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Twin Falls Police officer Asmir Kararic makes a traffic stop Monday on Fillmore Street. There are still openings for the department's Citizens Academy, which gives citizens an opportunity to learn more about the department and take a ride-along with an officer after completing the program.

T.F. police set dates for Citizens Academy

Times-News

Twin Falls police are offering citizens a better way to earn a ride in a police car than the usual method. The Twin Falls Police Department has set the dates for an upcoming Citizens Academy aimed at promoting community partnerships and preventing crime. The academy will be held from March 10 through April 28, with a break during the week of March 17, according to information from officer Lucas Allen. Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday evenings, and are slated to focus on several different

TO APPLY

Applications may be picked up in the TFPD lobby at 356 Third Ave. E. Information: 735-7358.

areas of police work, including: bomb squad, traffic enforcement, K-9 operations, domestic violence, fraud, crime prevention, crime scenes and firearms, according to information from TFPD. In order to participate, citizens applying must be at least 21 years old and live or work in Twin Falls, according to a press release from

TFPD. "At the conclusion of the academy, participants will be given the opportunity to ride with a patrol officer during their scheduled shift." Applicants cannot have any felony or misdemeanor arrests within the past six months, and must pass a criminal-history check in order to participate, according to TFPD. Last week, Allen said he had received about six applications and noted space will be limited to about 20 slots. A space tally was not immediately available on Monday. The application deadline is Feb. 22. Last month, a citizens academy was offered in Jerome.

Proposal aims
scholarships at
early graduates

Incentive would
offer up to \$4,500
to students

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

BOISE — Idaho high school students who graduate early would be eligible for new scholarships to Idaho's public colleges and universities, under a legislative proposal heard Monday in the House Education Committee. The proposal aims to provide additional motivation for students who are doing well in school and are capable of accelerated advancement, said Rep. Steven Thayn, R-Emmett, a co-sponsor of the proposal. Under the bill, if a student graduates early from high school, his or her scholarship would be funded by 35 percent of the state funding that would have gone to the school district if the student remained in high school. For students, that comes out to a "mastery advancement scholarship" of about \$1,500 per year of early entrance into higher education, up to a maximum of \$4,500 for three years. Under the proposal, another 35 percent of the state funding would continue to go to the school district, with the remaining 30 percent staying in the state's general fund. The committee on Monday agreed to move the proposal along to the House with a favorable recommendation. The scholarship money can only used for Idaho's public institutions,

Bedke proposes
rainy day fund
for higher ed

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

BOISE — House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, introduced a legislative proposal on Monday aimed at creating a rainy day fund for higher education. The legislation would start what's called the Higher Education Stabilization Fund to hold money in reserve for various types of institutions, from state universities to community colleges like the College of Southern Idaho. Referring to the state's current economic woes hitting higher education, Bedke said the bill proposal should have been started in better times. The fund could come in handy now. "Would that we had done this five or six years ago, but we didn't," Bedke said in a hearing at the House Education Committee. Higher education has

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not private or out-of-state colleges. In his presentation, Thayn said dual-credit college courses have blossomed in high schools. "What I maintain is the education system is already moving in the direction

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adds new features

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The *Times-News* and its Web site, Magicvalley.com, have added new interactive features. Community members can now upload their photos and videos of news and community events on the new user submission form, Your MV.com. On the home page, just click on the "Your Submissions" button. The *Times-News* is also on Facebook. The Facebook button on the home page will link directly to the *Times-News* Facebook page, where users can interact and find a variety of information. Magicvalley.com users can also sign up for e-mail alerts of breaking news. On the home page, click on

the "E-mail Alerts" button. Magicvalley.com has also made other improvements, including a newer, larger video player on the home page. The player includes separate categories for news, sports, features, entertainment and outdoors. The Crime and Courts page includes a weekly crime incident map, 5th District Court news, Law and Disorder, as well as local crime and courts news stories. Users can find the Crime and Court button under the News header. For more information about these new features, contact Online Editor Pat Marcantonio at patm@magicvalley.com or 725-3288.

Business owners feel pinch
from unemployment tax hike

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho business owners are feeling the pinch and looking for ways to recoup the costs of paying a state unemployment tax that has doubled from a year ago. State officials also say the tax paid by employers could remain high through 2011 and possibly into 2012 as the economy improves, more people return to work and the state seeks to repay millions of dollars in federal loans used to pay unemployment benefits. The tax rate is tied to jobless claims, and the rate increase for 2010 is double the rate from a year ago and follows a 70 percent increase in 2009. The standard rate paid by employers in 2009 was 1.56 percent on the first \$33,200 in wages earned by an employee,

an average of \$518 per worker. That rate is up from \$296 paid by employers in 2008. This year, the standard rate has risen to 3.36 percent on the first \$33,300 earned in wages, or more than \$1,100 per employee, according to state figures. The standard rate is applied to employers in business fewer than 18 months. An employer's actual rates are then pegged to unemployment insurance claims made by workers laid off. The increase in rates has irritated hundreds of Idaho business owners. The tax boost announced in December spurred 700 complaints to the Idaho Department of Labor from business owners, with 300 callers saying they were angry or frustrated, department

spokesman Bob Fick said. Some employers' tax rates have tripled or quadrupled in response to unemployment claims, Fick said. "My rate tripled," Laura Canalas, a certified public accountant with up to 50 clients in Idaho and beyond and one half-time employee, told the *Idaho Statesman*. Gary McCracken, owner of Clothesline Cleaners in Boise, said his unemployment-tax increase will push up his employee expenses, excluding wages and benefits, by 47 percent. He had expected a decrease because of layoffs and other budget-cutting efforts. "It was kind of shocking," he said. For other entrepreneurs, the challenges is finding ways to recoup the higher costs.

Brandon Wright, owner of Ultra Clean Fire, Floods and Carpets in Meridian, expects to pay \$10,000 more in unemployment taxes this year for 12 employees. To offset the higher tax, Wright says he will probably increase service charges. He already has cut 10 staff positions and stopped offering some unprofitable services. "Without passing on the cost to someone, our business will cease to exist," he said. In 2005, state lawmakers restructured the fund and tax rate. With support from business and labor leaders, the Legislature reduced the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund's target balance from \$400 million to \$200 million to keep more money in the pockets of businesses during boom times.



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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



● Learn how to maintain your health at the Buhl Community Health and Informational Fair from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Popplewell Elementary School, 200 N. Sixth Ave. There's dinner and entertainment, along with vision and blood-pressure screenings. Best of all, it's free.

● Learn about the pros and cons of voting by mail. The League of Women Voters public meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the KMMT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

● A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, prepared and served by Cub Scout Pack 678, will be held from 5 to

7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., Burley. Your freewill offering will benefit the scouts.

● And now a bonus pick: The Fat Tuesday Empty Bowl Fundraiser, hosted by Southern Idaho Parrot Head Club, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Canyon Crest Dinning & Event Center in Twin Falls. Tickets are \$20. The event benefits the Twin Falls Salvation Army Food Pantry. Information: 720-8001.

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

Jerome drive-by shooting under investigation

Times-News

Jerome County Sheriff Doug McFall said Monday that authorities are investigating a drive-by shooting in which a vehicle was struck by a bullet early Sunday morning.

McFall said nobody was injured in the incident, and there have been no arrests in the case, which may have involved a dispute.

Authorities said the

shooting unfolded along 400 South Road in Jerome County at about 1:30 a.m. on Sunday.

After the shooting was reported, a vehicle description was provided and McFall said officers stopped a vehicle matching the description, though no one was arrested.

The Jerome County Sheriff's Office seeks any information on the incident. Call 644-2770.

Bedke

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been hit with deep cuts amid declining revenues, and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's recommendation for this fiscal year calls for a 6 percent budget holdback for state institutions and community colleges.

Public K-12 education, meanwhile, has been held harmless to a greater degree, with its rainy day fund shielding schools from worse cuts.

"Hindsight's 20/20 isn't it?" said House Education Committee Chairman Rep. Bob Nonini, R-Coeur d'Alene.

Bedke's proposed fund would create three different stabilization accounts, each requiring legislative appropriations to tap into after they're built up.

Two of the accounts would be available for the Legislature to deposit surplus money into when times are better. One account is for the state universities and Lewis-Clark State

College, and the other account is for the community colleges, including CSI and Eastern Idaho Technical College.

The board of education would distribute the money based on a formula that factors in items like each institution's number of full-time employees.

There would be no State Board of Education formula for the account for community colleges and technical education, which also would be appropriated through the Legislature.

The third account would take interest from student fees and tuition from Lewis-Clark State College, Boise State University, Idaho State University and Eastern Idaho Technical College. This year, that's estimated to be \$114,000, currently kept in an account in the state treasurer's office. The University of Idaho invests in outside portfolios that aren't under the treasurer's office.

CORRECTIONS

Headline misidentified business location

A headline in a story published Saturday in the Business section misidentified the location of the Party Hardy Edutainment Center.

The business is located in Heyburn.

Flag ceremony information incorrect

A photo caption in Sunday's *Times-News* incorrectly described an Eagle Scout flag ceremony as a flag burning. The correct terminology is to retire, not burn, a United States flag. Eagle Scout Jaxon Pearl presided over the ceremony.

Wrong date given for event

An item in Pat's Picks on Monday incorrectly reported the date of the Fat Tuesday Empty Bowl Fundraiser hosted by Southern Idaho Parrot Head Club. The event takes place from 6 to 8 tonight at the Canyon Crest Dinning & Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls.

The *Times-News* regrets the errors.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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.

Snake River Jazz Ensemble, plays in an open jazz jam session, 6 to 8 p.m., Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St. S., Twin Falls, musicians are invited to participate, no cost.

CSI Diversity Council Black History month event, speaker: Cherie Buckner-Webb, discuss the history and impact African-Americans have in Idaho, 6:30 to 8 p.m., CSI Shields building, Room 117/118, no cost, students and general public invited, 732-6282.

Mardi Gras party, featuring music by Four Stroke Bus, doors open at 6:30 p.m.; show, 7 to 10 p.m., Sawtooth Botanical Garden, 11 Gimlet Road and Idaho Highway 75, Ketchum, \$30 singles and \$50 per couple, benefits the botanical garden, reservations: 726-9358.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, served by Wendell Methodist men, 5 to 7 p.m., Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main St., visit with family and friends, free will offering, 536-2305.

Fat Tuesday Empty Bowl Fundraiser hosted by Southern Idaho Parrot Head Club, 6 to 8 p.m., followed by live music 10 p.m., Canyon Crest Dinning & Event Center, tickets: \$20 per person at O'Dunken's, Canyon Crest or any Southern Idaho Parrot Head Club member, (benefits the Twin Falls Salvation Army Food Pantry), 720-8001.

BUSINESS

Twin Falls chamber meeting, economic issues forum, F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter project, noon, 9 Beans and a Burrito, 764 Cheney Drive, Twin Falls, 733-3974.

Twin Falls chamber board meeting, 1:15 p.m., chamber office, 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 733-3974.

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

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Knitters & Crocheters 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 Services program Community Service Council weekly meeting, noon, Health Sciences and Human Services building, Room 239, College of Southern Idaho,

315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 732-6262.

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

Snake River Weavers Guild meeting, 1:30 p.m., hostess: Elly Young, call for location: 734-5358.

NSAI (Nashville Songwriter's Association International) Workshop, 5:30 to 8 p.m., upstairs Great Room, Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls, all songwriters welcome, no cost for NSAI members, nonmembers get first two visits free, then it is \$15 per month, 420-4232, www.nashwillesongwriters.com or i_am_a_songwriter@yahoo.com.

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.

Voting by Mail public meeting, hosted by League of Women Voters, 7 p.m., KMMT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, (cookies and punch served), no cost, 326-5030.

EDUCATION

Workshop: Strong Women Stay Young, six-week program, 4 to 5 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$15, 734-9590.

Learn to Live Healthy Series, class about healthy life behaviors, 5:30 to 7 p.m., CSI campus, four sessions: Chinese medicine, yoga, meditation and nutrition, four week series: \$85 or \$35 for individual weekly sessions, taught by Dana Henry, (noncredit), 732-6290 or community.csi.edu.

Learn Guitar: An Introduction, basic skills, 6 to 7 p.m., CSI campus, \$60 registration, plus \$5 material fee, taught by Mark Tatro, (noncredit), 732-6290 or community.csi.edu.

Pottery, explores ceramic building and glaze techniques for beginners to experienced potters, 6 to 7 p.m., CSI campus, \$130 registration, plus \$20 material fee, taught by Mark Tatro, (noncredit), 732-6290 or community.csi.edu.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

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

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

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.

Jerome City Council, 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.

Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main St., 543-6436.

Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-9815.

Castleford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main St., 537-6511.

Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W., 934-5669.

Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main St., 536-6318.

Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main St., 326-5000.

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 uninsured, 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 Fourth Ave. E., no cost, open to public, 733-2964 ext. 110.

Book Talk, features: Charles Frazier's debut novel "Cold Mountain," discussion led by Carole Carlson, 7 p.m., Buhl Public Library, 215 N. Broadway Ave., no cost, 543-6500.

Let's Talk About It, book discussion: "Bloodlines" by Janet Campbell, 7 p.m., Filer Library, 219 Main St., no cost, 326-4143.

Kids Craft week, kindergarteners to sixth-graders, can pick up cool craft kit from Youth Services Desk at the Twin Falls Public Library, 201 4th Ave. E., during library hours, open to the public, 733-2964 ext. 110.

TODAY'S REMINDERS

Reminder for Feb. 23: Alliance Forum, noon, Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, networking and training for manufacturing industry, no cost, reservation required: 733-3974 or shawn@twinfallschamber.com.

Jerome child raising money for other students

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

Tristn Griffis is a 10-year-old Summit Elementary School student in Jerome, but he doesn't sound or act his age.

When he learned that 20 of his classmates couldn't afford \$5 recorders or \$8 roller skates for school activities, Griffis started selling raffle tickets, hoping to earn enough money to pay for the musical instruments and physical-education equipment. Both programs are part of the school district's curricula, but parents are required to purchase the items, which the students then keep.

"It wouldn't be fair to be undereducated," Griffis said. "I wanted them to learn how

to skate and play the recorder."

Roller skates are self-explanatory, but for those who don't know or recall, recorders are beginner instruments — essentially plastic flutes held forward instead of sideways. They don't produce a loud sound but they provide kids with a sense of how to read music and understand time signatures.

"It's easy to make a sound and helps them learn fingering and musical notes. It creates a band experience, only without a large expense," said Penni Coon, music teacher at Summit Elementary. "We have parents who have lost their jobs and people who are home-



Griffis

less — prices keep going up, and it's been hard for schools because of budget cuts."

Griffis needs to raise \$250. So far, he has \$150. The raffle drawing — for a quilt made by his great-

grandmother — will take place Sunday.

"I think it's awesome," Coon said. "If there's a need, he feels deeply about it and makes sure it's solved."

For \$5, each student gets a recorder, a music book, a cardboard music stand and a neck strap.

"We have families who don't have enough to eat. How can you expect them to buy recorders if they don't even have the essentials?" Coon said. "Tristn is filling

that need. He's amazingly compassionate."

By all accounts, Griffis is a selfless kid, but his generosity hasn't always been reciprocated. He was abandoned by his mother when he was 3 years old and is now being raised by his grandparents, who have legal custody.

Both Coon and Griffis' grandma, Shelly Phillips, mentioned a destitute family that moved to the area last year and motivated Griffis to donate his allowance to the mother and her six children for Christmas presents, as well as nominate them for a Walmart shopping spree.

Griffis didn't get complicated or philosophical about his latest project.

"It's so people who don't have anything can have nice things," he said.

Graduates

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we're talking about in this bill," he said. "We're not really creating something

completely new out of whole cloth"

The bill, co-sponsored by Rep. Branden Durst, D-Boise, would set up a six-year pilot program to test the concept in 21 school districts and three charter schools, with participating schools varying in size and location within the state. School districts interested in participating would be selected after applying with the State Department of Education.

The program puts assessments in place for students interested in graduating early. At the same time, putting on the cap and gown a year or two early would be a strictly voluntary choice for students. School districts

would not be required by the state to participate, either.

Durst said the legislation would help students who get bored in school because the pace is too slow.

"We all probably know someone in our families that has gone through the public education system that we knew didn't reach their potential," he said.

Magic Valley lawmakers on the committee said the proposal has the potential to help students.

"I know, having been a former teacher, that the issue of gifted children and children with high academic abilities very often does not fit into the academics of our school system, and this is

something that needs to be addressed," said Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls. "Very often they become discouraged. ... They need a challenge."

Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, said the proposal is a good idea, adding that parental involvement is a key component.

Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls, said that in a way, the legislation is a reminder of early U.S. history, when private colleges accepted younger students based on exams and academics.

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The way we were in, say, 9,000 B.C.

Much of what we know about the folks who used to live in this neighborhood is because Camas County farmer Bill Simon had such sharp eyes.

In fall 1961, Simon was scraping a roadway on his property near Fairfield, using a bulldozer and a carryall. He glanced at an 18-inch-deep trench he'd just dug and noticed several stone spear points at the bottom. Simon summoned some neighbors to help him look around, and they found more.

The farmer had the wit to call the archaeology department at Idaho State College in Pocatello, and when researcher Robert Butler set eyes on the spear points he was astounded.

They were Clovis points, named after the town in New Mexico where similar artifacts were first found, and they were at least 11,000 years old.

At the time, that was far older than the period most archaeologists believed humankind first roamed the steppes of south-central Idaho. But research going on at about the same time 60 miles to the southeast would change that opinion.

In 1959 and 1960, Ruth Gruhn — a Radcliff College-trained archaeologist — surveyed Wilson Butte Cave south of Dietrich, did radio-carbon dating of the artifacts she found there, and estimated there was evidence of human habitation 14,500 years ago.

Gruhn's hypothesis about the age of the Wilson Butte artifacts was and still is controversial, but together she and Simon changed the conversation about who we are and where we came from.

Oregon-based journalist

YOU DON'T SAY

Steve Crump



Randy Stapilus, a longtime Idaho newspaperman, describes our Idaho predecessors in his 2002 book, "It Happened in Idaho."

The hunters mainly kept to the valleys which range from 4,900 feet to 5,400 feet elevation, for the game — deer, bears and bison. And also for the obsidian, the naturally occurring volcanic glass perfect for use as spear points.

"In the firelight, the hunters prepared their weapons, pounding flakes from the core of stones they found and placing them under the campfire, heat-treating them," Stapilus said. "It took about eight hours to get the stones just right for reshaping. The hunters used small rocks or sometimes part of an antler to hammer the stone into a sharp, V-shaped point."

Sometimes these spear points were traded with other bands of hunters. Some may have been cached — left behind for later use — like the ones Simon discovered many millennia later.

How many millennia remains an open question. Since 1975, when unexpectedly old human artifacts were discovered at a site in Chile, the archaeology community has been divided by disagreement about when the first migrants arrived in North America from Asia. Some scientists now believe it may have been more than 30,000 years ago.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

Light agenda planned for Twin Falls council

After a couple of busy weeks, the Twin Falls City Council will have a light agenda at its regular meeting tonight.

The weekly meeting, delayed one day due to the Presidents Day holiday, will begin at 5 p.m. at Council Chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

The council will consider appointing a new member to the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District after Jeff Bulkley, former owner of Cain's Home Furnishings, tendered his resignation in December.

An interview panel made up of Mayor Don Hall, Councilman Lance Clow, BID Vice Chairman Greg Edson and Trudi Nutile, the city's economic development administrative assistant, evaluated three candidates and recommended Gail Ater to fill the spot. Ater

is owner of Gail S. Ater Counseling Services LLC at 219 Shoshone St. N.

The council will also consider the final plat of the West Park Commercial Subdivision No. 5, a planned-unit development covering nearly 5 acres and three commercial lots between Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center and DaVita Twin Falls Dialysis Center on Canyon Crest Drive. The specific use for the sites was not indicated to city staff, according to a staff report.

Also, in the council's consent calendar, members will decide whether to accept the donation of a park bench and plaque for City Park from the Red Hat Society's Magic Valley chapter. The chapter's plaque would read, "In memory of our Queen Victoria Jenkins, her efforts brought the Red Hat Society to the Twin Falls area. Your Red Hat Sisters."

