounded from a blowout loss at No. 7 Georgetown on Saturday to pull into a first-place tie with No. 2 Syracuse in the Big East.

NO. 18 BUTLER 62, LOYOLA, CHICAGO 47
INDIANAPOLIS — Matt Howard scored 20 points to lead Butler to its 13th straight win and at least a share of its fourth straight Horizon League regular season title.

Willie Veasley added 12 points and eight rebounds for the Bulldogs (21-4, 14-0), who matched the second-longest winning streak in school history.

NO. 25 PITTSBURGH 77, ROBERT MORRIS 53
PITTSBURGH — Ashton Gibbs and Jermaine Dixon led a mid-game surge as Pittsburgh broke out of a tie late in the first half by scoring 27 of the next 32 points and improved to 28-0 all-time against its city rival.

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Minico

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between two teams that split their regular-season meetings.

Alex Lindbloom hit a jumper with 49 seconds remaining in regulation to give Wood River a two-point lead. But Fetzer answered back with a driving lay-up to tie it 40-40 with 22 seconds left and send it into overtime.

Now the Spartans’ attention turns to the Bruins, who beat them 36-31 on their home floor last Thursday. The last time these teams played in Twin Falls, however, Minico won 44-43 on Dec. 11.

“We’re really excited and pretty confident, and we’re just going to go play hard and do the best that we can,”

said Bailey.

Minico 48, Wood River 47, OT
Wood River
Minico
12 12 6 10 - 47
11 10 9 10 8 - 48
WOOD RIVER (47)
Alex Lindbloom 2, Kaitana Martinez 10, Grace Lagodich 2, Allie Hestenes 3, Monica Garceau 8, Haylee Thompson 5, Tristan Bowers 11, Cheyenne Swanson 6. Totals 19 6-7 47.

MINICO (48)
Kelli Kindig 2, Kendra Bailey 17, Marlee Chandler 9, Brecka Fetzer 16, TiAnna Stimpson 4. Totals 17 8-13 48.

3-point goals: Wood River 3 (Martinez, Hestenes, Bowers); Minico 6 (Bailey 3, Fetzer 2, Stimpson). Total fouls: Wood River 13; Minico 12. Fouled out: Minico, Stimpson.

Danica Patrick signs on for Nationwide race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Here's something to consider: Maybe Danica Patrick is a pretty good race car driver. She certainly has her detractors, the ones who have dismissed her as nothing more than a well-mar-keted, attractive female who has tallied all of one victory in five seasons of IndyCar racing. So she of course was written off long before she ever climbed into a stock car with the intention of giving NASCAR a spin. Her critics rolled their eyes at her intentions. And rightfully so. Dario Franchitti couldn't cut it, and Sam Hornish Jr. is still struggling three years after his move. With five IndyCar titles and two Indianapolis 500 wins between them, Franchitti and Hornish have far more accomplished resumes than Patrick. So what would make any-one think Patrick would do

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any better? Well, she did. Patrick bumped and banded her way through the crash-filled ARCA race at Daytona International Speedway, where she suc-cessfully dodged one of the sloppiest events in recent memory. She pulled off a masterful save on a slide through the infield grass, fell to the back of the field, and still managed to drive her way to a sixth-place finish. So it came as no surprise that after taking a day to catch her breath, Patrick decided she should indeed make her NASCAR debut this weekend in the second-tier Nationwide Series race at Daytona. She'd been previously praised for declaring Daytona not the right place to make her NASCAR debut,

but after holding her own in the ARCA race, everyone anticipated the about-face that came Monday. “Racing in the Nationwide Series race was my goal during this entire two-month preparation process, but we wanted to make sure it was the right thing to do,” she said. “The ARCA race was a blast, and I’m not ready for my first Daytona Speedweeks to end just yet. I want more racing.” She’ll get it, too. Saturday’s race is a big boy race, with more than half the field expected to be Sprint Cup Series stars. They’ve won nine of the last 10 Nationwide races at Daytona, dating back to 2005 when Martin Truex Jr. won it in a JR Motorsports car. Kelley Earnhardt, general manager and part owner of JRM, doesn’t think Patrick will take the team back to Victory Lane on Saturday. But she doesn’t think