Check out what's new at magicvalley.com



The Herrett Forum
presents
Ken Swanson
Executive Director of the
Idaho Military Historical Museum
"The History of Military Fort Boise"

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17th
Admission is free of charge.

Rick Allen Community Room of the
Herrett Center
for Arts and Science

Located on
North College Road
in Twin Falls

Judge gives feds final chance for salmon rescue changes

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer



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

A federal judge has given the government a final chance to shore up a plan to rescue salmon and steelhead populations across the Northwest, including species that travel from the ocean to Idaho's lakes and streams.

Last fall, lawyers for the Obama administration announced that federal officials would continue to defend a 2008 plan to help the fish recover. The administration then supplemented the plan with an adaptive-management policy in which declines in fish populations would trigger a variety of management actions.

Trouble is, the new components weren't properly introduced into the record of the case. In a letter sent Wednesday, U.S. District Judge James A. Redden offered to give the federal government three months to formally incorporate the proposals into the 2008 salmon plan. The Obama administration has until this

Friday to accept the offer; if it doesn't, Redden wrote, he'll go ahead and rule on the plan without considering the additional tweaks.

That would presumably be disastrous for the government, given Redden's statements about the Bush-era plan in previous letters. While the government faced criticism from both sides of the issue last year — blasted by members of Congress and others for mentioning breaching four lower Snake River dams as a last-ditch option, and derided by environmentalists for not releasing a more aggressive plan — Redden even last week complemented the adaptive addition's improvements.

It still could do more, however, Redden wrote. He encouraged federal officials to seize the opportunity to improve their plan. And, not satisfied with their narrower proposal to make adjust-

ments over just 10 days, he reminded them they must use the best available science whether it supports their cause or not.

"They cannot rely exclusively on materials that support one position, while ignoring new or opposing scientific information," Redden wrote.

A NOAA Fisheries spokesman told the Associated Press last week that the government would have to carefully consider the judge's proposal. Idaho politicians and water users have in the past stated their fears that Redden will order more water for the fish from out of Idaho or for the four

dams to be removed.

The environmental groups still opposing the government, meanwhile, declared last week's letter a victory.

"The federal government continues to shirk its responsibility under the Endangered Species Act, hoping conservation and fishing groups will grow tired of the fight and give up," stated Kevin Lewis, conservation policy director for Idaho Rivers United. "This most recent letter is encouraging because it appears that sooner than later the federal government will have to create a legal and scientifically sound salmon recovery plan."

The path to such a plan will require serious stakeholder negotiations that consider all options, including dam-breaching, wrote Greg Stahl, the group's assistant policy director.

Bliss man accused in Arizona homicide

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A Bliss man accused of killing a man in Arizona has turned himself in at the Gooding County Jail.

Cory Austin Ainslie, 25, is accused of murder for a homicide last week in Aguila, Ariz., according to Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough.

Gough declined to discuss the homicide allegations on Monday, but according to news reports last week from Arizona, the fatal shooting of Edward Moreno, 34, allegedly happened after an altercation.

On Monday, Ainslie awaited extradition to Maricopa County after he was booked into the Gooding jail last week on the Arizona murder charge. Quinn Alton Messersmith, 22, of Weiser, was also jailed on an Arizona charge of aggravated assault, according to Gough.

Neither Messersmith nor Ainslie is charged with

crimes in Idaho, though both appeared Wednesday in Gooding County Magistrate Court on fugitive warrants out of Arizona and waived their extraditions, according to online court records.

After the alleged homicide, Ainslie and an unidentified man in his 20s were identified as investigative leads by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, which was seeking information about them last week.

Ainslie was described as driving a pickup towing a trailer with two horses, *The Arizona Republic* reported.

Gough said Monday that he learned last week the suspects could be headed into Idaho and he advised Ainslie to turn himself in, which Ainslie and Messersmith proceeded to do.

A call to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office was not immediately returned.

Neither Ainslie nor Messersmith have violent criminal histories in Idaho, Gough confirmed.

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Bayh exits Senate against backdrop of angry voters

By Alan Fram
Associated Press writer

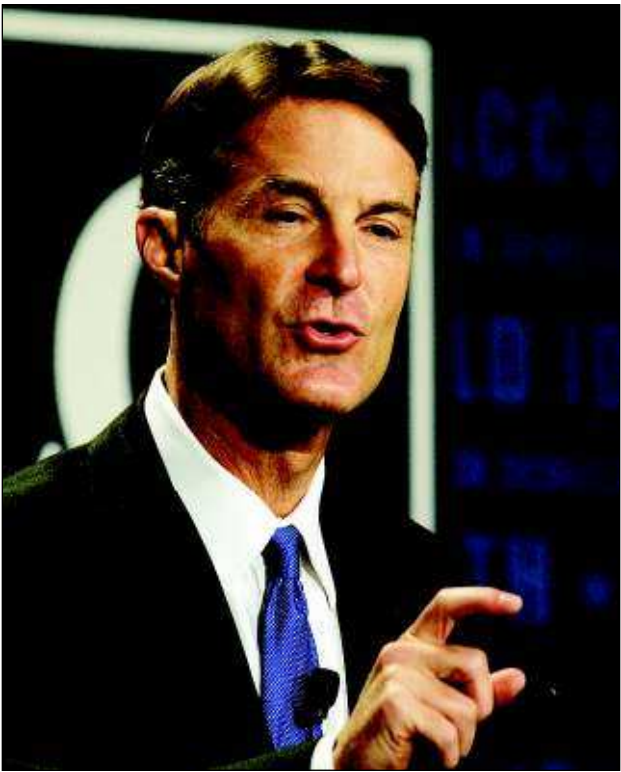
WASHINGTON — The stunning announcement by centrist Indiana Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh that he's retiring from a Congress he no longer loves adds yet another name to a list of lawmakers fleeing a town they say has become acidly partisan. And it gives Republicans a chance to pick up a seat.

The decision by the Indiana Democrat, who was in strong position to win a third term in November in his GOP-leaning state, also compounds the problems facing Senate Democrats this fall as they cling to their majority in the chamber, where they now hold 59 of the 100 votes.

Bayh joins a growing roster of recent Democratic retirements that includes Rep. Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island and Sens. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut and Byron Dorgan of North Dakota. Yet the congressional casualty list has a decidedly bipartisan flavor, with recent retirement announcements coming from Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., and other GOP House members from Michigan, Indiana, Arkansas and Arizona.

"Whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, you've probably had some very nasty town hall meetings lately, and most normal human beings don't enjoy being yelled at," said Jack Pitney, a political scientist at Claremont-McKenna College in Claremont, Calif. "Democrats stand to lose more than Republicans because they're in the party, but Republicans are catching some of this too."

Democrats have a 255-178 edge in the House, with two vacancies from Democratic-held seats. But there are 49



Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., speaks in Denver on July 24, 2006, file photo. Bayh, a prominent Democrat who has been mentioned prominently in connection with White House sweepstakes in recent years, announced Monday he will not seek re-election.

Democrats from districts Republican presidential candidate John McCain won in 2008, placing them among the most endangered House Democrats.

With the public upset over job losses, spiraling federal deficits and spending, huge bonuses awarded to executives of bailed-out financial institutions, and Washington's yearlong preoccupation with health care, one need look no further than recent polls to gauge the poisonous political atmosphere facing members of Congress seeking re-election:

- In an Associated Press-GfK poll in mid-January, just 32 percent approved of how Congress was handling its job, including just 4 percent strongly approving, though Democrats got higher marks than Republicans. People were split about evenly over

whether they wanted their own members of Congress to be re-elected, an unusually poor showing. And while nearly everyone named the economy as the most important issue, just one in five considered the economy in good shape.

- A CBS News/New York Times poll in early February found 81 percent saying it's time to elect new people to Congress, with just 8 percent saying most members deserve re-election.

The departure of Bayh, 54, sent deeper shock waves than most. Telegenic and on the list of potential running mates for the past two Democratic national tickets, Bayh is known more for the moderate tone of his politics than for any particular legislative achievements, and his parting words had a notably plaintive tenor.

"To put it in words most Hoosiers can understand: I love working for the people of Indiana, I love helping our citizens make the most of their lives, but I do not love Congress," Bayh said Monday in the statement he read in Indianapolis announcing his decision.

He also lambasted the acid divide between Democrats and Republicans in Washington, saying, "I am not motivated by strident partisanship or ideology." He added that he wanted to work in the private sector, perhaps running a business, university or charity, for "solutions not slogans, progress not politics."

Republicans saw a more partisan motivation in Bayh's departure.

"The fact of the matter is Senator Evan Bayh and moderate Democrats across the country are running for the hills because they sold out their constituents and don't want to face them at the ballot box," Michael Steele, chairman of the national Republican Party, said in a written statement regarding the \$787 billion stimulus bill enacted a year ago and other measures.

GOP pollster Neil Newhouse saw Bayh's decision through the prism of the GOP's startling capture of the Senate seat in deep-blue Massachusetts that had been held by the late Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy.

"Don't kid yourself. Scott Brown claims another victim," Newhouse said of Massachusetts' new GOP senator. "It's mostly Democrats seeing the handwriting on the wall."

‘Tea-party’ leaders to meet with GOP chairman

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — About 50 leaders of the grass-roots "tea party" movement will meet in Washington today with Republican Party Chairman Michael Steele and other top party operatives to discuss campaign strategies and conservative principles.

The afternoon meeting on Capitol Hill will mark the first time a broad coalition of tea party organizers — who have railed against both the Democratic and the Republican establishments — will sit down with GOP leaders. Top Republican leaders have been openly courting tea party organizers, looking to marshal grass-roots energy heading into November's midterm elections.

Karin Hoffman, founder of DC Works for Us, a Florida tea party group, said she initiated the meeting by approaching Steele last month and asking him to sit down with a range of tea party organizers. She said her goal is to open a civil dialogue with the GOP leadership, but she dismissed any suggestion that tea party groups would merge with the Republican Party.

"From the get-go, the grass-roots movement

emerged from people desiring to be heard and not feeling like their voices are being heard in Washington," Hoffman said in an interview. "This is the beginning of a formal discussion with the political establishment."

RNC spokeswoman Katie Wright said Steele plans to listen to concerns of tea party leaders and hopes to discuss such issues as lower taxes and smaller government. "The chairman believes it is extremely important to listen to this significant grass-roots movement and work to find common ground in order to elect officials that will protect these principles," Wright said.

The organizers meeting with Steele and his top RNC lieutenants represent some 30 tea party groups across the country, from Connecticut to South Carolina to Texas. Hoffman said each tea party leader is paying his or her way to come to Washington — "there's not a single corporate dime," she said — and noted that dozens of other organizers could not come because of the travel costs.

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But the South's biggest city, Atlanta, was spared a second coating after a snowstorm Friday and Saturday that was blamed for hundreds of traffic accidents.

Forecasters had warned another 2 inches of snow could fall early Monday, but overnight temperatures stayed above freezing and it rained instead.

Snow fell in parts of Alabama and the National Weather Service said northern Alabama could see up to 3 inches.

Numerous crashes were reported before dawn Monday in the Nashville area. The Tennessee Department of Transportation reported highways were snow-covered and slippery across much of the state.

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Ex-Clinton prosecutor Starr named Baylor president

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor University named former Clinton White House nemesis Kenneth Starr its new president on Monday, saying the one-time independent prosecutor's Christian ideals and experience heading a law school made him the ideal candidate to lead the world's largest Baptist university.

Starr, whose investigation of the Whitewater land deal and Monica Lewinsky scandal led to Clinton's impeachment in the House of Representatives, has been dean of the law school at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., since 2004.

He becomes the 14th president of Baylor and follows John M. Lilley,

who was fired from the post in 2008.

"While I look forward to the honor of serving as Baylor's next president, my wife Alice and I know how much we will miss Pepperdine," Starr said in a statement released Monday by Pepperdine. "Working with Pepperdine students, faculty and the law school's alumni has been one of the most satisfying and rewarding experiences of our lives."

Pepperdine officials said he would begin his new job in Texas on June 1.

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Taliban step up attacks in besieged town

By Alfred de Montesquiou
Associated Press writer

MARJAH, Afghanistan — Taliban fighters stepped up counterattacks against Marines and Afghan soldiers in the militant stronghold of Marjah, slowing the allied advance to a crawl despite Afghan government claims that the insurgents are broken and on the run.

Taliban fighters appeared to be slipping under cover of darkness into compounds already deemed free of weapons and explosives, then opening fire on the Marines from behind U.S. lines.

Two NATO servicemembers died Monday from bomb strikes in Helmand, but neither was part of the Marjah offensive, military spokesman Sgt. Kevin Bell said. NATO did not provide their nationalities.

Also on Monday, NATO said five civilians were accidentally killed and two wounded by an airstrike when they were mistakenly believed to have been planting roadside bombs in Kandahar province, east of the Marjah offensive.

The airstrike happened one day after 12 people, half of them children, were killed by two U.S. missiles that struck a house on the outskirts of Marjah. Afghan officials said Monday that three Taliban fighters were in the house at the time of the attack.

On the third day of the main attack on Marjah, Afghan commanders spoke optimistically Monday about



U.S. Marines peer out from holes in a compound wall during a firefight with Taliban fighters in the town of Marjah, Afghanistan, on Monday.

AP photo

progress in the town of about 80,000 people, the linchpin of the Taliban logistical and opium poppy smuggling network in the militant-influenced south.

Brig. Gen. Sher Mohammad Zazai, commander of Afghan troops in the south, told reporters in nearby Lashkar Gah that there had been “low resistance” in the town, adding “soon we will have Marjah cleared of enemies.”

Interior Minister Hanif Atmar said many insurgent fighters had already fled Marjah, possibly heading for Pakistan.

In Marjah, however, there was little sign the Taliban were broken.

Instead, small, mobile teams of insurgents repeatedly attacked U.S. and Afghan troops with rocket, rifle and rocket-propelled grenade fire. Insurgents moved close enough to the main road to fire repeatedly at columns of mine-clearing vehicles.

At midday at least six large gunbattles were raging across the town and helicopter gunships couldn’t cover all the different fighting locations.

Allied officials have reported only two coalition deaths so far — one American and one Briton killed Saturday. There have been no reports of wounded. Afghan officials said at least 27 insurgents have been killed so far in the offensive.

Nonetheless, the harassment tactics and the huge number of roadside bombs, mines and booby traps planted throughout Marjah have succeeded in slowing the movement of allied forces through the town. After day-long skirmishes, some Marine units had barely advanced at all by sundown.

As long as the town remains unstable, NATO officials cannot move to the second phase — restoring Afghan government control and rushing in aid and public services to win over inhabi-

tants who have been living under Taliban rule for years.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai approved the assault on Marjah only after instructing NATO and Afghan commanders to be careful about harming civilians. “This operation has been done with that in mind,” the top NATO commander, U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, said Monday.

Despite those instructions, NATO said two U.S. rockets veered off target by up to 600 yards and slammed into a home Sunday outside Marjah, killing 12 people. Six children were among the dead, a NATO military official confirmed Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity because the information had not been formally released.

In London, Britain’s top military officer, Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Stirrup, called the missile strike a “very serious setback” to efforts to win the support of

REPORT: TOP TALIBAN COMMANDER CAPTURED IN PAKISTAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Taliban’s top military commander has been captured in Pakistan in a joint operation by Pakistani and U.S. intelligence forces, The New York Times reported. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar has been in Pakistan’s custody for several days, the newspaper reported on its Web site late Monday, quoting U.S. government officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. Baradar was captured in Karachi, Pakistan, in a raid by Pakistan’s Directorate for Inter-Services Intelligence, with CIA operatives accompanying the Pakistanis, the Times reported. Pakistan has been leading the interrogation of Baradar, but Americans were also involved, it said. The Times described Baradar as the No. 2 behind Taliban founder and Osama bin Laden associate Mullah Muhammad Omar.

local communities, who are from the same Pashtun ethnic group as the Taliban.

NATO said the Kandahar airstrike was ordered Monday after a joint NATO-Afghan patrol saw people

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Clinton: Iran is becoming a military dictatorship

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday Iran is sliding into a military dictatorship, a new assessment suggesting a rockier road ahead for U.S.-led efforts to stop Tehran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

As the first high-level Obama administration official to make such an accusation, Clinton was reflecting an ever-dimming outlook for persuading Iran to negotiate limits on its nuclear program, which it has insisted is intended only for peaceful purposes. The U.S. and others — including the two Gulf countries Clinton visited Sunday and Monday — believe Iran is headed for a nuclear bomb capability.

Clinton also was revealing the logic of the administration’s plan to target the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps with a new round of international sanctions intended to compel Iran to curb its nuclear ambitions before it increases the likelihood of a military clash.

Eurozone tells Greece to ready new cuts, taxes

BRUSSELS (AP) — European finance ministers bluntly told Greece to prepare tougher spending cuts and new taxes in an attempt to snuff out a government debt crisis that has shaken the entire eurozone.

The 16 countries that use the euro warned Greece on Monday that it will need to take the extra measures if current cutbacks don’t bring its massive deficit down — from a staggering 12.7 percent of economic output to a still-high 8.7 percent this year.

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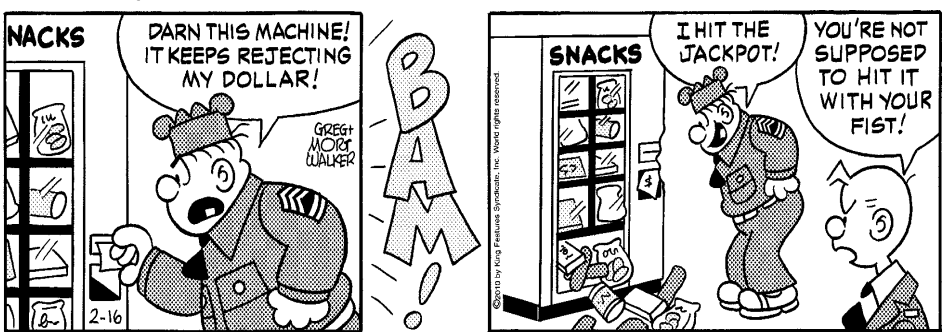
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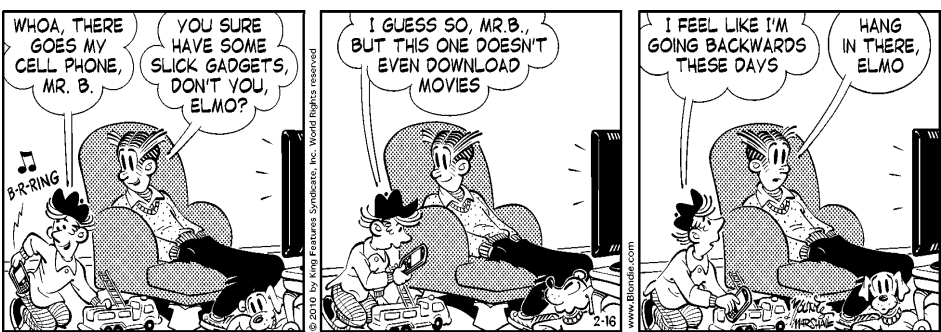
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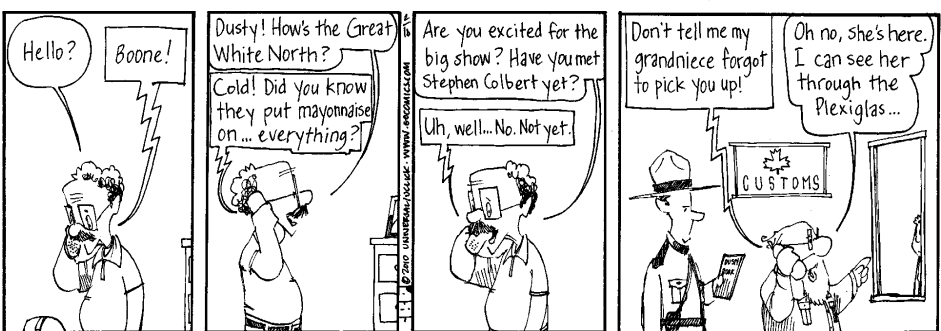
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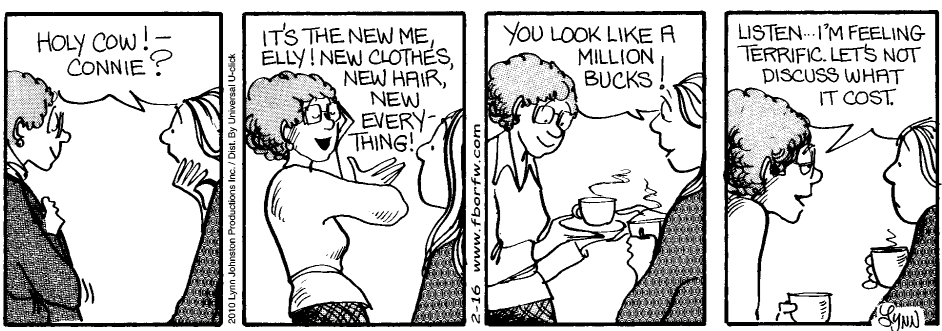
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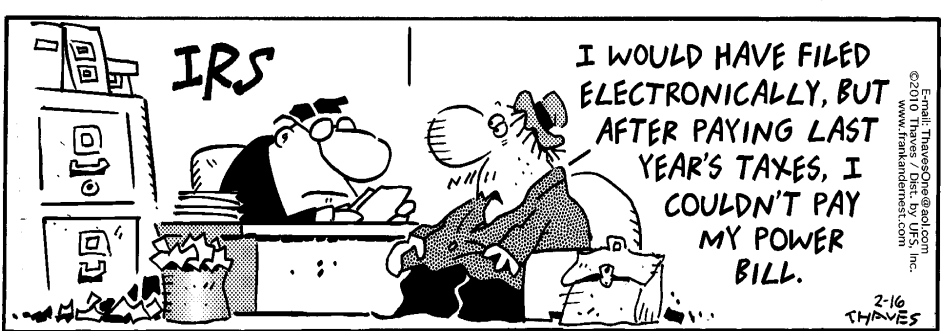
YOU LOOK LIKE A MILLION BUCKS!