she’ll stink up the show, either. “My dream scenario is she would be up there in the top five competing for the win,” Earnhardt said Monday. “My reasonable expectation is that she just finishes, and brings the car home and maybe gets a top 15. From a car owner standpoint, she showed Saturday that she can make good decisions and not put other cars in jeopardy. “Now, going forward, if something catastrophic happens this Saturday, you’ve still got last week to look back on and say ‘We came out of that OK.’ I think that takes some of the pressure off and allows her to go into her first NASCAR race not worried about her debut.” Regardless of how she performs, Patrick is guaranteed to have an immense spotlight on her the rest of the week. She’s been the central fig-

ure of Speedweeks since her arrival Thursday, and has been constantly swarmed by media and fans everytime she steps into the garage. Her participation brought a whole new level of interest to the typically overlooked ARCA Series, and will undoubtedly do the same for NASCAR at a time when the auto racing series is looking at anyway possible to re-ignite fan interest. Earnhardt has seen circus-like celebrity before, first with her father, the late Dale Earnhardt, and again with brother Dale Earnhardt Jr. And even though Dale Jr. is annually named NASCAR’s most popular driver, it’s been quite some time since his big sister has seen such intense interest at the track. “I’ve been in situations with both of them that have seemed very chaotic, but with Danica, it seemed like there were always at least 200 people swamping her,”

Earnhardt said. “I was really in awe, because I haven’t seen something like that in our sport for awhile. You see a crowd moving through the garage, and you know that Dale (Jr.) is coming, but with Danica, this was definitely different.” It’s only going to get bigger from here, Earnhardt antici-pated. Saturday’s race is the first of 13 she’s scheduled to run this season in a slate she will intertwine with the IndyCar Series and another run at an Indianapolis 500 victory. “She’s done really well with the attention, and I think she’s had a level of this already,” Earnhardt said. “But if she’s successful here, it’s going to be double or triple the attention on our side because our fan base is so much larger and so loyal.”

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SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL				
NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	17	.653	–
Toronto	28	23	.549	5
New York	19	31	.380	13½
Philadelphia	19	31	.380	13½
New Jersey	4	46	.080	28½
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	35	17	.673	–
Atlanta	32	17	.653	1½
Charlotte	24	25	.490	9½
Miami	24	27	.471	10½
Washington	17	32	.347	16½
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	41	11	.788	–
Chicago	24	25	.490	15½
Milwaukee	23	26	.469	16½
Indiana	18	33	.353	22½
Detroit	17	32	.347	22½
WESTERN				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	31	19	.620	–
San Antonio	29	20	.592	1½
Houston	27	23	.540	4
Memphis	26	24	.520	5
New Orleans	27	25	.519	5
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	34	17	.667	–
Utah	31	18	.633	2
Oklahoma City	29	21	.580	4½
Portland	30	23	.566	5
Minnesota	13	38	.255	21
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	39	13	.750	–
Phoenix	31	21	.596	8
L.A. Clippers	21	29	.420	17
Sacramento	16	34	.320	22
Golden State	13	36	.265	24½
Sunday's Games				
Toronto 115, Sacramento 104				
Orlando 96, Boston 89				
Monday's Games				
Orlando 123, New Orleans 117				
Dallas at Golden State, late				
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, late				
Tuesday's Games				
Washington at Charlotte, 5 p.m.				
Chicago at Indiana, 5 p.m.				
New Jersey at Cleveland, 5 p.m.				
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.				
Houston at Miami, 5:30 p.m.				
Sacramento at New York, 5:30 p.m.				
Detroit at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.				
Atlanta at Memphis, 6 p.m.				
Dallas at Denver, 7 p.m.				
Oklahoma City at Portland, 8 p.m.				
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.				