LISTEN... I'M FEELING TERRIFIC. LET'S NOT DISCUSS WHAT IT COST.

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Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



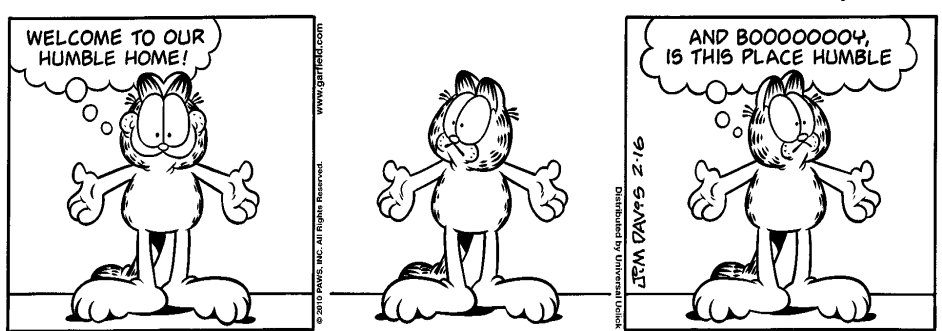
IRS

I WOULD HAVE FILED ELECTRONICALLY, BUT AFTER PAYING LAST YEAR'S TAXES, I COULDN'T PAY MY POWER BILL.

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Garfield

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WELCOME TO OUR HUMBLE HOME!

AND BOOOOOOOO, IS THIS PLACE HUMBLE

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Hagar the Horrible

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I'LL HAVE A LIGHT BEER!

RIGHT!

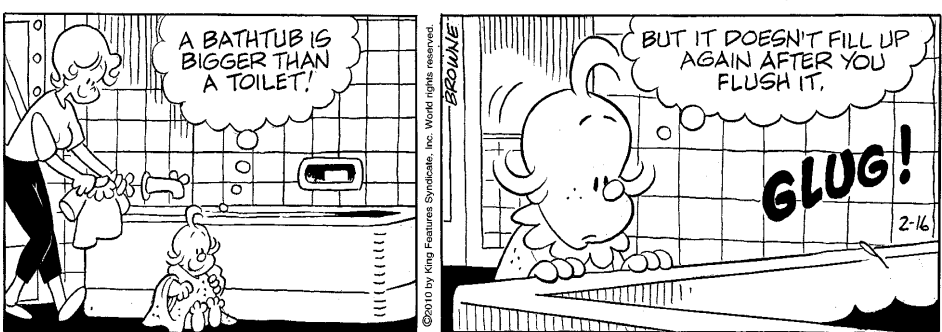
HERE YOU GO...

ONE LIGHT BEER

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Hi and Lois

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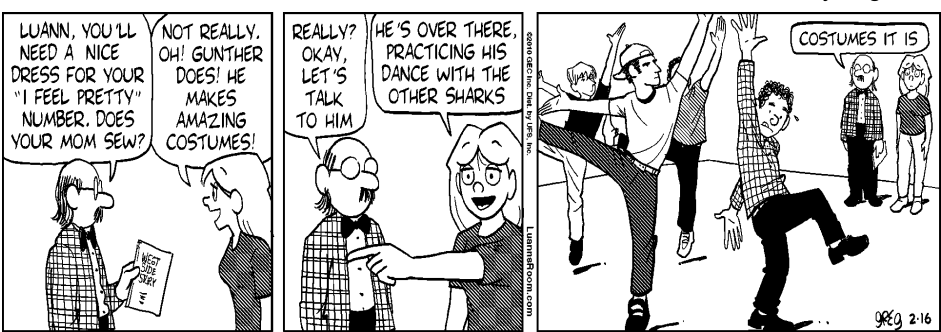
A BATHTUB IS BIGGER THAN A TOILET!

GLUG!

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Luann

By Greg Evans



LUANN, YOU'LL NEED A NICE DRESS FOR YOUR "I FEEL PRETTY" NUMBER. DOES YOUR MOM SEW?

NOT REALLY. OH! GUNTHER DOES! HE MAKES AMAZING COSTUMES!

REALLY? OKAY, LET'S TALK TO HIM

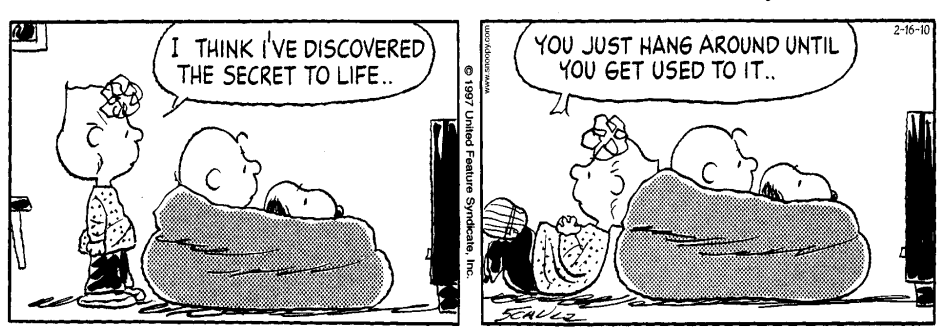
HE'S OVER THERE, PRACTICING HIS DANCE WITH THE OTHER SHARKS

COSTUMES IT IS

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Classic Peanuts

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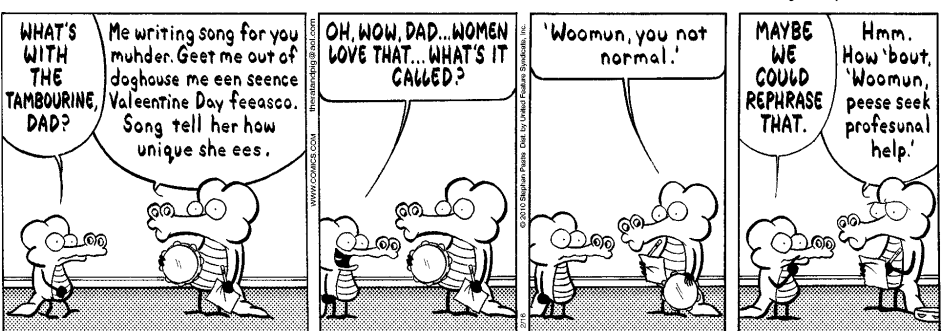
I THINK I'VE DISCOVERED THE SECRET TO LIFE...

YOU JUST HANG AROUND UNTIL YOU GET USED TO IT...

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Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis



WHAT'S WITH THE TAMBOURINE, DAD?

Me writing song for our muhden. Geet me out of doghouse me een seence Valentine Day teeasacco. Song tell her how unique she ees.

OH, WOW, DAD... WOMEN LOVE THAT... WHAT'S IT CALLED?

Woomun, you not normal.

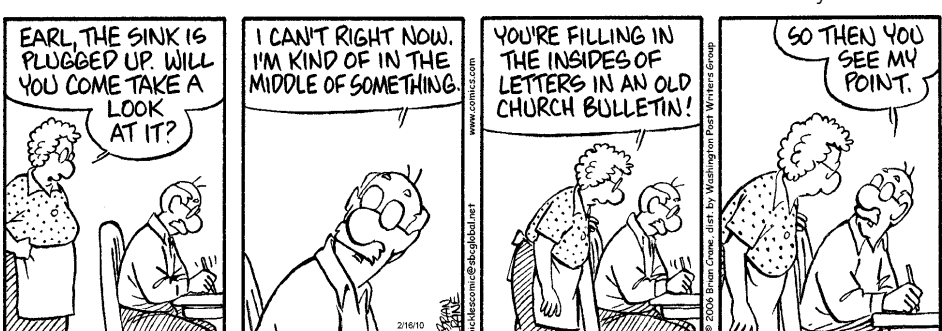
MAYBE WE COULD REPHRASE THAT.

Hm. 'bout, 'Woomun, peeese seek professional help.'

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Pickles

By Brian Crane



EARL, THE SINK IS PLUGGED UP. WILL YOU COME TAKE A LOOK AT IT?

I CAN'T RIGHT NOW. I'M KIND OF IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING.

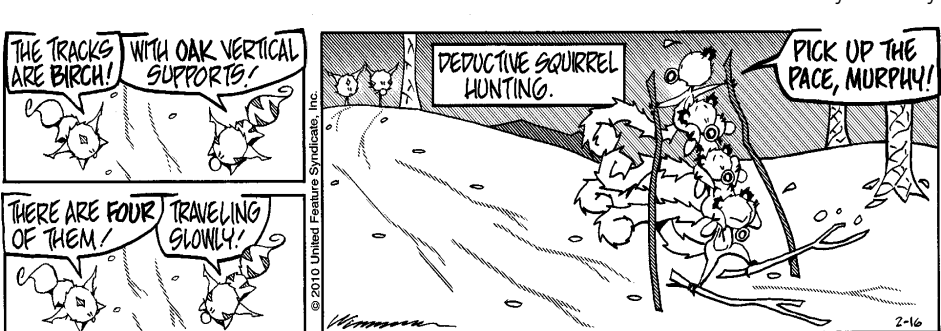
YOU'RE FILLING IN THE INSIDES OF THE LETTERS IN AN OLD CHURCH BULLETIN!

SO THEN YOU SEE MY POINT.

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Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



THE TRACKS ARE BIRCH!

WITH OAK VERTICAL SUPPORTS!

THERE ARE FOUR TRAVELING SLOWLY!

PICK UP THE PACE, MURPHY!

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Non Sequitur

By Wiley



KATE...? KATE?!

WHAT?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE IN SOME KIND OF TRANCE...

UH... I'M READING

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Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



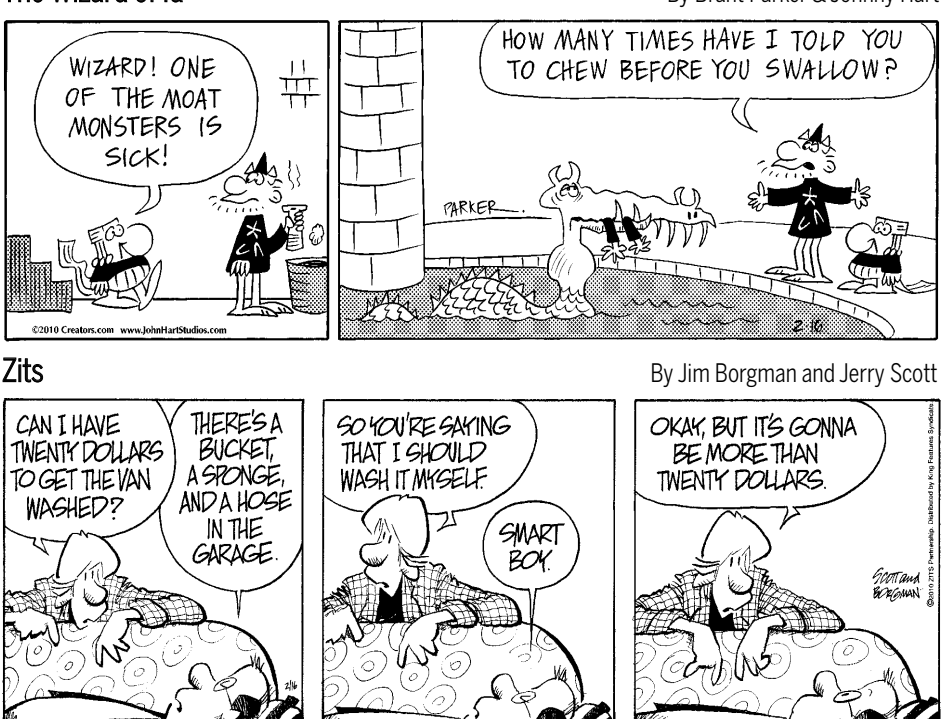
OKAY, LITTLE MAN... WHICH ARM?

YOURS.

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The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart




WIZARD! ONE OF THE MOAT MONSTERS IS SICK!

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO CHEW BEFORE YOU SWALLOW?

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Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



CAN I HAVE TWENTY DOLLARS TO GET THE VAN WASHED?

THERE'S A BUCKET, A SPONGE, AND A HOSE IN THE GARAGE.

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT I SHOULD WASH IT MYSELF.

SMART BOY.

OKAY, BUT IT'S GONNA BE MORE THAN TWENTY DOLLARS.

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“Haiti needs help, we had a catastrophe. I don’t see why they should go.”
— Rooster trainer Watson Geranson after hearing the U.S. military is scaling back its relief effort

EDITORIAL

Parents must protect kids from cell-phone risks

Should students and teachers be texting each other? Should they be “friending” on social networking Web sites?

A year ago, we might have said “Why not? Shouldn’t teachers and schools be using all the technology at their disposal to communicate with students and parents?”

Now, we’re not so sure.

Burley High School teacher Chad T. Burnett is facing charges of sexual battery of a minor 16 or 17 years old, felony statutory rape and felony use of a child in sexually exploitative material.

The case involves the use of Facebook and MySpace accounts and allegedly unfolded after a 16-year-old female student and Burnett began sending each other text messages and sexual pictures over their cell phones, according to court records.

On one day alone, Burnett and the student allegedly exchanged more than 250 text messages and the student told police the contact began after she obtained Burnett’s cell phone number to “text him a funny joke.”

Last year in Gooding County, former Bliss High School social studies teacher Anna Bettencourt became a convicted felon after admitting to sexual battery of a minor for having sex with an underage student.

Bettencourt, who was placed on probation, admitted in court records to soliciting the boy for sex and “text flirting” with him.

In the burgeoning universe of personal electronic communication, unintended consequences are becoming more common — and frightening.

In January, 21-year-old Kenneth Noakes of Jerome was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. In that case, lawyer Joe Rockstahl called police after confiscating his child’s cell phone because he suspected the youngster was using drugs, according to court records.

Messages to Rockstahl’s child included “Hey, I found some acid too.” Police used the phone to text Noakes, setting up a meeting in a parking lot where he was arrested, allegedly in possession of marijuana, ecstasy and psilocybin mushrooms.

Short of drug dealing, rumor-mongering — spreading false, damaging and defamatory information or photos of students and teachers — is common in American schools, as is cyberbullying and cheating by sharing answers by text message.

Most Idaho school districts permit cell phones in secondary schools, but some have policies like those adopted by the Cassia County School District in the wake of Burnett’s arrest.

On Jan. 26, the trustees outlawed “sexting” — sending text or pictures of a sexually explicit nature by cell phone — along with cyberbullying. “The prohibition extends not only to actions taking place on school grounds but also actions originating at a remote location and carried out via any technology,” the new Cassia policy states. Violations can lead to termination or expulsion.

Others, like the Twin Falls School District, forbid teachers from e-mailing students from personal accounts.

So far, few Idaho districts have flatly proscribed cell phones at school — the 10,815-student Coeur d’Alene School District and the 2,487-student Fremont County School District are the two largest. We think that’s a good idea, but clearly it’s only part of the answer.

Kids will remain at risk — from teachers and other students — until parents make it their business to monitor their children’s cell-phone use.

A realistic plan to control government spending

WASHINGTON — Paul Ryan, a six-term Republican congressman from Wisconsin who is the ranking minority member of the House Budget Committee, has yanked himself from obscurity by doing something no one else in Congress or apparently the White House has done: design a specific plan to control long-term government spending and budget deficits. That he stands virtually alone is a damning commentary on our politics.



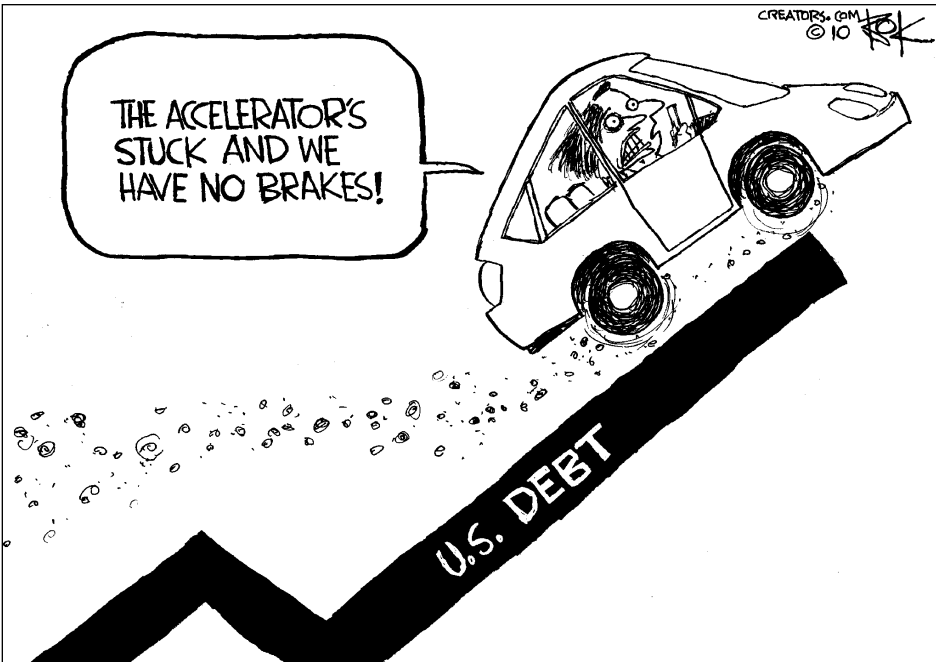
Robert Samuelson

Many public policy problems are genuinely hard. How to guarantee job creation? Provide financial stability? Improve inner-city schools? There are no panaceas. By contrast, solutions to the long-term budget imbalance are obvious: cut spending or raise taxes. Given the predictable retirement of baby boomers, it was no secret that promised government benefits would overwhelm the existing tax base. This problem could have been fixed.

It hasn’t because our political culture is so wedded to public opinion that it can’t (or won’t) govern. To govern is to choose, and our leaders recoil from unpopular choices. Americans want generous benefits and low taxes, so that’s what the system — led by either Democrats or Republicans — provides.

President Obama continues this tradition. His administration’s long-term budget projections show skyrocketing debt. In 2008, federal debt held by the public equaled 40 percent of the economy (gross domestic product). The administration has it rising to 77 percent of GDP in 2020, 99 percent in 2030 and 218 percent in 2050.