NBA Boxes				
Magic 123, Hornets 117				
NEW ORLEANS (117)				
Stojakovic 11-18 23-29, 22-27, 22-28, Marks 0-4 0-0, Gillson 12-22 2-4 7, Peterson 2-4 2-8, Marks 0-0 0-0, Gray 2-2 0-0 4, Posey 3-8 3-10, Songaila 5-10 0-0 10, Wright 1-2 0-0 2, Hart 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 46-89 16-19 117				
ORLANDO (123)				
Barnes 25-0-5, Lewis 5-9 5-6 18, Howard 8-13 9-13 25, Nelson 2-8 0-0 4, Carter 19-27 4-4 48, Williams 3-7 2-9, Redick 0-1 0-0 0, Bass 2-9 0-0 4, Pietrus 3-7 1-3 8, Gortat 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 45-83 21-28 123				
New Orleans 32 38 24 23 – 117				
Orlando 28 27 32 36 – 123				
3-Point Goals–New Orleans 9-18 (Stojakovic 5-8, Peterson 2-4, Collison 1-2, Posey 1-4), Orlando 12-26 (Carter 6-10, Lewis 3-5, Barnes 1-2, Williams 1-2, Pietrus 1-5, Nelson 0-2). Fouled Out–None. Rebounds–New Orleans 41 (Stojakovic 9), Orlando 50 (Howard 12). Assists–New Orleans 21 (Collison 9), Orlando 21 (Nelson 10). Total Fouls–New Orleans 21, Orlando 18. Technicals–Howard. Flagrant Fouls–Songaila. A–17,461 (17,461).				
NBA All-Star Rosters				
Sunday, Feb. 14				
At Cowboys Stadium				
Arlington, Texas				
(x-starters; i-injured; will not play; r-injury replacement)				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Chris Bosh, F-C, Toronto				
x-Kevin Garnett, F, Boston				
Al Horford, F-C, Atlanta				
x-Dwight Howard, C, Orlando				
x-Allen Iverson, G, Philadelphia				
x-LeBron James, F, Cleveland				
Joe Johnson, G, Atlanta				
Paul Pierce, F, Boston				
Rajon Rondo, G, Boston				

Derrick Rose, G, Chicago				
x-Dwayne Wade, G, Miami				
Gerald Wallace, F, Charlotte				
Coach – Stan Van Gundy, Orlando Magic				
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
x-Carmelo Anthony, F, Denver				
r-Chauncey Billups, G, Denver				
x-Kobe Bryant, G, L.A. Lakers				
x-Tim Duncan, F, San Antonio				
Kevin Durant, F, Oklahoma City				
Pau Gasol, F, L.A. Lakers				
r-Chris Kaman, C, L.A. Clippers				
x-Steve Nash, G, Phoenix				
Dirk Nowitzki, F, Dallas				
i-Chris Paul, G, New Orleans				
Zach Randolph, F, Memphis				
i-Brandon Roy, G, Portland				
x-Amare Stoudemire, F-C, Phoenix				
Deron Williams, G, Utah				
Coach – George Karl, Denver Nuggets				
Men's College Basketball				
Major Scores East				
Delaware 69, UNC Wilmington 62				
Longwood 83, Fairleigh Dickinson 81				
Maine 84, UMB 63				
Pittsburgh 77, North Morris 53				
Rider 70, Niagara 62				
Siena 69, Fairfield 67				
Towson 81, James Madison 78				
Villanova 82, West Virginia 75				
South				
Alabama A&M 77, MVSU 69				
Appalachian St. 75, UNC Greensboro 69				
Coppin St. 70, Florida A&M 44				
Delaware St. 54, Norfolk St. 52				
Elon 81, W. Carolina 76				
Grambling St. 73, Alcorn St. 58				
Hampton 55, Winston-Salem 53				
Jackson St. 63, Southern U. 53				
Mid-Eastern Shore 62, N. Carolina A&T 52				
Mercer 83, S.C.-Upstate 69				
Morgan St. 48, Bethune-Cookman 47				
S. Carolina St. 77, Howard 64				
The Citadel 72, Coll. of Charleston 65				
Midwest				
Butler 62, Loyola of Chicago 47				
Detroit 92, Chicago 72				
Valparaiso 83, Ill.-Chicago 82				
Southwest				
Ark.-Pine Bluff 47, Alabama St. 42				
Morgan St. 48, Texas A&M 68				
Rice 73, Texas A&M International 66				
Far West				
New Mexico St. 70, Louisiana Tech 68				
Rankings AP Top 25				
W-L	Pts	Pvs		
1. Kansas (55)	22-1	1,613	1	
2. Syracuse (8)	22-1	1,553	3	
3. Kentucky (2)	22-1	1,514	4	
4. Villanova	20-2	1,366	2	
5. West Virginia	19-3	1,361	6	
6. Purdue	19-3	1,301	8	
7. Georgetown	17-5	1,211	7	
8. Duke	19-4	1,142	10	
9. Kansas St.	19-4	1,139	10	
10. Michigan St.	19-5	968	5	
11. Wisconsin	18-5	871	16	
12. Tennessee	18-4	850	14	
13. Ohio St.	18-6	845	13	
14. Texas	19-4	789	9	
15. New Mexico	21-3	725	15	
16. Gonzaga	19-4	693	17	
17. BYU	22-3	532	12	
18. Butler	20-4	422	23	
19. N. Iowa	21-2	269	21	
20. Georgia Tech	17-6	268	21	
21. Temple	19-5	223	19	
22. Vanderbilt	17-5	222	18	
23. UNLV	19-4	209	–	
24. Baylor	17-5	202	20	
25. Pittsburgh	17-6	149	22	
Others receiving votes: Texas A&M 115, Cornell 114, Wake Forest 109, Maryland 69, Charlotte 48, UTEP 33, Mississippi 30, Rhode Island 30, Saint Mary's, Calif. 18, Siena 18, Illinois 16, Florida St. 15, Virginia Tech 11, Marquette 10, UAB 7, Richmond 5, Wichita St. 5, Missouri 3, South Florida 2.				