In reality, not choosing is a choice: to govern by crisis. Someday, the debt and associated interest payments



(projected at \$840 billion in 2020, a seventh of federal spending) may trigger a financial backlash.

Lenders won’t lend or will demand much higher rates. Congress would then be forced to cut benefits or raise taxes. The unstated hope is that the crisis occurs on someone else’s watch.

Ryan rejects this consensus. He would make choices now. Here are some features of his plan:

Social Security: For those 55 or older today, the program would remain unchanged. For those younger, benefits would be reduced — with no cuts for the poorest workers. Workers 55 or younger in 2011 could establish individual investment accounts that would be funded with part of their payroll taxes. Government would guarantee a return equal to inflation.

Medicare: Current recipients and those enrolling in the next decade would continue under today’s program, though wealthier recipients would pay somewhat higher premiums. In 2021, Medicare would become a voucher program for new recipients (those today 54 or younger). With vouchers, recipients would buy Medicare-certified private insurance. In today’s dollars, the vouchers would ultimately grow to \$11,000. Eligibility ages for Medicare and Social Security would slowly increase

toward 69 and 70, respectively.

Spending Freeze: From 2010 to 2019, “non-defense discretionary spending” — about a sixth of the federal budget, including everything from housing to parks to education — would be frozen at 2009 levels.

Simpler Taxes: Taxpayers could choose between today’s system or a streamlined replacement with no deductions and virtually no special tax breaks. Above a tax-free amount (\$39,000 for a family of four), taxpayers would pay only two rates: 10 percent up to \$100,000 for joint filers and 25 percent on income more than that.

Parts of Ryan’s plan I like. It acknowledges the necessity of controlling Social Security and Medicare benefits. Eligibility ages should rise, reflecting longer life expectancy. Medicare vouchers might force a restructuring of the health care delivery system so that networks of hospitals, doctors and clinics compete on the basis of cost and quality.

Simpler taxes would be desirable.

Other parts I dislike. Individual Social Security accounts are a confusing mix of government welfare and private investment. Medicare reforms should start sooner. The discretionary spending freeze would probably result in across-the-board cuts when we should eliminate

bad programs. Ryan limits taxes to 19 percent of GDP, slightly above their 1970-2009 average of 18 percent. As a result, Ryan’s plan — though producing much less debt than Obama’s budgets — still doesn’t work. It wouldn’t balance the budget until 2063, estimates the Congressional Budget Office.

Yikes — that’s far too distant. Any sound proposal would include greater tax increases than conservatives like and greater spending cuts than liberals like.

But the larger point is that Ryan is trying to start a conversation on the desirable role and limits of government. He’s trying to make it possible to talk about sensitive issues — mainly Social Security and Medicare — without being vilified. President Obama recognized that when he called Ryan’s plan a “serious proposal.” But since then, Democrats have resorted to ritualistic denunciations of him as pilaging Social Security and Medicare. Legitimate debate becomes impossible. If Democrats don’t like Ryan’s vision, the proper response is to design and defend their own plan.

The fact that they don’t have one is a national embarrassment.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Silencing Halper is an attempt to suppress truth about CAFOs

It is indeed ironic to read about the overt public meeting flagellation of Jerome County citizen Lee Halper by Jerome County Commission Chairman Cathy Roemer, who last I knew was a longtime Farm Bureau aficionado (that needs no further explanation of political motive when it comes to CAFOs.) It is obvious to me that the intent of Chairman Roemer’s political egregious act was not to uphold respect for Jerome County citizens but rather to suppress the truth about matters relating to confined animal feedlot operations in Jerome County.

The acute mockery the Jerome County commis-

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sioners have made of professional public administration for years over botched attempts at CAFO ordinances, habitual CAFO ordinance moratoriums, bungled jail studies, forgiveness of tens of thousands of dollars in illegal payments to county commissioners and never-end-

ing legal flaws in many facets of Jerome County’s affairs could fill a book of reprehensible actions by public officials.

As I recall, Mr. Halper was part of a group who received the prestigious Max Dalton Open Government Award in 2001 for his relentless efforts in uncovering the use

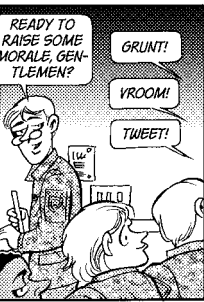
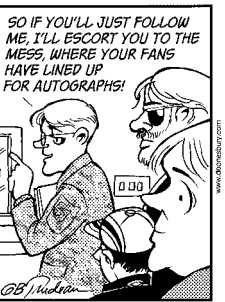
of Idaho State Department of Agriculture dairy fine proceeds to fund a dairy processor’s golf tournament and a recreation hall for dairy employees on the “North Side.”

Corrupt, incompetent, self-serving public officials are the rule rather than the exception in our nation today, and one might ask themselves what happens when they have used your tax money-funded Bully Pulpit to finally abuse selfless people such as Mr. Halper into silence? Who will defend your rights when they send Captain Johnson after you for trying to tell the truth? Truth and its messengers are the greatest fear of despots and they will stop at nothing to destroy both!

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Getting America off the dime

By 2008, Americans were disgusted with their government. They were sick of partisan gridlock and general incompetence. Along came Barack Obama offering to usher in a new era. It was time, he said, to put away childish things.

There were actually two elements to the Obama campaign. First, he promised a less partisan government. Second, he promised a more activist government. His post-partisan style was accompanied by conventional Democratic policy substance. It was clear voters wanted the first element, but it was never clear how many wanted the second.

Obama was inaugurated in the midst of an economic crisis, and the activist policy proposals took precedence. If, a year ago, you had been asked to describe the administration's goals in one sentence it would have been this: Barack Obama will usher in the third great wave of Democratic reform. Franklin Roosevelt had the New Deal. Lyndon Johnson had the Great Society. Obama would take the third step, transforming health care, energy, education, financial regulation and many other sectors of American life.

A distinct Obama governing style emerged, which was half Harvard Economics Department and half Boss Daley. The administration is staffed by smart pragmatists



David Brooks

who are optimistic about the government's ability to devise comprehensive plans. Their proposals were processed by Congressional Old Bulls who made sure the legislation served Democratic interest groups.

The stimulus package, the cap-and-trade legislation and the health care bill were all blends of expert planning and political power-broking. This project would have permanently changed government's role in national life.

It was not to be. Voters are in no mood for a wave of domestic transformation. The economy is already introducing enough insecurity into their lives. Unlike 1932 and 1965, Americans do not trust Washington to take them on a leap of faith, especially if it means more spending.

The country has reacted harshly to the course the administration ended up embracing. Obama is still admired personally, but every major proposal is quite unpopular. Independent voters have swung against the administration. Voters are not reacting to the particulars of each bill. They are reacting against the total activist onslaught.

A president can't lead a social transformation without a visceral bond with the center of the electorate and without being in step with the rhythm of the times. Obama is lacking these things. As a result, the original Obama project, the third Democratic wave, is dead.

The administration resists this conclusion, just as it took the Bush administration a while to recognize that Social Security reform, and the larger privatization dream, was dead. But federal activism will not mark the next three years.

The next challenge is to find a new project, a new one-sentence description of what this administration hopes to achieve. It is obvious: President Obama will show that this nation is governable once again. He should return to the other element in his original campaign.

That would mean first leading a campaign of brazen honesty with the American people. He could lay out the fiscal realities and explain that voters cannot continue to demand programs they are unwilling to pay for.

Second, he could propose some incremental changes in a range of areas and prove Washington can at least take small steps. Sen. Lamar Alexander has been arguing that, given the climate of distrust, this is not a good period to push big, comprehensive reforms. He's right. Third, Obama could serve

as a one-man model for bipartisan behavior. Right now, the Republicans have no political incentive to deal on anything. But the president could at least exemplify the kind of behavior voters want to see in their leaders.

Fourth, he could continue to champion his fiscal commission. Republicans are being completely hypocritical on this, unwilling to embrace an idea they once supported because it might lead to tax increases. If he really put aside the publicity gimmicks, he could illustrate the difference between responsible government and the permanent campaign.

Fifth, it's time to have a constitutional debate. We might require amendments of one sort or another to fix the broken political system.

We can spend the next few years engaging in kabuki bipartisanship, in which each party puts on pseudo-events to show that the other party is rigid and rotten, or somebody can break the mold. We can spend the next three or seven years squabbling about the shrinking puddle of discretionary spending, or somebody can break out of the fiscal vise.

It would be an incredible legacy: Barack Obama restored America's faith in its own institutions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Idaho should not be first in nuclear power production

Beware of putrid plutonium prophets.

The powerful politically connected nuclear industry has been consistently campaigning to construct new plants in Idaho and many are prepared to buy it. Some have written letters beseeching Idahoans to embrace nuclear power so that we can be first in something for once.

To paraphrase environmental-watchman Lee Halper from a recent radioactive-hot forum: "Idaho is already first in many things. We're almost first in cow crap. We're first in lack of ethics in the Legislature. We're first in ignoring what doesn't work in other states will work here and we're first in having the most nuclear waste seeping into our drinking water. We could be first in geothermal, wind, solar, hydrogen and conservation of energy, but people who look for the silver bullet like nuclear are those who want us to be first in line for Superfund status."

I agree with Lee; let's not be first in foolhardiness. The poisonous nuclear industry kills much more than charging windmills do birds. For the next 40,000 years, we will have to develop warning signs decipherable long after the English language has died out. Think about it; the proud legacy nuclear waste leaves will endure an epoch tenfold longer than the most ancient Egyptian pyramid.

Now an experienced French company "committed to fueling the nuclear renaissance" is on the verge of gaining generous tax breaks for mining Idaho uranium. While it's true France uses 80 percent nuclear power, there is a big brouhaha going on over there about the wasteful thinking. And

where do the elite French position their insidiously deadly toxins to rest for millennia? Why it's being shoveled into poor (Muslim) people's backyards, which leave long-term radioactive stains that will stink 10 million times worse than simple cow crap.

JIM BANHOLZER
Ketchum

Mystified by opposition to nuclear power plant

Dixie Siegel's letter in Wednesday's Times-News about "Fighting Areva before it's too late ..." would be more believable if she stuck to the facts and not regurgitated the usual anti-nuclear untruths.

She stated that even the most viable reactor projects have been canceled. A lie! Check the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's home pages for new reactors and confirm yourself that there are more than 20 new applications for combination construction and operating licenses awaiting approval.

She rambles on in vague worries about waste disposal and radioactive material moving in and out of our state. That radioactive stuff gets transferred inside huge metal casks built like bank vaults and is ultra-safe. Realistically, Ms. Siegel should be worried about the tank trucks full of gasoline and other hazardous materials that go anywhere in the state, including through and into Twin Falls.

She said she stood up and opposed Sempra when that utility tried to ram through an atmosphere-polluting coal-fired power plant upwind on the Idaho/Nevada border — and so did I! But in view of that concern, her unreasonable opposition to non-polluting nuclear power plants makes no sense at all.

MARTIN HUEBNER
Sun Valley

Yes, global warming could mean *more* snow

Here's a recent headline that caused a few double takes in Washington: "Global Warming Hearing Postponed Because of Snow."

Yes, nothing gives an unearned boost to global warming skeptics like back-to-back snowstorms variously nicknamed "snow-pocalypse" and "snow-mageddon," among other less-charitable labels in the nation's capital.

Oklahoma Republican Sen. James Inhofe, an outspoken skeptic of global warming and warm friend of his state's oil and gas industries, mocked climate activist and former Vice President Al Gore. He posted photos on his Facebook page of his family building an igloo near the Capitol with a sign that read "Al Gore's new home." Har, har.

But, contrary to popular belief, a robust snowfall does not mean global warming is a myth.

In fact, scientists have been warning for at least two decades that global warming could make snowstorms more severe. Snow has two simple ingredients: (1) cold and (2) moisture. Warmer air collects moisture like a sponge until it hits a patch of cold air. When temperatures dip below freezing, a lot of moisture creates a lot of snow.

A rise in global temperature can create all sorts of havoc, ranging from hotter dry spells to colder winters, along with increasingly violent storms, flooding, forest fires and loss of endangered species.

That's simple science even for me, a guy whose scientific education pretty much ended with the old "Watch Mr. Wizard" TV show and a subscription to *Popular Mechanics*.

Yet confusion about that simple science is one of the



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reasons experts and activists increasingly prefer the term "climate change" as less confusing and politically loaded than "global warming." Still, confusion and politics persist. Fox News host Sean Hannity cheerfully asserted that the storm "would seem to contradict Al Gore's hysterical global warming theories." His fellow Fox host Glenn Beck, agreed, mocking the very idea that "warming" could lead to more snow.

Sure, it's laughable if you believe in the very unscientific theory of simple observational research, which means you base your views about global warming on your own weather.

Or, as Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert summarized the Fox News stars' view: "Whatever just happened is the only thing that's happening."

It is not so laughable when you are shoveling back-to-back snowstorms off your walk and your driveway while your passing neighbors ask,

"What happened to global warming?" as cheerily as if they were asking the winter equivalent of "Hot enough for ya?"

What happened to global warming? Ask Vancouver. While the South and East Coast were trying to get rid of snow, the West Coast's host of the Winter Olympics was reported to be trucking in snow to its ski runs from another mountain three hours away.

Somehow global warming skeptics highlight snowstorms but ignore snow droughts. Even so, Inhofe and other lawmakers who are holding up President Obama's proposed climate bill have been winning valuable gains in their public relations war against climate change believers.

I don't necessarily agree with all the alarm Gore has expressed on climate change. Nor do I disagree with all the skeptics who question how much climate change is caused by human activities like SUVs versus natural activities like belching cattle.

But whatever you believe, it is best to learn through the scientific method, not just Internet gossip and propaganda.

Public skepticism about

climate change is healthy — if it is based on good scientific research. With the future of the planet at stake, we owe it to ourselves to judge this debate by more than whatever weather conditions happen to be happening at the moment. We owe it to our offspring, too.

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Robert ‘Bob’ John Greiner

LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz. — Robert “Bob” John Greiner, formerly of Burley, Idaho, passed away on Feb. 11, 2010, in Visalia, Calif., at the age of 73.

He was born on June 8, 1936, in Jersey City, N.J., to August and May (Rapp) Greiner.

Bob and his wife Glenna moved to Lake Havasu City, Ariz., 25 years ago from Burley.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He worked as a real estate salesman/agent for McCulloch Realty in Lake Havasu City for 22 years. Bob was a member of the Lutheran Church, B.P.O. Elks Lodge #2399, Realtors Association and U.S. Army, Idaho National Guard.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Glenna Greiner; sons, Mike Greiner of Eagle, Idaho, Doug Greiner of Star, Idaho, Rob Greiner of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, Randy Downing of Lindale, Texas, John Wrigley of McMinnville, Ore.,



Wilford Wrigley of Burley, Idaho; daughters, Carrie Miller of Nampa, Idaho, Bonnie Chase of Meridian, Idaho, Karen Brannon of Green Valley, Ariz.; sister, Barbara “Bo”

Hudson of Olympia, Wash.; 25 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, William Greiner.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Lietz-Fraze Chapel in Lake Havasu City. Words of comfort and inspiration will be expressed by Dr. Eileen Hein. Military honors will be presented by the V.F.W. Post #9401 and American Legion Post #81. Burial will follow at Lake Havasu Memorial Gardens, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

Condolences and thoughts can be made to his family at www.lietz-frazefuneral-home.com.

Arrangements were placed under the care of Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home and Crematory.

Elsie E. Childers

JEROME — Elsie E. Childers, 88, of Jerome, passed away Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, in Twin Falls.

She was born April 28, 1921, in St. Anthony, Idaho, the daughter of Harry Herman Main and Ruby Opal Branson Main.

She married W.E. “Bill” Childers on Nov. 15, 1940. They made their home in Jerome in the Sugar Loaf area, where they raised two sons on their family farm. Elsie was Bill’s partner in farming for many years.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Jerome, as well as the Jerome Rebekahs, the Sugar Loaf Grange and the Barrymore Club. Elsie worked in the Jerome County Treasurer’s office for 19 years and then became county treasurer in 1980, where she served for six years.

She enjoyed her time raising her boys, who were active in Boy Scouts, and she loved participating in all of their activities. She spent



many hours fishing at Magic Reservoir. She loved flowers and had a beautiful flower garden at her home. Elsie had a beautiful singing voice and sang at many weddings, funerals and other events.

Elsie is survived by her two sons, Gary (Candace) Childers and Wayne (Mary) Childers, all of Jerome; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 42 years, Bill Childers; infant daughter, Jan Kathleen Childers; three sisters, Zenna B. Dokkens, Dorothy Phillips and Ida Rhea Callen; and her long time friend, Carl Stephens.

A visitation will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, with graveside services beginning at 2 p.m., at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Richard Dean Parsons

HAGERMAN — Richard Dean Parsons, 81, a resident of Antioch, Calif., died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010.

Rich was born Jan. 13, 1929, in Mankato, Kan., to Leslie and Ruth Parsons. In his early childhood the family moved to Bliss, Idaho.

He married Evelyn “Eddie” Thompson in 1947, a marriage lasting 60 years. In 1959, they moved their family to Antioch, Calif., retiring from Fibreboard Corp. in 1991. Together they enjoyed a lifetime of raising three children, camping, fishing and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn and grandson, Matthew Richard.

Lovingly survived by his daughters and spouses, Karen (Dan) Dregoiw, Elaine (Jerry) Romano and Julie (Darryl) Bailey; grandchil-

dren, Kimberley (Jeff) Kramm, Cheryl (Doug) Heinz, Clinton Bailey, Neil (Andrea) Bailey, Amanda (Justin) Stevenson and Krystal (Chris) Maro; and nine great-grandchildren; brother, Rex (Linda) Parsons; and sister, Barbara Prince.

He was a long-time member of Pittsburg Elks.

Many memories and good times were shared with a group of close friends.

Special thanks to Kathy Herman, hospice nurse, and hospice home health aides.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Kaiser Hospice or Antioch Senior Center.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. Inurnment will take place on a later date at the Hagerman

Hagerman.

Anne Alftin of Jerome, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; cremation arrangements under the care and direction of the chapel.

James ‘Jim’ Andrew Bennett of Rupert, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert; visitation from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Luster Eugene “Gene” Callen of Custer, Wash., and formerly of Magic Valley, memorial service at 10 a.m. March 6 at Greenacres Funeral Home, 5700 Northwest Drive in Ferndale, Wash.

Power outage impedes release of Americans

By Frank Bajak
Associated Press writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti’s creaky, quake-damaged electrical system apparently delayed on Monday a judge’s decision on whether to release 10 Americans — many of them from Idaho — charged with child kidnapping.

Prosecutor Josephe Manes Louis told The Associated Press that he completed his recommendation to the judge, as the law requires, but that a power outage Monday kept him from printing and delivering it.

“I have made my decision,” he said. “What is blocking me now is the electricity.” Power has only been restored to about one-fifth of Port-au-Prince.

But even before the earthquake, only one in four Haitians had power and, on average, any given capital neighborhood only had 10

ADVISER TO AMERICANS ADMITS LINK TO SALVADOR CASE

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — The man who served as legal adviser to 10 American missionaries jailed in Haiti on charges of child kidnapping acknowledged Monday that he is the suspect wanted in El Salvador on human smuggling accusations. In a call from an unknown location, Jorge Puello told The Associated Press he was innocent of the accusations and that he and his Salvadoran wife had taken in young women from the Caribbean and Central America who had been abandoned by smugglers. Salvadoran authorities want to prosecute Puello and his jailed wife for allegedly luring women and girls into prostitution with bogus offers of modeling jobs. “I’m planning to go to El Salvador to tackle this

problem,” Puello said in a phone call arranged by his mother at his childhood home in the Dominican Republic. “I am not afraid to face the music.”

Each new detail emerging about the past of the 32-year-old seems to add to the embarrassment and discomfort of the American missionaries that Puello volunteered to help, and who are still awaiting release from a Port-au-Prince jail.

In the phone call with the AP, Puello said he had fled the Dominican Republic to avoid arrest. The Dominican National Police, working with Interpol, said it had conducted several raids and interviews Monday in an attempt to locate Puello and detain him on the Salvadoran warrant.

hours of power a day.

Because today is a national holiday — Mardi Gras — Louis said he did not expect the judge to issue a decision until Wednesday.

Neither Louis nor Judge Bernard Saint-Vil would say whether a provisional release would allow the group to

leave the country while an investigation continues.

Saint-Vil told the AP on Thursday he would recommend the Americans be granted provisional release.

He said he accepted the defense argument that the Americans, who said they were setting up an orphan-

age across the border in the Dominican Republic, had admirable intentions.

The Americans were arrested on Jan. 29 trying to take 33 children out of Haiti. They say they were on humanitarian mission and only wanted to help children after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Groups ask ID lawmakers to dump immigration bills

BOISE (AP) — Immigrant advocacy groups want Idaho lawmakers to dump three bills targeting illegal workers and companies that employ them, on grounds such reform should be left to the federal government.

Catholic Charities of Idaho and the Idaho Community Action Network were among critics of the bills at a press conference on Monday.

The strictest of the measures pending in the

Idaho Legislature, sponsored by Sen. Mike Jorgenson of Hayden Lake, would require companies to use the federal E-Verify system and would suspend a business’s license if it were caught knowingly hir-

ing illegal workers.

Christine Tiddens, a Catholic Charities spokeswoman, told reporters immigration was a “fundamental moral issue which impacts human life and dignity.”

Ruth Wilkinson

RUPERT — Ruth Wilkinson, 76, of Rupert, Idaho, passed away Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at the Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center in Rupert.

She was born Dec. 3, 1933, in Blackfoot, the daughter of Albert and Esther Jensen Wilkinson. To this union she was the sixth child.

Ruth attended and graduated from Blackfoot High School in 1952.

In 1958, she served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint in California.

She returned to Blackfoot and worked for Steiner Corporation and American Linen for many years.

Ruth has been living with her sister Dorothy for



the last 16 years due to her illness.

She loved sports, bowling, and playing and coaching church basketball.

Ruth is survived by sister, Dorothy

Kenley of Rupert; brother, Donald (Rosella) Wilkinson of Springville, Utah, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Clarence and Delmar “Bud”; and sister, Blanche Humerick.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, 2010, at the Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling, Blackfoot. Burial will follow at the Grove City Cemetery.

Family will meet with friends on Friday morning from noon to 12:45 p.m.

DEATH NOTICES

Ollie B. Kester

RUPERT — Ollie B. Kester, age 85, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 20, 2010, at the Rupert Cemetery with Pastor MacSweeney officiating.

A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth Street.

Ronald L. Zemke

RUPERT — Ronald L. Zemke, age 83, of Rupert, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, at home.

A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at the Paul Pine Chapel with Military Honors. Viewing for family and friends will be held for one hour prior to the service, at the Paul Pine Chapel, located at the Paul Cemetery. Burial services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Arthella U. Warren

BURLEY — Arthella U. Warren, age 84, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at St. Luke’s Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Star LDS Church, 100 S. 200 W., Burley, with Bishop Kirk Carpenter officiating. Burial will be in Gem Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday, at the church.

Marjorie H. Johnson

Marjorie H. Johnson, age 88, of Twin Falls, formerly of Salt Lake City, Utah, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at St. Luke’s Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home & Crematory of Twin Falls.

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Curing the veterinarian shortage

USDA launches student loan repayment program for vets

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Idaho may not have enough veterinarians to keep up with growing dairy and beef industries, say state officials and industry representatives.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the state is expected to have a 5

percent shortfall in veterinarians by 2016 who are qualified to work with large animals. A shortage of bovine veterinarians would create problems in the dairy industry, which generated nearly \$1.4 billion in cash receipts in Idaho during 2009.

But an announcement Friday by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture may

provide a solution to the growing problem.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the USDA will repay student loans of qualified veterinarians in return for their services in areas suffering from a lack of veterinarians — calling it the first step toward addressing veterinary shortages in rural America.

“USDA can help ensure there is a

first line of defense against animal diseases across the United States by placing qualified veterinarians in areas where there is a critical need,” Vilsack said in a written statement. “This program will help reduce veterinary shortages, especially in the area of food animal medicine, which will reduce stress on producers and improve the health of the livestock industry.”

USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture will administer the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program, which was established in the National Veterinary Medical Services Act of 2003.

In return for a commitment of three years of veterinary services in a designated veterinary shortage area, the institute may repay up to \$25,000 of student loan debt per

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Debate over farm subsidies

Latest plan for cuts looks in trouble

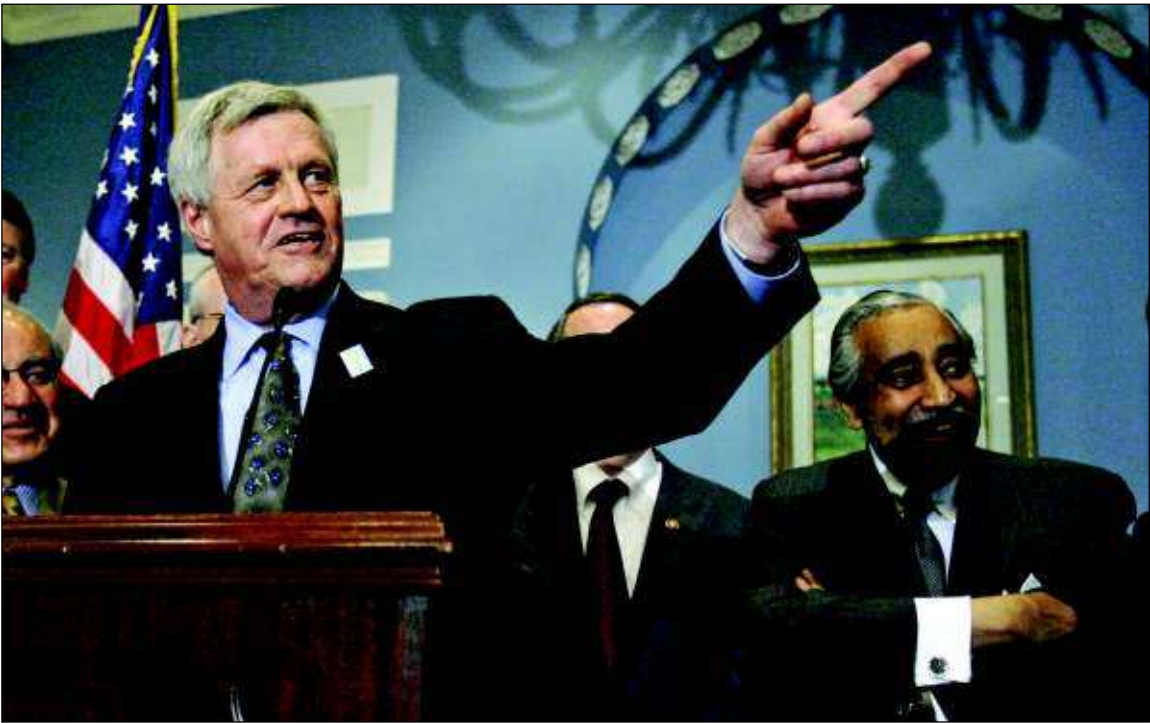
By Steve Karnowski
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — If history and the political lineup are any guides, President Obama’s latest effort to cut subsidies for wealthy farmers likely will fare no better than his first try — or his predecessor’s attempt.

Congress twice overrode President George W. Bush’s veto of the 2008 Farm Bill. When Obama tried reforming the system last year, his proposal was dead on arrival on Capitol Hill, where farm state lawmakers largely control the agriculture committees.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson, D-Minn., said he’d oppose significant changes to the current Farm Bill. To Peterson, most criticism of subsidies is based more on ideology — whether it be small-farms-are-better or free trade — than sound policy considerations.

“We’re not smart enough to decide how big a farm should be, even on the ag committee,” Peterson said. “And that’s really not



AP photo

House Agriculture Committee Chairman, Rep. Collin C. Peterson, D-Minn., calls on a reporter during a news conference after the House approved the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, in Washington. Peterson has said he’d oppose significant changes to the current Farm Bill. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., is at right.

our job. Our job is to make sure we have an affordable, abundant food supply in this country.”

Others, though, said as federal

deficits soar above \$1 trillion a year, it’s time to take another look.

“Farm subsidies are America’s largest corporate welfare program,”

said Brian Riedl, an analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

See **SUBSIDIES**, Agribusiness 2

ORGANIC AGRICULTURE Special funds available

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

South-central Idaho organic farmers may qualify for hundreds of thousands of dollars in funds through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s two-year-old program to encourage conservation practices related to organic agriculture.

The environmental quality incentives program provides financial and technical assistance to help implement practices that will conserve resources on private farm lands. Eligible producers include producers who are currently certified organic and producers transitioning to organic production systems.

“This is the second year for the organic initiative which provides financial assistance to encourage organic producers to adopt conservation practices that improve their operations,”

See **ORGANIC**, Agribusiness 2

AT A GLANCE

Kimberly research center

BY THE NUMBERS

Kimberly Research and Extension Center by the numbers

- Established: 1950
- Acres/staff: 180 acres/28 staff
- Land value: \$339,000
- 3 labs, 4 greenhouses
- Infrastructure value: \$4.4 million

Times-News

In 1950, a 2-cent-per-hundredweight assessment on dry beans established by Idaho legislators allowed the University of Idaho Board of Regents to purchase 80 acres and launch the Kimberly Branch Station. The center’s focus was genetic impurities in bean lines available to Idaho growers.

Sixty years later, the Kimberly R&E Center shares facilities with a USDA Agricultural Research Service station northeast of Kimberly and six miles east of Twin Falls.

See **KIMBERLY**, Agribusiness 3



Times-News file photo

Sanjay Gupta, a post-harvest potato physiologist for the University of Idaho, and Tina Brandt, a research support scientist, stand in one of the nine cold storage bins at the research facility located north of Kimberly.

New barley insurance program available

Growers can now insure crop for full contract value

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Barley growers now have the option of insuring their crop for the full contract value.

The program is so new that crop insurance agents were just receiving information about the program at the beginning of February. Growers have until March 15 to purchase crop insurance for spring grain crops.

The new policy includes malt barley, hullless feed barley and even the two new high fiber food barleys just released by the USDA-



Times-News file photo

A thresher harvests two-row barley west of Twin Falls in this file photo. Barley growers now have the option of insuring their crop for the full contract value.

Agricultural Research Service at Aberdeen. Certified seed growers can also insure their crop. “That’s never been offered

before,” said Kelly Olson, administrator of the Idaho Barley Commission.

In the past, growers could add a malt barley endorse-

ment to the feed barley policy. But many growers complained that they couldn’t insure their crop for what it was really worth.

Not only does the new policy cover the full contract value, but it is cheaper than the previous malt barley endorsement in terms of premium, Olson told growers at the Magic Valley Cereal School in Rupert.

The Idaho Barley Commission worked with the National Barley Growers Association to develop the idea for a specialty barley insurance program. The Risk Management Agency hired a contractor to study the proposal and the program was launched in November.

“This will let producers tailor insurance to their

See **BARLEY**, Agribusiness 2

S. Idaho cattleman named to national beef committtee

Times-News

Cevin Jones, president and CEO of InterMountain Beef in Eden, was named to a one-year term on the beef industry’s national Beef Promotion and Operating Committee during the 2010 annual Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show, held last week in San Antonio, Texas.

Jones, an Idaho Beef Council board member, is one of 10 beef industry leaders who will represent the Federation of State Beef Councils and bring the state perspective to

committee deliberations.

The committee decides the annual budget and program priorities for the national beef checkoff, a market development fund supported by all U.S. beef producers and importers who sell cattle or beef products. The checkoff pays for beef research, consumer education and promotion.

Jones actively manages a family-owned feedlot operation in Eden. Within the state cattle industry, he is a former president, executive committee

See **BEEF**, Agribusiness 3

Farm credit improves in Great Plains, Fed says

By Alan Bjerga
Bloomberg News writer

WASHINGTON — Credit conditions for farmers in the Great Plains are improving after record harvests and higher prices, according to rural bankers in a survey by the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank.

Cropland values in a seven-state region from Missouri to Colorado rose from a year earlier, while ranchland fell as cattle producers reduced herds, the regional Fed said Friday in a quarterly report. The bank's index for loan repayments rose for the first time in a year, while its measure of loan extensions and renewals fell.

"We're moving in a positive direction," said Jason Henderson, a Kansas City Fed vice president based in Omaha, Neb. "Livestock losses should narrow, and crop produc-

"We're moving in a positive direction."
— Jason Henderson, a Kansas City Fed vice president

ers are more optimistic."

Corn prices jumped 20 percent in the fourth quarter, wheat gained 18 percent and soybeans rallied 13 percent, improving prospects for crops that plunged from year-earlier levels because of surging output. Net farm income is forecast to jump 12 percent this year to \$63 billion, as an increase in the value of livestock production more than offsets lower revenue from crops, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Thursday.

In the Kansas City Fed region, which includes Kansas, the top U.S. wheat producer, the value of non-irrigated cropland increased

2.3 percent from a year earlier, the Fed said, without giving a dollar figure. Irrigated land increased 1.4 percent and ranchland fell 2.2 percent, according to supporting data for the report.

Ample rain this year in the areas decreased the premium placed on irrigated land relative to non-irrigated, Henderson said. The Fed didn't provide a combined total for all three types of farmland.

The outlook for farm income is improving, as the Fed's measure rose to 86 in the fourth quarter from 49 in the third quarter. A rating below 100 means more bankers surveyed reported declining income, while a reading above signals higher profit.

Equipment sales of Deere & Co tractors and AgCo Corp. combines may increase in 2010, survey respondents said, as farmers renew spending that

was scaled back in 2009. Several bankers said farmers are relying more on credit from vendors rather than banks, which Henderson attributed to no-interest loans and company programs intended to spur purchases.

The Kansas City Fed's index of loan repayments was 95 in the fourth quarter, with a rating of 100 equaling last year's levels. That's up from 82 in the previous three months.

The bank's index of loan renewals and extensions index fell from 121 to 116, according to supporting documents for the survey.

The bank's region includes Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, northern New Mexico and western Missouri. The Kansas City Fed's quarterly survey included responses from 241 banks involved in agricultural lending.

Subsidies

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Critics argue subsidies to wealthy farmers aren't justified, especially when crop prices are relatively high and farmers' incomes tend to be higher than the national average. And they ask why federal money flows primarily to growers of five crops — corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton and rice — while livestock, poultry and produce farmers get by without subsidy checks.

Peterson said he plans to hold hearings on the 2012 Farm Bill starting as early as next month, but he downplayed the likelihood of radical changes to subsidy policy.

Like most subsidy backers, Peterson said food production requires farms of all sizes, and that farmers need a safety net to protect their investments against unpredictable markets and weather.

Congress hasn't tried to significantly wean farmers off subsidies since the ill-fated Freedom to Farm bill of 1996. After commodity prices fell and caused a crisis, Congress returned to a more traditional approach with the 2002 Farm Bill, which also provided the framework for the 2008 legislation.

The 2008 bill prohibited all subsidies to anyone whose non-farm adjusted gross income exceeds \$500,000. They also ended a major "direct payments" program for anyone with more than \$750,000 in adjusted gross income from farming.

And the Agriculture Department recently said it will work with the Internal Revenue Service to stop payments to people who exceed the income limits after learning 2,702 millionaires received farm payments from 2003 to 2006 and were probably ineligible.

But critics say the 2008 bill largely maintained the status quo. Steve Ellis, spokesman for Taxpayers for Common Sense, called the lower income limits a "Swiss cheese cap," easy to avoid with accounting changes.

The 2009 crop is the first subject to the new rules, and data aren't available on whether the changes have significantly altered who gets subsidies.

The Environmental Working Group maintains a searchable database detailing how 75 percent of farm subsidies have gone to 10 percent of the beneficiaries in recent years, though the data goes only through 2007. Ken Cook, the research group's president, said he's skeptical the 2009 data will show much change.

"We thought it was a pretty phony reform," Cook said.

But Rob Joslin, president of the American Soybean Association, said the income caps affect many family farms, especially those including livestock operations.

"I think we need to let this Farm Bill run its course," Joslin said.

The Obama administration said its proposed farm subsidy cuts would save \$2.3 billion over 10 years. Its new budget proposal would lower the cap on direct payments from \$40,000 per person per year to \$30,000. It would also reduce income eligibility limits over three years to \$250,000 for non-farm adjusted gross income and \$500,000 for farm adjusted gross income.

But most think the proposal is dead.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., said farmers have already based their business decisions on the existing legislation.

Barley

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operations," explained Dave Paul, director of the USDA Risk Management Agency's Spokane office.

That's because the new program offers a growers many more options. Growers who are raising waxy hullless, waxy hulled or hullless barley under contract can choose to insure for that contract price — up to specified limitations for yield loss. Growers must have a contract to qualify for the spe-

cialty type barley insurance. Malt growers can elect to use their contract price for yield loss but can also insure the crop in case it doesn't meet malt standards. Or they may choose just to insure for yield loss at the higher contract price.

"I can see that some guys may think their barley always does good and just want to insure for yield loss," Paul said. "Talk to your agent, quote it and see what the difference is."

Growers will also be able

to separate the contacted malt barley acres from open malt barley acres, as well as separating waxy varieties from malt varieties.

Paul hopes the new specialty type barley insurance will encourage more growers to insure their barley acres.

In 2008, the most recent year data were available, growers insured 67 percent of the eligible barley acres in Idaho compared to wheat growers who had insured 80 percent of their eligible acres.

"This is an effort to try to improve barley crop insurance, to make it more like what the wheat guys get," Paul said.

The Risk Management Agency paid out \$474 million in losses last year in the Pacific Northwest, primarily to wheat growers because of low poor prices. The agency had \$3.5 billion in crop insurance covering 4.8 million acres in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska in 2009.

Organic

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said Clint Evans, Idaho Assistant State Conservationist for programs. "The benefit of the organic initiative is that it allows eligible producers to compete for (program) benefits separately from regular (program) funding."

To be eligible for support, the 2008 Farm Bill requires producers to develop and carry out an Organic System Plan. These plans must be approved and registered by

the Idaho Department of Agriculture or a USDA accredited certifier. Applicants with certified organic operations must submit a copy of their current Organic System Plan.

"Producers can apply for financial assistance to help offset the costs of applying conservation practices to remedy existing environmental problems on their agriculture lands," Evans said. "Applicants will need to complete a screening

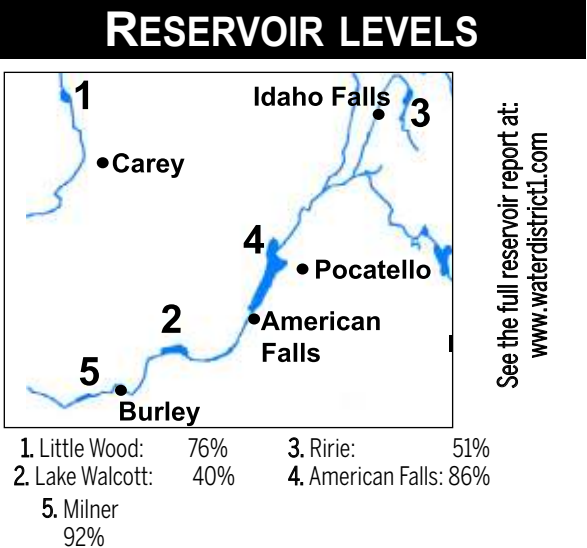
worksheet for either Certified Organic operation or transitioning to organic production."

The NRCS has more than 290 conservation practices under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program that can help organic producers, said Marlon Winger, the state agronomist with NRCS.

He said planting cover crops to increase nitrogen in the soil, improving plant health through crop rota-

tion or evaluating compost in nutrient management plans are all examples of practices that fit the program.

"Producers can also take advantage of technical advice available from NRCS field offices," Winger said. "NRCS provides both financial and technical assistance to motivate producers to change or adapt practices to improve conservation on their operations."



Vets

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year. Loan repayment benefits are limited to payments of the principal and interest on government and commercial loans.

Idaho has encouraged students to pursue careers in veterinary sciences by helping with tuition costs, however, some say support from lawmakers is declining as the state becomes more urban and a national recession bites into state coffers.