USA Today/ESPN Top 25				
W-L	Pts	Pvs		
1. Kansas (29)	22-1	773	1	
2. Kentucky (1)	22-1	731	3	
3. Syracuse (1)	23-1	728	4	
4. West Virginia	19-3	657	6	
5. Villanova	20-2	639	2	
6. Purdue	19-3	599	7	
7. Duke	19-4	574	9	
8. Georgetown	17-5	560	8	
9. Kansas St.	19-4	506	11	
10. Michigan St.	19-5	455	5	
11. Gonzaga	19-4	427	13	
12. Tennessee	18-4	417	14	

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

5 p.m.
Community School at Twin Falls
Christian

6 p.m.
Camas County at Twin Falls Christian

7:30 p.m.
Castleford at Shoshone
Hansen at Valley
Kimberly at Filer
Oakley at Lighthouse Christian,
Jerome Middle School
Raft River at Sho-Ban
Wendell at Buhl

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

See Sports 2
Class 4A Great Basin Conference
Tournament

See Sports 2

Class 1A Division I Sawtooth
Conference Tournament

See Sports 2

Class 1A Division II Northside
Conference Tournament

See Sports 2

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

6 p.m.
Gooding at Canyon Ridge

TV SCHEDULE

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

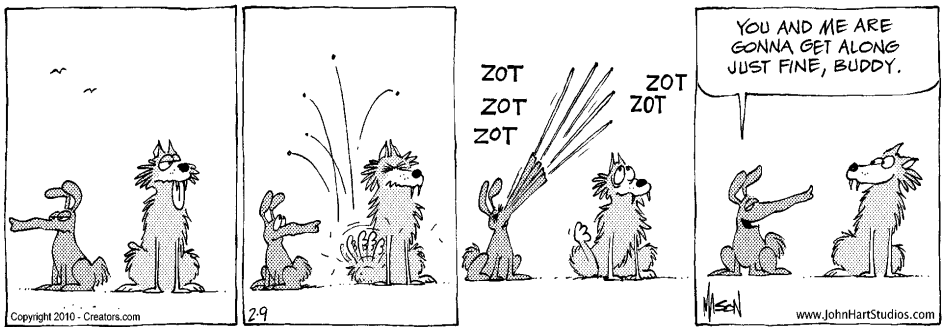
5 p.m.
ESPN — Tennessee at Vanderbilt
ESPN2 — Georgetown at Providence

7 p.m.
ESPN — Purdue at Michigan St.