In 2008, Idaho spent more than \$1 million annually to help cover tuition costs for Idaho students attending veterinarian school at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.

Idaho does not have a four-year veterinary school, so it reserves enough seating for 11 students each year.

The institute will begin accepting applications on April 30 from veterinarians wishing to participate in the program.

The institute will call on federal and state animal health experts to recommend areas that are struggling with a veterinary shortage.

Officials with the USDA say the leading cause of veterinarian shortages is the high cost of four years of professional veterinary medical training, which can average between \$130,000 and \$140,000.

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Nurseries struggle with lagging economy

By Abby Haight
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Like his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, David Niklas feels the quickening of spring as the season ramps up at his wholesale nursery in a farming community south of Portland. Niklas and his workers busily package plants for shipment.

These days, his flowers and vegetable seedlings have fewer places to go, as the housing bubble burst and the state and national economies flatlined.

Just three years after reaching a record high of almost \$1 billion in sales, Oregon's nursery industry has plummeted into an historic slump. Nurseries are laying off employees, cutting costs and foregoing new buildings and equipment.

A few, like Niklas' Clackamas Greenhouses, have gone bankrupt.

"The family has poured money into it as we tried to restructure it and make new markets," said Niklas, who had to file bankruptcy after losing almost half his sales when his primary retailer was bought out. "Commercial lenders aren't talking to me because I'm coming out of bankruptcy.

"They aren't even talking to GM, so why would they talk to a little nursery?"

Across the country, the nursery and landscaping trades are also facing tough times.

"You have to eat, but you don't have to plant ornamentals," said Terry McElroy, a spokesman at the Florida Department of Agriculture.

Florida, which produces 80 percent of the house plants grown in the United States, had about \$844 million in sales of nursery stock in 2007 — the last year figures



AP photo

Fields of nursery stock are watered near Boring, Ore., on Feb. 8. Across the country, the nursery and landscaping trades took a direct hit when housing starts crashed and the economy flattened.

were available. California, the largest producer, reported \$1.6 billion in nursery stock sales in 2007.

Both states did not have more recent figures, but officials said they had seen a decline in business. They expect the industry to slowly recover — but they also expect the belt-tightening will remain, with fewer purchases, less expansion and fewer employees.

"We know, just by tracking sales in general, that it's down but we don't know how down," said Jennifer Nelis, spokeswoman for the Florida Nursery Growers Association. "It's the life cycle of home construction. Plants are some of the last to go in, so the industry is the last to bounce back.

"Things are starting to get a little better, but it will always lag."

In Oregon, the downturn was swift and stunning. The rich soil and mild climate of Oregon's Willamette Valley is ideal for growing plants. And for 18 years, starting in 1990, the nursery industry steadily grew, reaching \$988 million in sales in 2007. The nursery commodity outpaced cattle, then ranked second, by as much as \$500 million that year.

Then the industry slammed into a swarm of trouble: the halt of home and business construction, high transportation costs, financial lending woes and a depressed national economy. Sales plunged 17 percent, to \$820 million, in 2008. State leaders expect a similar drop for 2009.

Back in the heady days, Niklas could count on \$4 million in annual sales at his nursery in Aurora. Bankruptcy knocked him down and, just as the nursery began to recover under Chapter 12 restructuring, the nation's economic downturn landed a sucker punch.

Niklas' annual sales plummeted to under \$2 million. He hasn't found a commercial lender to help him refinance. He and other nursery owners worry that two tax measures passed by Oregon voters earlier this year — raising the state income tax on upper income individuals, and hiking the corporate minimum tax and taxes on corporate net income greater than \$10 million — will push them closer to the financial edge.

"If the financial system doesn't get fixed, it's going to be extremely hard for agriculture to get back on its feet," Niklas said.

David Van Essen, whose Van Essen Nursery in the community of Lebanon is one of the largest container growers in the state, had never seen such a precipitous swing. The 300-acre nursery had to cut back. About 35 full-time employees were laid off.

Like many others, Van Essen had to become more efficient.

"This is a benchmark year," Van Essen said. "If things continue to decline, it's going to be very difficult to weather this storm. We can only withstand so many years of down sales."

Growers also are having a hard time finding loans.

"It's a very tough lending environment for a nursery," said John Aguirre, executive director of the Oregon Association of Nurseries. "In most typical downturns, things would have been fine. But given the severity of this, where banks have been quite aggressive, even brutal in their response, people just can't refinance."

A few Oregon nurseries have gone bankrupt. More have quietly gone out of business.

Not all is gloom. Nurseries that specialized in edibles — vegetables, fruit trees and berries — didn't fall as far thanks to the interest in grow-your-own food. Nurseries that produce native and drought-tolerant plants for restoration work also have fared better.

J. Frank Schmidt & Son, which sells about 1.2 million trees yearly, saw its sales fall about 10 percent. It has laid off workers and cut back production. But the company's cooler warehouse in Boring is full of trees bundled for shipment. Crews are busy grafting, trimming roots and branches, caring for cuttings.

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

ALFALFA AND FORAGE

Alfalfa and Forage Conference set

BURLEY — The 2010 Idaho Alfalfa and Forage Conference is scheduled today and Wednesday 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.

of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Barley production information available online

Barley production information from the Barley Production and Management for Profit workshop held in Billings, Mont. Jan. 13 is available online.

The presentations have been posted on the Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences website under the Education link at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/bms/education.html>

For questions or for more information, contact Karen Hertsgaard at 701-793-1146 or email karen.hertsgaard@ndsu.edu

WHEAT, BARLEY AND GRAINS

Wheat Commission announces upcoming meetings

Idaho Wheat Commission Chairman Joe Anderson scheduled the following meetings for the last week of February:

- Feb. 23: IWC meeting 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24: Research Review 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24: IWC meeting 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 25: IWC meeting 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in the Idaho Wheat Commission conference room located at 821 W. State Street in Boise.

Agenda items will include budget discussions, a review of IWC financial statements and information & education updates. Research Review will cover research proposals submitted to the IWC by the University of Idaho, College

BEANS AND LEGUMES

Magic Valley Bean School set for Friday

The 2010 Magic Valley Bean School will be held at 8 a.m. Friday 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.

— Staff reports

One bison shot in winter hunt

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Only one Yellowstone bison was reported shot as Montana's bison hunt ended Monday with most of the animals still inside the national park, where hunting is banned.

Now that the three-month hunt has ended, animals leaving the park will be subject to hazing, capture and possibly slaughter under a program meant to prevent the spread of ani-

mal disease to cattle.

And after being criticized by ranchers last year for what they saw as a migration that got out of control, state livestock officials are planning a more aggressive response this year.

Montana State Veterinarian Marty Zaluski said that "proactive" plan will apply even in areas where cattle aren't present, starting immediately.

Kimberly

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The center's infrastructure grew as the region's agriculture evolved. In 1983, the university purchased an additional 40 acres. The center expanded again in the 1990s with the addition of 60 acres to meet growing research needs, bringing Kimberly's total to 180 irrigated acres.

Kimberly Research and Extension Center scientists have conducted essential research on potato storage, bean production, sugar beets, forage crops, irrigation efficiency, soil fertility, and other issues critical to sustain southcentral Idaho growers of irrigated crops.

FACILITIES

Kimberly R&E Center has four greenhouses, a dry bean

research facility complete with laboratories, a seed cleaning complex, seed warehouse, and a potato storage research complex.

In the early 1960s, the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) established the Snake River Conservation Research Center, now known as the Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory, across the road from the university farm.

PROGRAMS

Many research programs benefiting Idaho evolved into cooperative programs between the ARS and UI research scientists. For example, in 2005 17 UI faculty and USDA personnel from Kimberly, Twin Falls, Aberdeen, Parma, and Moscow carried out R&E

research on Kimberly's 180-acre farm. The research involved a variety of crops and issues.

Kimberly's public dry bean breeding program, one of 10 in the nation, has developed bean varieties for Idaho's dry bean industry since 1925. Recent dry bean research activities include assessment of new market classes, characterization of past cultivars, cultivar disease and pest resistance, breeding for great northern and pinto beans, and improvement of common bean land races of the western U.S. for sustainable farming systems.

Potato storage and other research. Other Kimberly-based research important to Idaho agriculture includes potato storage to control disease and evaluate potato

quality characteristics for maximum eating and processing uses; also forage evaluation, nutrient management practices involving land application of livestock waste, irrigation scheduling, surface and groundwater quality, and crop pest and disease research.

Kimberly's Idaho Foundation Seed Program is responsible for transferring pure seed for crop varieties from breeding programs to producers. It grows and conditions a wide variety of crops at university R&E centers throughout Idaho as it maintains some 120 varieties of wheat, barley, oats, beans, potatoes, peas, chickpeas, lentils, rapeseed, grasses, forbs, and forage legumes.

Beef

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member and board member of the Idaho Cattle Association. He is also a former Feeder Council chair and chairman of the marketing committee.

Jones is a former Region V vice president for the Federation of State Beef Councils' division of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), based in Denver. He also served on the international markets committee.

Within the state, Jones is former Leadership Idaho Agriculture board member and a current board member of the Idaho Animal Damage Control group and the Magic Valley Aero Club.

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Today: Mostly cloudy, a few late showers. High 44.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, a few snow showers. Low 30.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy. High 48.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature

Yesterday's High 37°
Yesterday's Low 29°
Normal High / Low 42° / 23°
Record High 62° in 1991
Record Low 1° in 2004

Precipitation

Yesterday's 0.02"
Month to Date 0.22"
Avg. Month to Date 0.43"
Water Year to Date 2.51"
Avg. Water Year to Date 4.27"

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Increasing snow showers today with snow showers likely tonight and early Wednesday. A few to several inches of snow is possible.

Today Highs 40's

Tonight's Lows 30's

BOISE

Cloudy and mostly dry today. Cloudy tonight with scattered snow showers. Scattered showers again possible early Wednesday.

NORTHERN UTAH

Mostly dry today with light snow showers and flurries tonight. Snow showers still possible early Wednesday.

Map of Idaho with weather icons for various locations: Coeur d'Alene, Grangeville, McCall, Salmon, Caldwell, Boise, Mountain Home, Twin Falls, Burley, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Rupert, and Sun Valley.

Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 58 at Lowell Low: 7 at Dixie

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

Mostly cloudy and mostly dry

A few snow showers or flurries

Partly to mostly cloudy

Partly cloudy and cool

Partly cloudy

Chance of mixed showers

High 51°

Low 35°

48° / 33°

44° / 29°

46° / 31°

45° / 34°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature

Yesterday's High 41°
Yesterday's Low 32°
Normal High / Low 40° / 23°
Record High 59° in 2000
Record Low 7° in 2004

Precipitation

Yesterday's 0.02"
Month to Date 0.32"
Avg. Month to Date 0.49"
Water Year to Date 3.62"
Avg. Water Year to Date 4.85"

Humidity

Yesterday's High 88%
Yesterday's Low 73%
Today's Forecast Avg. 74%

Barometric Pressure

5 pm Yesterday 30.21 in.

Sunrise and Sunset

Today Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM
Wednesday Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM
Thursday Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM
Friday Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 6:15 PM
Saturday Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 6:16 PM

Today's U. V. Index

Low Moderate High

1 3 5 7 10

The higher the index the more sun protection needed

Forecast and maps prepared by: DayWeather, Inc. Cheyenne, Wyoming www.dayweather.com

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Boise	52 32 r	46 29 sh	40 29 pc
Bonnerville	42 32 r	46 29 sh	40 29 pc
Burley	44 30 mc	48 30 r	46 30 sh
Challis	43 23 pc	44 21 r	40 21 mc
Coeur d'Alene	44 32 r	45 28 sh	40 28 pc
Elko, NV	48 25 pc	49 26 pc	46 26 pc
Eugene, OR	57 35 sh	54 35 pc	62 35 su
Gooding	46 35 mc	46 30 sh	41 30 mx
Grace	37 25 pc	37 24 mx	38 24 ls
Hagerman	52 37 mc	51 33 sh	48 33 sh
Hailey	40 25 pc	43 24 mx	40 24 mx
Idaho Falls	35 27 pc	39 27 mx	36 27 mx
Kalispell, MT	41 29 mc	40 26 ls	41 26 pc
Jerome	47 34 mc	46 31 sh	42 31 mx
Lewiston	53 44 r	56 40 pc	51 40 pc
Malad City	40 25 pc	41 25 mx	39 25 mx
Malta	46 29 pc	49 30 mx	46 30 sh
McCall	37 29 mx	36 20 ls	35 20 ls
Missoula, MT	43 30 r	42 29 ls	41 29 ls
Pocatello	41 30 pc	43 28 mx	42 28 mx
Portland, OR	55 38 sh	53 39 pc	61 39 su
Rupert	42 28 mc	45 28 r	43 28 sh
Rexburg	31 22 pc	34 23 ls	32 23 mx
Richland, WA	55 35 r	54 32 pc	52 32 pc
Rigerson	44 26 pc	40 25 ls	36 25 ls
Salmon	42 26 r	39 23 ls	38 23 pc
Salt Lake City, UT	50 33 pc	49 34 mx	48 34 mx
Spokane, WA	48 34 r	50 31 pc	44 31 pc
Stanley	40 20 mc	42 12 mx	42 12 ls
Sun Valley	36 16 mx	37 16 mx	36 16 ls
Yellowstone, MT	28 13 ls	28 8 ls	26 8 ls

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	39 27 pc	45 27 pc	Orlando	55 37 pc	60 36 pc
Baltimore	34 20 ls	37 21 ls	Phoenix	74 50 su	74 51 pc
Billings	38 28 pc	38 22 mx	Portland, ME	55 38 sh	53 39 pc
Birmingham	39 25 mc	45 26 pc	Raleigh	42 24 pc	45 25 pc
Boston	34 29 ls	39 30 ls	Rapid City	35 17 pc	33 13 ls
Charleston, SC	47 30 pc	49 30 su	Reno	60 32 pc	55 30 pc
Charlotte, NC	29 24 ls	32 23 pc	Sacramento	65 45 pc	66 47 su
Chicago	31 18 ls	30 20 pc	St. Louis	33 17 ls	34 18 su
Cleveland	31 23 ls	29 22 ls	St. Paul	30 6 pc	28 7 pc
Denver	42 24 pc	49 20 pc	Salt Lake City	50 33 pc	49 34 mx
Des Moines	29 5 pc	28 10 pc	San Diego	72 55 su	66 55 su
Detroit	31 21 ls	30 22 ls	San Francisco	65 50 pc	66 49 pc
El Paso	60 36 pc	65 41 pc	Seattle	55 38 sh	53 39 pc
Fairbanks	26 18 pc	30 26 pc	Tucson	73 45 su	73 46 su
Fargo	22 -3 pc	21 -1 pc	Washington, DC	36 25 pc	38 24 pc
Honolulu	78 66 su	76 67 su			
Houston	56 30 su	61 36 su			
Indianapolis	29 20 ls	29 14 pc			
Jacksonville	50 32 pc	55 33 pc			
Kansas City	30 17 pc	39 18 pc			
Las Vegas	70 49 pc	69 48 pc			
Little Rock	41 26 pc	49 30 pc			
Los Angeles	80 54 su	75 55 su			
Los Angeles	39 28 pc	46 33 pc			
Miami	68 47 pc	69 51 pc			
Milwaukee	28 21 ls	29 18 ls			
Nashville	33 22 ls	37 22 pc			
New Orleans	52 34 su	55 39 su			
New York	34 28 ls	38 28 ls			
Oklahoma City	44 21 su	53 31 su			
Omaha	26 6 pc	29 11 pc			

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Calgary	34 23 pc	31 21 ls	Saskatoon	30 17 pc	25 14 pc
Edmonton	30 26 ls	31 19 ls	Toronto	29 25 pc	25 25 pc
Kelowna	33 22 ls	30 23 pc	Vancouver	45 34 sh	46 34 pc
Lehighbridge	41 30 pc	34 24 ls	Victoria	49 37 sh	47 37 pc
Regina	28 16 pc	29 12 pc	Winnipeg	21 1 pc	24 1 pc

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Acapulco	84 74 pc	86 71 pc	Moscow	15 -8 pc	14 -6 pc
Athens	59 58 pc	67 59 sh	Nairobi	75 58 sh	71 57 sh
Auckland	78 64 sh	75 58 sh	Oslo	25 21 pc	26 22 pc
Bangkok	95 78 pc	95 77 pc	Paris	37 28 pc	39 31 r
Beijing	31 16 pc	37 17 pc	Prague	26 10 pc	31 30 mx
Berlin	29 18 pc	31 30 pc	Rio de Janeiro	92 72 pc	92 72 th
Buenos Aires	81 67 pc	83 68 pc	Rome	48 47 r	57 54 sh
Cairo	86 56 pc	93 54 pc	Santiago	86 55 pc	84 54 pc
Cairo	86 56 pc	93 54 pc	Seoul	30 15 pc	29 13 pc
Dhahran	80 63 pc	83 67 pc	Sydney	77 64 sh	75 63 pc
Geneva	38 27 pc	40 30 ls	Tel Aviv	72 64 pc	72 66 pc
Hong Kong	60 53 r	56 55 r	Tokyo	36 30 pc	44 33 ls
Jerusalem	80 59 sh	88 63 pc	Tokyo	36 30 pc	44 33 ls
Johannesburg	76 58 sh	64 57 sh	Vienna	31 27 pc	32 32 pc
Kuwait City	82 65 pc	84 64 pc	Warsaw	27 22 pc	30 27 pc
London	39 31 r	38 27 pc	Winnipeg	21 1 pc	24 1 pc
Mexico City	55 41 sh	50 42 r	Zurich	33 22 pc	33 31 pc

Today's National Map

-20 -10 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

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Husband: Professor went to range before shooting

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — The husband of an Alabama professor accused of fatally shooting three colleagues said Monday that the couple went to a shooting range recently, but that he didn't know where she got the gun she used for practice that day.

James Anderson told The Associated Press that his wife, Amy Bishop, didn't do anything unusual in the days before Friday's shooting. Bishop, a Harvard-educated neurobiologist, is accused of pulling a gun at a faculty meeting and shooting six people, three fatally. Two of the survivors remained in critical condition Monday.

Anderson said he knew his wife had a gun, but didn't know when or how she got it.

"I really don't know how she got it, or where she got it from," he said in an interview at his home.

Police have previously said Bishop had no permit for the gun they believe she used in the shooting, and investigators said they didn't know where she got it.

Astronauts move old docking port

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts are doing some rearranging at the International Space Station for the second night in a row.

They used the space station's robot arm Monday evening to remove a 10-year-old adapter from the space station. Then they began transferring it to the freshly vacated port at the station's new room, Tranquility. Until Sunday night, that port held a new observation deck. The \$27 million lookout was moved to its permanent location early Monday.

The shuttle-station crews also are connecting power and data lines in the domed, seven-windowed lookout, and equipping it with all the necessary gear. Pilot Terry Virts says it's beautiful.

All this is taking place on the eve of the third and final spacewalk of Endeavour's mission.

Giving up on small-town life

Florida family decides to leave N.D. community

By James MacPherson
Associated Press Writer

HAZELTON, N.D. — A tiny North Dakota town's promise of cash and free land lured only one family from out of state. Now, Michael and Jeanette Tristani and their 12-year-old twins are trying to move from the town without a traffic light back to Miami.

Tired of crime, traffic, hurricanes and the high cost of living in Florida, the Tristanis moved four years ago to Hazelton, a dwindling town of about 240 that has attempted to attract young families to stay on the map.

Michael Tristani, 42, said at the time the 1,800-mile move was "an answer to our prayers."

"We don't have to look over our shoulder to see who's going to rob us, or jump out of the bushes to attack us," Tristani said. "Taxes are low, the cost of living is low and the kids enjoy school."

But the family also found a cliquey community that treated them like outsiders. "For my wife, it's been a culture shock," he said.

Rural communities across the Great Plains, fighting a decades-long population decline, are trying a variety of ways to attract outsiders. But the Tristanis show how the efforts can fail even at a time when many people are desperate.

Jeanette and Michael Tristani stand outside their home in Hazelton, N.D., on Jan. 22. The couple and their two children moved from Florida to Hazelton four years ago. Now they are moving back.