NHL
6 p.m.
VERSUS — Detroit at St. Louis

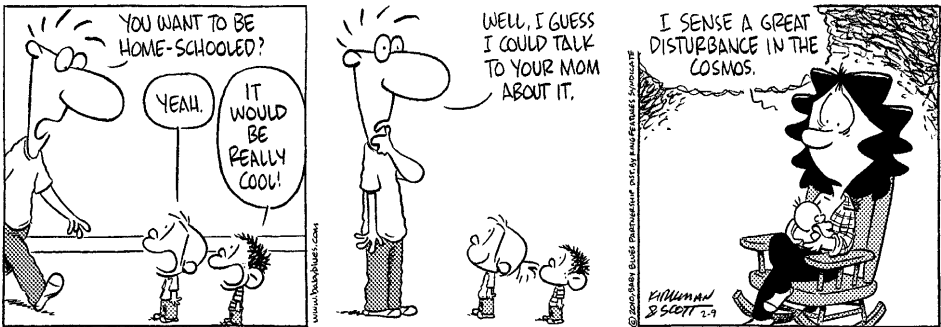
B.C.

By Mastroianni and Hart



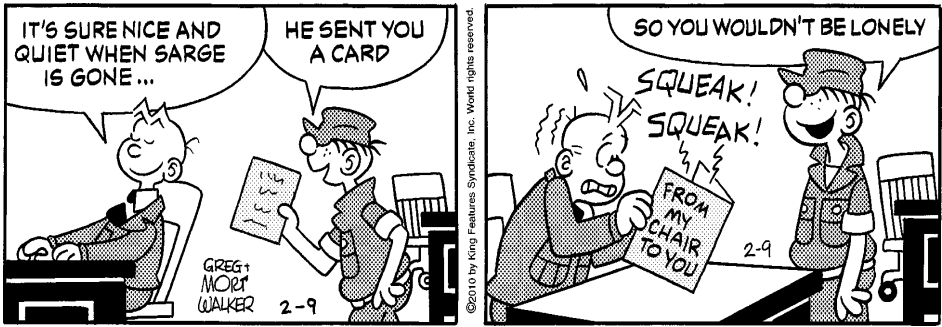
Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



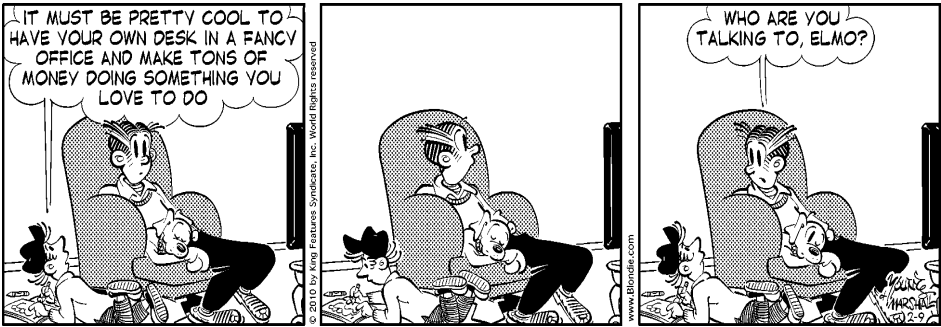
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By Mort Walker



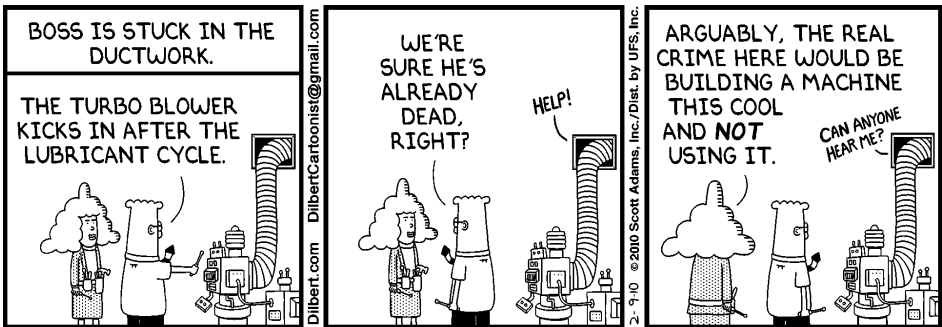
Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



The Elderberries

By Phil Frank and Joe Troise



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston




Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves




Garfield

By Jim Davis



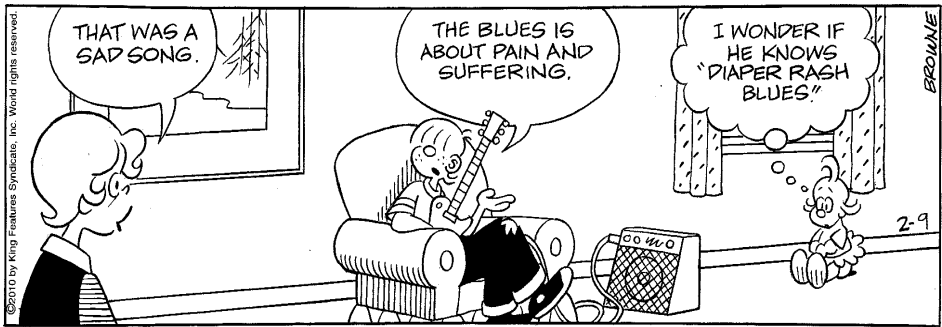
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By Chris Browne



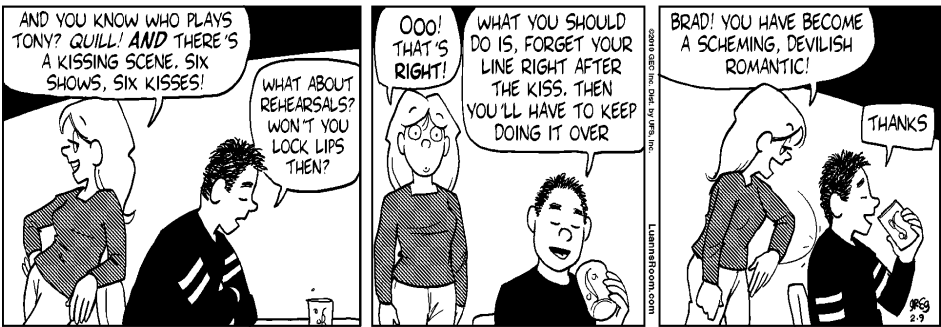
Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Luann

By Greg Evans



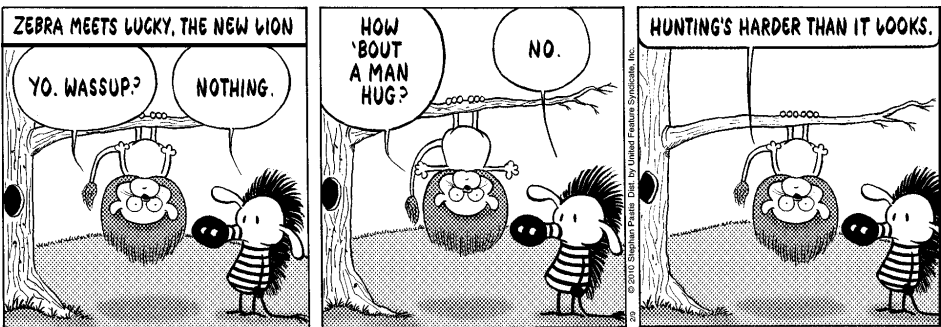
Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis



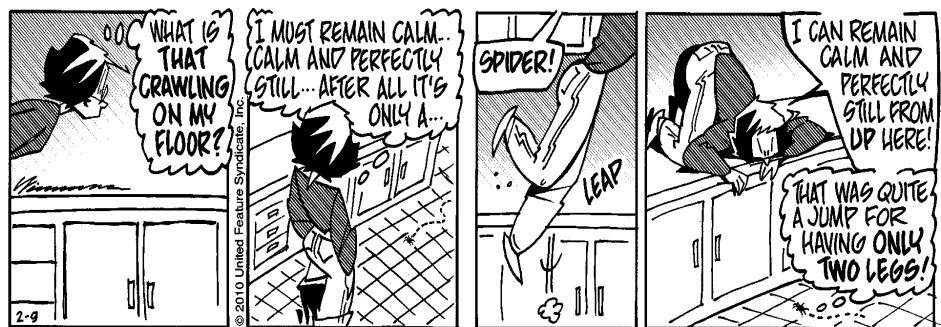
Pickles

By Brian Crane




Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