"It's been quite an experience, 50-50 at best," Tristani said. "It hasn't been easy. No one really wants new people here!"

The Hazelton Development Corp., formed by a determined group of citizens, began running ads in 2005 offering families up to two free lots and up to \$20,000 toward home purchases. Businesses were offered free lots and up to \$50,000 for setting up shop in the town.

Besides cash and free land, Hazelton had little else to offer except elbow room. Surrounded by flat farm land and livestock, the century-old town boasts three churches, a bank, a grain elevator and a bar.

Like many small towns across rural America, the once thriving farming community began shrinking as residents moved on or passed away.

Tom Weiser, one of the city leaders behind the project to lure new residents, said Hazelton had hundreds of inquiries from around the world when the community's proposal made headlines across the country. Several families from other states visited the town but only the Tristanis made the commitment to move.

"Not everybody fits in in a small town," said Weiser, who works as a baker at Walmart in Bismarck, about 45 miles away.

Hay bales, a gas station and

a graveyard greet visitors as they roll into Hazelton off the state highway.

Michael Tristani came from his native Florida wearing gold necklaces and a Rolex and driving a Lexus. He proved as foreign as a flamingo in a place where pickups, farm caps and flannel shirts are de rigueur.

"People thought I was a drug dealer," he said.

Tristani said he was prepared for Hazelton's bitter winters — when wind chills can reach 50-degrees below zero and snow drifts are measured in feet — but not the small-town drama.

"People prejudice you without getting to know you," Jeanette Tristani said.

The couple bought a house

built by students at an American Indian college in Bismarck. The home was moved to town and put on two lots donated by the city. The Tristanis bought a third lot and were later given \$15,000.

Tristani, a former grocery worker, and his wife, a former real estate agent, opened a bistro and coffee shop. But within weeks of moving to the city, the couple petitioned for a restraining order against the owners of another coffee shop. The Tristanis allege one of the owners drove by their house yelling obscenities and threatened to damage the family's new home.

"He appears to be out of control," The Tristanis wrote in court papers. "At times, it's difficult to understand the rest of the words he's using on my family due to his uproar!"

Both businesses are now shuttered.

After his bistro failed, Michael Tristani said he began buying old houses in Bismarck, fixing them up and reselling them to earn money. Jeanette, 44, lost her job last year at a call center in nearby Linton when the business failed.

The Tristanis say the family enjoys spending time together and has little to do with the locals. They relish trips to a Walmart in Bismarck.

The couple's home in Hazelton has been on the market since August, though the for-sale sign has been covered with snow for weeks.

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Modern in the mountains

Form should follow function in Idaho architecture

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — What is mountain architecture? A Tyrolean chalet, A-frame cottage or big-timbered lodge, right?

Not necessarily, according to some Wood River Valley architects. Rather than being an identifiable themed design, mountain architecture is more about enhancing the functions a house needs to perform in a mountain environment.

"There's a mountain architecture that isn't necessarily what people think of when they think of architecture in the mountains," said Jamie Bourret, a Ketchum architect who specializes in mountain homes. "You need to recognize environmental factors before you start."

Snow, to be sure.

Though it isn't intuitive, lower-sloped roofs are actually better in a snowy environment than steeply sloped roofs. "Flat roofs are better in many ways; there's no icicle drop or snow drop," said Jack Smith, an architect in Ketchum for 35 years and an adjunct professor of architecture at Montana State University.

Bourret noted that snow is actually quite a good insulator, so keeping it on a roof is a good idea in the winter as long as the structure is built so that the weight doesn't stress it excessively.

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Also helping to insulate the home and make it energy efficient can be hillsides, whether native or manmade. This is especially true when the hill is to the north of the house, where there isn't much sun to begin with.

With the home arranged this way, low sun can stream in through south-facing windows to heat it in the winter. Overhangs over these south windows block the high sun in the summer except for a few hours in morning and evening, keeping the house cool during hotter months.

To extend how the natural environment can help a home's efficiency, plant evergreen trees on the north side, and deciduous on the south — the leaves will shade the southern windows in summer, and let light through in winter.

In the high desert, like the Snake River plain, wind is one of the most critical factors.

"You pay attention to where the wind is coming from," Bourret said. Position a home to be exposed to summer winds and protected from winter winds; the house will be more comfortable and more energy efficient.

In this way, mountain architecture can respond appropriate-



This home north of Ketchum is a decent compromise between a Tuscan style of architecture and the environmental requirements of a mountain home, said architect Jamie Bourret. It is positioned with a hillside to the south to block winter weather.

ly to its landscape and region, which both architects said is a critical component of any good architecture — no matter where.

"We actualize the potential the site might provide," Smith said, describing how he might question a client's desire to have, say, a Mediterranean home built in Sun Valley. "We don't actualize what they already have preconceived."

Bourret said he faces similar challenges, when a client's style desires are to be melded with

design that is responsive to the environment.

"In the interests of making a house look a certain way, (design) begins to dictate," he said. "If you think in terms of a style, you bring that baggage of what it ought to look like."

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Both architects often find solutions in what most laypeople would, with certain preconcep-

Photos by ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News Above, with pre-rusted steel beams atop a framework of wood, this trellis on a garage-turned-rec room north of Ketchum offers both architectural interest and functionality. It will help break up snow at the room's entrance and shade the windows during summer. Another nod to the environment are the metal column bases that architect Jamie Bourret placed to avoid having piled snow discolor and warp what otherwise would have been wood.

tions, call "modern architecture."

"There is a picture people have in their minds of what a modern house looks like. It has lots of glass all around, an exposed structure of steel and concrete," Bourret said. "(But) it's not so much a style as a methodology adaptable to many environments."

One way to figure out what architectural elements are appropriate in a given environment is to examine homes built by the native people, or by landowners generations ago.

In the Mediterranean example,

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LAURA BLACK

Grime fighters

Which are your favorite?

By Amy Bertrand, Aisha Sultan
and Karen Deer
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

In a perfect world, there would be no dishpan hands.

We wouldn't worry about ring around the toilet or dog hair on the sofa.

But it's the fortunate few whose favorite cleaning tool is a maid. When Parents and American Baby magazines recently surveyed their readers and asked moms which professional they'd most like to hire, more than half (56 percent) said a cleaning service.

Because many of us are stuck doing the grunt work ourselves, we've compiled a list of our favorite products and tools that make these daily household chores a little easier.

When it's cold outside, you may as well cuddle up with some Clorox. And take that money you saved on a cleaning service and buy yourself a new handbag for spring.

Karen Deer, lifestyle reporter and OCD cleaner

Weiman Leather Wipes (\$3.64) at Target

The wipes naturally clean and protect leather. I can't live without this product. I use the wipes weekly on my leather couch, loveseat and chaise. The product removes dirt stains, and most important, paw prints. The wipes leave a natural sheen on my furniture.

CLR Grease Magnet (\$7 suggested retail price) at major retailers

This product is useful when cleaning barbecue pits, garage floors and driveways. Recently, I had a big glob of car oil on the driveway. I washed the oil off with Dawn dish soap mixed with hot water. The oil stain loosened up a little. Then, I sprayed the CLR Grease Magnet, waited about 5 minutes and rinsed with hot water. It didn't remove the stain entirely, but the heavy glob was gone. The product is also great for cleaning a grungy-looking barbecue pit.

Michael Graves Design Microfiber Floor Mop (\$10.99) at Target

This mop features a 360-degree swivel head and a soft-grip handle. It's for dry use only and perfect for applying cleaners to my hardwood floors. In my home, the floor mop comes out twice a week and does a great job of cleaning and shining.

Aisha Sultan, home and family editor and short-cut cleaner

Super Shammy (eight for \$19.90) at

See GRIME, H&G 3



SANDRA LEAVITT LERNER/The Washington Post

Avoid covering a tree's root collar, which causes the bark to rot.

Don't be fooled by TREE MYTHS

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Many planting practices that were thought critical to the health of trees are simply myths. Some ideas that have long been accepted by experts have proven to be incorrect. This is understandable because it can take generations to comprehend the sophisticated systems of these magnificent plants. So let's examine some tree myths.

Myth 1: Newly planted trees need to be staked or guy-wired.

This is generally incorrect. Balled-and-burlapped and large-container trees are bottom-heavy, so they can stand on their own. Wiring them in place kills far more trees than it helps because in most cases the wires are never removed.

It's not staking and using guy wires that kill trees, but the lack of stewardship. This is a common problem, especially for street trees that are planted in holes and never given care again. Without removing stakes within one year of planting, and without enough water, trees die.

One exception to this rule is if you are planting a bare-root tree or one that is a poorly rooted plant from a container. In those situations, staking might be necessary.

Myth 2: When planting a tree, dig the hole twice as wide and twice as deep as the root ball, installing it so the tree trunk is planted at ground level and making sure

you have properly prepared the soil.

Install root balls about 25 percent higher than ground level. Place the tree or shrub, and then fill the hole with a mixture of one-third compost and two-thirds native soil. Pack the soil mixture firmly so that any air pockets are filled in. Water the tree well, making sure the soil stays moist, but not wet, while the plant establishes itself, or until the ground freezes, if you've planted in fall or winter.

Research indicates that newly planted trees do best on a solid platform of soil. Planting trees and shrubs too deeply is a common mistake that can lead to killing the plant. Avoid allowing the root collar (the flare just above the point where the roots join the main trunk) to be covered with soil or mulch. The roots need moisture, but the bark and root collar need air. If you cover them with soil, the bark will rot, causing the same girdling effect as wire.

Myth 3: Newly planted trees should be "fed" regularly.

Trees don't eat. They absorb nutrients and can be fertilized in fall with a general-purpose dry fertilizer using a broadcast spreader over the surface of the root zone. Use a product with an analysis of about 10-6-4 (nitrogen-phosphorous-potash). Trees receive their nourishment through osmosis and need moisture to absorb these minerals through their cells. They

require a balance of properly moist soil that has been prepared to allow enough air space for the roots to grow and absorb the minerals that the soil contains. Clay is loaded with minerals, and if it's mixed with enough organic matter, it will be easy for trees' roots to reach out and take what they need.

Myth 4: Trees need to be watered constantly.

Trees need to be watered when they need water — not before or after. This is not rocket science. Stick your finger in the soil and if it's dry, water. If it's moist, don't. Most plants do not like to be over-watered, and can die from constant watering.

Myth 5: Drought-tolerant trees don't need to be watered.

Yes they do, especially when they are becoming established. Xeriscaping — the practice of using native plants to minimize watering — doesn't mean not watering. A couple of trees that tolerate dry soils are paperbark maple (*Acer griseum*) and lacebark elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*). During establishment of trees, during the first couple of seasons, they still must be watered, but only when necessary.

Finally, one requirement that is not a myth is the most critical guideline to keep in mind. Before you plant even one tree, know what's below it. Have your utility lines located by calling 811, the federally mandated "call before you dig" phone number.



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Showing a 3D model of a home he is designing, Ketchum architect Jamie Bourret points to how he built the house into a hillside, taking advantage of the mountainous landscape as natural insulation. The three-car garage, at the left of the image, is built entirely underground, creating a terrace above for the master bedroom.

Mountain

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thick walls to hold the night's cool into the afternoon, combined with open breezeways, are proof that generations of builders were aware of and adapted their architecture to the Mediterranean climate.

That same architecture would be an inappropriate response to the chilly mountains of Switzerland, which is why those Swiss instead built the Tyrolean lodges that nestled into hillsides, had steep overhangs for

shade and snow protection and had thick timbers that held a fireplace's heat into the night.

Not to say that someone who adores Mediterranean architecture can't incorporate some elements of it into their mountain home. Color or shape can evoke a specific feeling without disguising or abandoning design principles appropriate to the environment.

"Buildings should be built in an honest way," Bourret said. "They shouldn't be

built one way and look another."

Ultimately, the architectural process is about achieving a compromise between design, style, efficiency and what the client wants.

"Hopefully you're going to find a balance," Bourret said. Whether modern, traditional or just plain mountain.

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The kitchen is still king:

The 10 must-have features in today's new homes

By Steve Kerch
MarketWatch

LAS VEGAS — Americans want smaller houses and they are willing to strip some of yesterday's most popular rooms — such as home theaters — from them in order to accommodate changing lifestyles, consumer experts told audiences at the International Builders Show here recently.

"This is a traumatic time in this country and the future isn't something we're 100 percent sure about now either. What's left? The answer for most home buyers is authenticity," said Heather McCune, director of marketing for Bassenian Lagoni Architects in Park Ridge, Ill.

Buyers today want cost-effective architecture, plans that focus on spaces and not rooms, and homes that are designed 'green' from the outset," she said. The key for home builders is "finding the balance between what buyers want and the price point."

For many buyers, their next house will be smaller than their current one, said Carol Lavender, president of the Lavender Design Group in San Antonio, Texas. Large kitchens that are open to the main family living area, old-fashioned bathrooms with clawfoot tubs and small spaces such as wine grottos are design features that will resonate today, she said.

"What we're hearing is 'harvest' as a home theme — the feeling of Thanksgiving. It's all about family togetherness — casual living, entertaining and flexible spaces," Lavender said.

Paul Cardis, CEO of AVID Ratings Co., which conducts an annual survey of home-buyer preferences, said there are 10 "must" features in new homes:

Large kitchens, with an island. "If you're going to spend design dollars, spend them where people want them — spend them in the kitchen," McCune said. Granite countertops are a



Home offices and ceiling fans are on the list of popular features in new homes.

must for move-up buyers and buyers of custom homes, but for others "they are on the bubble," Cardis said.

Energy-efficient appliances, high-efficiency insulation and high window efficiency. Among the "green" features touted in homes, these are the ones buyers value most, he said. While large windows had been a major draw, energy concerns are giving customers pause on those, he said. The use of recycled or synthetic materials is only borderline desirable.

Home office/study. People would much rather have this space rather than, say, a formal dining room. "People are feeling like they can dine out again and so the dining room has become tradable," Cardis said. And the home theater may also be headed for the scrap heap, a casualty of the "shift from boom to correction," Cardis said.

Main-floor master suite. This is a must feature

for empty-nesters and certain other buyers, and appears to be getting more popular in general, he said. That could help explain why demand for upstairs laundries is declining after several years of popularity gains.

Outdoor living room. The popularity of outdoor spaces continues to grow, even in Canada, Cardis said. And the idea of an outdoor room is even more popular than an outdoor cooking area, meaning people are willing to spend more time outside.

Ceiling fans. Master suite soaker tubs. Whirlpools are still desirable for many home buyers, Cardis said, but "they clearly went down a notch," in the latest survey. Oversize showers with seating areas are also moving up in popularity.

Stone and brick exteriors. Stucco and vinyl don't make the cut.

Community landscaping, with walking paths and playgrounds. Forget about golf courses, swimming pools and clubhouses. Buyers in large planned developments prefer hiking among lush greenery.

Two-car garages. A given at all levels; three-car garages, in which the third bay is more often than not used for additional storage and not automobiles, are desirable in the move-up and custom categories, Cardis said.

Choose mattress that's just right

By Mary Beth Breckenridge
Akron Beacon Journal

Q: How do I choose a good mattress?

A: Of all the issues I've researched over the years, that may well be the toughest. That's because choosing a mattress is largely a matter of comfort, and that's a highly individual and subjective matter. The process is complicated by manufacturers' practice of selling basically the same product with different names and fabrics through different retailers, making comparison difficult.

If you want to make the best choice, be prepared for some comparison shopping and education. At the store, ask the

salesperson to show you what's available in your price range, and have him or her explain the relative advantages of the various models. Get product literature on the mattresses that interest you, so you can use it to compare products at other stores.

Once you've narrowed your choices to three or four mattresses, test each one by lying on it for a full 15 minutes — with your partner, if you regularly sleep with one. Roll around and try different sleeping positions.

Make sure you understand the warranty of the mattress you choose, including what it covers and what's required of you. For example, a mat-

tress of queen size or larger may require you to add a center support under the bed.

Know that a warranty typically covers defects but not comfort issues. Look for a nonprorated warranty, which means in the case of a defect, you get a full refund rather than a partial one.

Ask about the store's policy on returns, too. Some retailers allow you to return a mattress if you don't like it, but be sure to understand all the ramifications.

You might be charged a fee for returning the mattress and required to buy a replacement from the same store.

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Lori Chandler
Cleaning Center owner
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Grime

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I was mocked when I bought these long, bright yellow yards of viscose rayon fabric. But these things truly are so absorbent that they have displaced paper towels in our kitchen. We cut them into dishrag-sized squares and stocked the bathrooms with them, as well. They are washable and reusable. Our household has little ones and frequent spills, so at the risk of sounding like a late-night commercial, I'll admit: We've become a Super Shabby family.

Dyson DC31 Handheld (\$219.99) at select Sears

I've never known love for a hand-held vacuum. They've always been wimpy-wimpy, low-suction, low-battery pieces of junk. The Dyson DC31 is a different sort of beast. When you discover Cheerios under the sofa or crumbs in the back seat, it is unlikely to disappoint. It has a dual-power mode and uses a powerful digital motor. It's intense and lightweight. All handhelds should be so satisfying.

Resolve Bright and White, formerly Spray and Wash (\$5.85) at major retailers

Laundry done properly is a science. Stains must be detected and pretreated. Water temperature and cycle settings properly adjusted. Double rinsing to remove vestiges of detergent.

But, in reality, there are weeks when laundry standards are much, much looser, and we are grateful just to have clean underwear in the drawers. This laundry booster, added to the wash, brightens colors and whitens whites without using chlorine bleach. It's used in conjunction with the regular detergent and creates a noticeable difference. And, when you don't have time to hunt for spaghetti and grass stains, it's a nice to have a backup.

Amy Bertrand, lifestyle editor and reluctant cleaner

"2 am Miracle" by Better Life (\$6.95) at Walgreen's

The tagline on the products says "The nursery cleaner that works when you're pooped. And your baby already has." I used it often in the changing area when my youngest was a baby. Now that he's 3, I still use it to clean the bathroom. It cleans well, has a nice scent and is safe for baby and the environment.

Windex Original (\$6.99 for 32 ounce) at major retailers

Like the dad on "My Big, Fat Greek Wedding," I use Windex on everything. I use it to clean my glass kitchen table (streak free

CLEANING TIPS

Roger Florentine is assistant director of housekeeping at the Four Seasons Hotel St. Louis. Here are some of his cleaning secrets and some of ours:

1. **Clean** on Friday night. Your home will look good for entertaining on the weekend.
2. **When** you're out of window cleaning products, use hot water and newspaper.
3. **Baking** soda is a wonder for toilet cleaning.
4. **To remove** mildew in shower corners, soak a cotton ball in bleach and stick it to the mildew mark for about 10 minutes.
5. **Dust** your baseboards weekly to prevent dust buildup for spring cleaning.
6. **If** you're planning a party, put lemons down the garbage disposal. This will help eliminate odors and leave a fresh scent.
7. **Make** a list before cleaning and check it off. This will give you a light at the end of the tunnel.
8. **Carry** your products in a cleaning caddy to save time running around.
9. **When** you dust, start at the top and work down. Use a paint brush to dust cracks or hard-to-reach places.
10. **For** scuff marks on hardwood floors, try a dry cloth and gently rub the mark until it disappears. Use furniture pads under table and chair legs and on the feet of dressers and armoires to save your floors from scratches (available at most hardware and home center stores). Some floors may require periodic waxing and buffing. Talk to your manufacturer for the specific procedures for your floor.
11. **Gum** can be removed by using ice. Set the ice on top of gum, wait a few minutes and remove.
12. **To** remove splattered food in a microwave, place a sponge soaked in water or fill a dish with 1/2 cup water and place in the microwave. Cook on high heat for 2 minutes. Remove the filth, no scrubbing involved. Or try boiling 1/4 cup of white distilled vinegar and 1 cup of water in the microwave. This will help loosen the splattered food and help deodorize.

and then I turn around and wipe my granite countertops with it. I also use it to clean toys and train tables. And did I mention, it does windows?

Mr. Clean Magic Eraser (\$1.99) at major retailers

I'd heard the myth of the Magic Eraser, made with melamine foam, for years. "It gets crayon off walls," my friends would say. "It can erase scuffs on floors," they'd go on. So recently, I decided to try one. My walls are covered in scuffs from toy cars bumping into them and marks from errant crayons. To my surprise, it worked. When I thought I'd have to repaint, I didn't. It even removed grease stains.

Time to start thinking about the kitchen garden

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

In the vegetable garden, the new season begins quietly in the cold months of January and February, whose hints of another garden year are the subtle swelling of buds on the trees, the tentative emergence of daffodils stems and the gradual lengthening of daylight hours.

Many people miss these cues, distracted by ads for Caribbean cruises and news coverage of a long-suffering rodent being pulled from a hole in Pennsylvania. But gardeners are plugged into this cycle of the natural world.

It is still too early by three or four weeks to start most vegetable seeds, but it is neither too soon for gathering the apparatus required for this enterprise nor for ordering from seed catalogs.

You can spend a small fortune buying multi-decked seed-starting light tables from horticultural supply places. But you can also make your own quite cheaply or use storage shelving from mass merchandisers. You also can convert old bookshelves, as long as they are at least four feet long (the length of your standard fluorescent shop light; no need for fancy growing lights). The key is to keep the lights just six inches above the top of the seedlings, and to put the lights on adjustable chains so that they can be raised as the plants grow.

Couple of tips: Put the lights on a timer, as the seedlings need 14 to 16 hours of light per day. Second, have a fan running gently somewhere in the vicinity. This will reduce the chance of a fungal disease called damping off (sudden



Photos by ADRIAN HIGGINS/The Washington Post

Donna Stecker of Green Spring Gardens in Annandale, Va., transfers seedlings of Super Star onions from coffee cups to their own 4-inch pots. The handy platform is an inexpensive concrete-mixing tray from Home Depot.



Two-week-old onion seedlings, whose fragile roots must be handled with kid gloves when potting up. In fact, they shouldn't be handled at all. Always pick up seedlings by the leaf.

deathly wilting of seedlings), and the air movement will cause the wee stems to become sturdier.

Seeds need a free-draining, inert soil mix in which to germinate. I have used

carefully screened and well-rotted compost, but it's safer to use a seed-starting mix, which you can buy or make from a blend of peat moss, perlite and vermiculite.

The seed-starting containers differ. Some gardeners use purpose-built trays with individual cells; I use a soil block maker from Britain. At Green Spring Gardens in Annandale, Va. Cindy Brown, Donna Stecker and garden volunteers sow about a dozen seeds in each of several used foam coffee cups.

All methods must share these features: a growing container that drains and a tray beneath. They will permit bottom watering to keep the mix moist without disturbing the seeds or seedlings. Drain holes prevent soil saturation, which would quickly rot the seeds.

Home trends that should go away

By Kim Palmer
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

It's time to wave buh-bye to some ubiquitous design trends that have worn out their welcome. Here are my picks:

Two-story family rooms. It's a McMansion thing. Remember when towering great rooms first arrived on the scene and we thought they were grand and impressive? Now they just seem stiff and pretentious. Not to mention dysfunctional. When what should be the coziest, most convivial space in the house has an echo, you're got a design problem. Soaring ceilings are perfectly fine if you're planning an audience with royalty. But for hanging with family and friends? Not so much. (My house, built in 1990, has a vaulted ceiling in the master bedroom, which is even worse!)

Cookie-cutter kitchens. Stainless steel and granite have been inseparable during our long love affair with the trophy kitchen. But the honeymoon is over. Stainless steel appliances are too cold and commercial for most home kitchens. And granite? Well, I finally got some a couple years ago. Visually, it was a big improvement over my old laminate. But it hasn't

been as indestructible as I thought it would be. I have to seal it every year and worry about oil stains. The edge is already chipped in several places. Plus I spent way too much on it. There are a lot of other materials out there, and it's time to play the field.

Mismatched upholstery.

This fad always irritated me, even when it was new and "fresh." I'm not talking about mixing and matching

complementary pieces of furniture. I'm talking about those sofas and chairs that aspire to be quaintly "cottage" by combining two or more fabrics — like a cabbage-rose print on the seat cushions and another pattern on the back or arms. Such contrived bohemia is worse than too much matchy-matchy.

White stair risers. Want to showcase every scuff mark

and spend your weekends scrubbing? Here's how to do it.

Tuscan overload. Murals, Venetian plaster and wrought iron can be rustic and charming. But when you pile them all together, everywhere, and slap the T-word on them — year after year after year — it's like gorging on too much fettuccine. Who wants to live in an Italian theme park?

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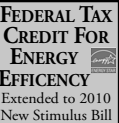
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TS No. 10-0000723 Title Order No. 100007338IDGNO Parcel No. RPT32410030120A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street., Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 06/01/2010 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 LYNWOOD 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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Title No. 23419

Customer Ref No. CSC No 35057153

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On June 15, 2010 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the office of **Land Title & Escrow, Inc.** located at **710 G Street Rupert, ID 83350**.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 4 of Amended Plat of Starry's First Addition of Block 70 of the original Townsite of Heyburn, Minidoka County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, now on file in the office of the County Recorder, Minidoka County, Idaho, recorded May 15, 2006 as Document No. 484471, Minidoka County records.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: **1041 16th Street, Heyburn, ID 83336**, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by **Bonifacio Diaz**, a married man contracting with his sole and separate property, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or Successor Agency, United States Department of Agriculture (formerly Farmers Home Administration or Rural Economic & Community Development) as Beneficiary, recorded March 2, 2007 as Instrument No. 489500, Mortgage records of Minidoka County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$128,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.7500% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated March 2, 2007. Payments are in default for the months of August 2008 through and including January 2010 in the amount of \$850.10 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$125,931.73 in Principal; Interest is \$11,268.37, subsidy granted is \$120.36, and fees currently assessed are \$2,435.93 computed through January 21, 2010 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$20.1821. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$126,052.09, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: February 10, 2010

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer
Phone: 208-947-1554

PUBLISH: February 16, 23, March 2 and 9, 2010

REAL ESTATE

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Homes For Sale

BURLEY Condo for sale, 55 or older. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, living/kitchen combo, 9' ceilings, all electric, shared patio, W/D hookup. Owner financing avail. Asking \$47,500. Call 208-677-0099

RENTAL PROPERTIES

0602
Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, redone, 5 acre irrigated pasture, horses ok, very close in, \$650/mo. 324-2834

BUHL 2 bdrm, 1 bath house, horse stalls, on Pololine Rd, \$700/mo. Kathleen 208-280-0214

BUHL Country home, 2-3 bdrm, 1 bath, new carpet/paint, no smoking, \$650/mo. + dep. 543-6294

FILER 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 acre, \$600/mo. Great location, 1/2 mi. N. Dead Man's Corner, no pets, 324-2834

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath, lg. dbl garage, 219 E. F \$650/mo. Would consider owner carry. 324-2834

RICHFIELD Large home on 2 lots. 2000+ square feet, 4-bdrm/2 bath, family room, dining room, living room, laundry room, A/C. No pets, no smoking, 1", last, and deposit. Call 208-788-2895

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, no smoking/pets. Water paid. \$495 month. Call 208-410-9800.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath house, 2 car garage, no pets, \$850/mo. Kathleen 208-280-0214

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Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS Black home, 3 bdrm 2 bath, lg front room, large nice fenced yard, no pets/smoking. \$800 + \$500. 733-4129/420-7499

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Unfurnished Apartments

HEYBURN New 3 bdrm apt, 1 1/2 bath, stove, refrig, DW, central heat & AC. 1315 17th St. \$600 + \$550 dep. Call 208-430-7375

TWIN FALLS 1500 sq. ft., 1-story townhouse, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, den, great room, fireplace, 2-car garage. Near Wal-Mart. No smoking! \$650 + dep. 208-948-0267

AGRICULTURE

704

Pets and Pet Supplies

CHIHUAHUA AKC long haired pups for sale. 1st shots, 2 males. Call 208-320-8962

PET SOFAS & PADS By Barney Boy huge year end sale. 25-50% off. Saturday 2/20 9-4. Valley Country Store, Buhl.

707

Irrigation

VALLEY PIVOTS Two used 10 footer, fair condition, \$18,000 ea. 208-438-8103 or 208-431-8504

709

Hay Grain and Feed

HAY 2nd cutting - 400 one-ton bales - Call 208-731-9570

HAY covered grass alfalfa mixed horse hay, 2 wide, \$6/bale 100 pound bales 537-6615 or 731-6615

709

Hay Grain and Feed

STRAW for sale? 300 large bales 4'x4'x8' of straw for sale \$25.00 a bale. Call 208-734-8044.

MISCELLANEOUS

810

Furniture & Carpet

COUCH, Loveseat, 2 end tables & Coffee Table. Like new \$1300. Call 208-539-6404 or more info stonelight18@yahoo.com

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Guns & Rifles

CITORI 12 \$700, Rem 870 12 \$225, Rem 1100 12 steel \$350, Vanguard 25-06 \$600, 208-539-7888

RECREATIONAL

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Motorcycles

SUZUKI '03 600 beautiful motorcycle, \$3000 worth accessories, only 3,200 mi, always garaged, serviced and ready, \$4,300. 208-736-1073 or 208-420-7558

SUZUKI '95 Sidelick, 16 valve engine, 4WD looks great & well cared for 208-736-1073 or 420-7558

907

Travel Trailers

TRAIL LITE '04 beautiful white 30 ft travel trailer, exc. cond., 1 tip out, stored under cover, used very little, \$10,500. 736-1073 or 420-7558

TRANSPORTATION

1005

Semis And Heavy Equipment



IHC '86 9300 long wheel base, Cummins, Big Cam 400 with 13 spd trans, P3, AC, wet kit, low mes 1 owner \$12,900 320-4058

1006

Trucks

CHEVY '82 c-10 mostly restored, long bed, all original except for hub-caps, rebuilt 235 6 cylinder engine \$2,900. 736-1073 or 420-7558

1008

SUVs

CHEVROLET '95 Trailblazer LS 63,000 miles, V6, OnStar, AM/FM 5 CD changer, sun roof, roof rack, \$13,000. 208-934-5491

1010

Autos

CHEVY '92 Camaro RS, T-Tops, PW, PS, PB, PL CD player, looks good runs good, \$1500/offer. Call 208-731-9636.

CHRYSLER '05 Sebring beautiful touring convertible, 38,200 mi, white with black top, leather, premium wheels, garaged/well cared for \$9,500. 736-1073 or 420-7558

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Title No. 47203

Customer Ref No. CSC Account No 36005489

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On June 15, 2010 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the office of **Land Title & Escrow, Inc.** located at **211 W. 13th Street Burley, ID 83318**.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Part Of Lots 4 And 5 of Grandview Subdivision, Cassia County, Idaho, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, now of record in the office of the Recorder of said County, located in the NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the NE1/4NW1/4 of said Section 28, said corner marked by a U.S. General Land Office pipe with cap; Thence North 0°53'42" West along the West line of the NE1/4NW1/4 for 550.55 feet to a p.k. nail; thence South 89°59'41" East for 16.50 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar at the Northwest corner of the South 30.50 feet of Lot 5, which shall be the Point of Beginning;

Thence North 00°53'42" West along the West line of Lot 5 for a distance of 9.25 feet to a point;

Thence South 89°56'55" East for a distance of 317.24 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar on the East line of Lot 5;

Thence South 00°53'59" East along the East line of Lot 5 for a distance of 9.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar at the Northeast corner of the South 30.5 feet of Lot 5;

Thence South 00°53'59" East along the East line of Lot 5 for a distance of 30.50 feet to a point common to the Southeast corner of Lot 5 and the Northeast corner of Lot 4;

Thence South 00°53'59" East along the East line of Lot 4 for a distance of 22.55 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar;

Thence South 89°52'47" West for a distance of 317.23 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar on the West line of Lot 4;

Thence North 00°53'42" West along the West line of Lot 4 for a distance of 23.25 feet to a point common to the Northwest corner of Lot 4 and the Southwest corner of Lot 5;

Thence North 00°53'42" West along the West line of Lot 5 for a distance of 30.50 feet to the Point of Beginning.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: **1743 Grandview Lane, Burley, ID 83318**, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by **Priscilla Kay Martinez**, a single individual, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or Successor Agency, United States Department of Agriculture (formerly Farmers Home Administration or Rural Economic & Community Development) as Beneficiary, recorded November 21, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-319518, Mortgage records of Cassia County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$90,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated November 21, 2007. Payments are in default for the months of April 2009 through and including January 2010 in the amount of \$522.50 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$88,792.15 in Principal; Interest is \$4,354.22, subsidy granted is \$4,089.12 and fees currently assessed are \$654.89 computed through January 14, 2010 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$14.6506. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$92,881.27, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: February 10, 2010

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer
Phone: 208-947-1554

PUBLISH: February 16, 23, March 2 and 9, 2010

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON A PERMIT APPLICATION AND PROPOSED PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

In compliance with Section 58.01.01.209, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, notice is hereby given that Andgar, Ferndale, WA, has applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to construct, P-2010.0015, to replace one of the two biogas-fired generator engines at the **Big Sky West Dairy**. Both engines are now identical saving the necessity of having spare parts for two different engines. The facility, a dairy anaerobic digester which captures biogas to produce electricity through electrical generators powered by internal combustion engines, is located at 2395 South 1500 E., Gooding, Idaho. A public comment period on the proposed permit will be provided if a written request is submitted on or before March 3, 2010, and directed to Faye Weber, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255, or faye.weber@deq.idaho.gov., or to the DEQ Web site at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov>. Please reference the company name and permit number when sending the request.

The permit application materials submitted by the facility are available for public review on the DEQ Web site. All information regarding this project will be available at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov>. You may sign up on the DEQ Web site to receive e-mail updates on this permit.

DATED this 16th day of February, 2010.

Faye Weber
Air Quality Division

PUBLISH: February 16, 2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 10-0005368 Title Order No. 100028438IDGNO Parcel No. RPW2000174013A 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 83301, on 06/18/2010 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 03/11/2008 as Instrument Number 225627, and executed by **JEANETTE WEINMEISTER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN**, as Grantor(s), in favor of COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB, as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Gooding County, state of Idaho: LOT 13 AND THE EAST HALF OF LOT 12 IN BLOCK 174, 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, **540 5TH AVE E, WENDELL, ID 83355-5128** 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 4.750% 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 \$140,820.60, 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: 02/08/2010 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# 3443818

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 8th day of July, 2010, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. of said day at the front entrance of the Cassia County Courthouse, 1459 Overland Avenue, Burley, County of Cassia, State of Idaho, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO

Section 32:

That part of the W½W½NW¼, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 32, Thence South 00°07'06" East along the West boundary line of said Section 32, for a distance of 811.51 feet to a point being the True Point of Beginning.

Thence North 89°52'54" East along the South boundary of Harrison Heights Subdivision Phase one for a distance of 350.89 feet to a point being the Southeast corner of Lot 8 in Block 2 of Harrison Heights Subdivision;

Thence South 83°11'15" East along the South boundary of Lot 10 in Block 2 of Harrison Heights Subdivision for a distance of 115.00 feet;

Thence North 62°36'06" East for a distance of 72.64 feet to a point, said point being the Southwest corner of Lot 9 in Block 1 of Harrison Heights Subdivision;

Thence along the South boundary of Lot 9 in Block 1 of Harrison Heights Subdivision South 83°05'27" East for a distance of 121.72 feet to a point;

Thence continuing along the South boundary of Lot 9 in Block 1 of Harrison Heights Subdivision North 89°54'01" East for a distance of 13.42 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 9 in Block 2 of Harrison Heights Subdivision;

Thence South 00°05'59" East for a distance of 1865.61 feet to a point on the South Boundary Line of the NW¼ of said Section 32;

Thence North 89°37'33" West along the South boundary of the NW¼ of said Section 32 for a distance of 664.82 feet to the Southwest Corner of the NW¼ of said Section 32;

Thence North 00°04'11" West along the West boundary of said Section 32 for a distance of 1855.38 feet to the True Point of Beginning.

Note: "Bare Ground" No address has been assigned. Property border Park Avenue and lies South of 27th Street in Burley, Idaho 83318.

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 **PAGE ENTERPRISES, INC.**, an Idaho Corporation, (which corporation has merged into Titan Commercial Contractors, Inc.), grantor to TITLEFACT, INC., as trustee for the benefit and security of FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF TWIN FALLS, recorded January 2, 2007, as Instrument No. 313004, records of Cassia County, Idaho.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay:

1. The entire principal balance, interest, collection charges and late charges through February 1, 2010, all in the amount of \$241,433.32, together with accruing interest, late charges and foreclosure costs;

2. Taxes for 2008 plus penalties and interest;

3. Taxes for 2009 plus penalties and interest;

DATED: February 9, 2010.

TITLEFACT, INC., Trustee

By R. TODD BLASS, Vice-President

PUBLISH: February 16, 23, March 2 and 9, 2010

**JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 231
GOODING AND LINCOLN COUNTIES
STATE OF IDAHO
NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL
OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION**

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and the Bond Election Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 231, Gooding and Lincoln Counties, State of Idaho, adopted on January 12, 2010, notice is hereby given that a Special General Obligation Bond Election will be held in the District on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, beginning at the hour of 12:00 noon and closing at the hour of 8:00 P.M. on said date, for the purpose of taking a vote upon the following question, to-wit:

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 231, Gooding and Lincoln Counties, State of Idaho, be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to become due in such installments as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees, the final installment to fall due not more than twenty (20) years from the date of the bonds, for the purpose of financing the costs of (i) construction of a building on the Gooding High School campus, including all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate said building and facilities, and (ii) renovating, remodeling, and adding to existing school facilities throughout the District and acquiring related equipment for such schools and school facilities, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 12, 2010?

Said election shall be held at the following polling places:

Gooding County

Gooding Middle School
1047 7th Avenue West
Gooding, ID

Gooding High School
1050 7th Avenue West
Gooding, ID

**Lincoln County
Fire Station No. 2**
702 West 620 North
Shoshone, ID

**Absentee Address:
Joint School District No. 231**
1050 7th Avenue West
Gooding, Idaho

Notice is further given that only qualified electors of the District, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who have resided in the District for thirty (30) days preceding the Bond Election, who are registered or who register at the polls on the day of the Bond Election, as provided by law, are entitled to vote at said election.

Any registered elector of the District may make written application to the Clerk of the District in accordance with law for an absentee ballot, provided that an absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk at the above Absentee Address not later than 8:00 P.M. on the day of the election in order to be counted.

If at said Special General Obligation Bond Election two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified registered electors eighteen (18) years of age or older voting at such election assent to the issuing of said negotiable bonds and the incurring of the indebtedness thereby created for the purpose of financing costs of the Project set out in the above ballot question, such negotiable bonds shall be issued for such voted purpose in the manner provided by the Idaho Code. Said negotiable bonds, or any issue thereof, shall mature over a period commencing before the expiration of two (2) years from their date and ending not more than twenty (20) years from their date and shall bear interest and be payable from ad valorem taxes in accordance with the provisions of § 33-1107, Idaho Code.

The following information is required by § 34-439, Idaho Code: The total existing bonded indebtedness of the District, including interest accrued, as of March 9, 2010, is \$2,345,190. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed negotiable bonds, to be designated qualified school construction bonds ("QSCBs"), is one percent (1.00%). The range of anticipated rates for the QSCBs is from zero percent (0.00%) to two percent (2.0%). The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed QSCBs, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$5,716,655.

Verification

Kathryn Thompson, the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 231, Gooding and Lincoln Counties, State of Idaho, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and says that she is the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 231, Gooding and Lincoln Counties, State of Idaho, that she has read the within information required by Section 34-439 of Idaho Code, and believes the statements therein contained are true.

/s/ Kathryn Thompson, Clerk
Joint School District No. 231
Gooding and Lincoln Counties
State of Idaho

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NOTICE OF LETTING

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[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: RESIDENT ENGINEER ***DOUG YEARSLEY*** AT (208) 896-7851.]

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

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We know we can't change this person, but is this a form of mental abuse? Should we continue to ignore the punishment we are getting and continue to be kind and thoughtful and hope the mood will pass?

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OF THE TIRADES

DEAR TIERED: The tirades could be considered a form of mental abuse, but they could also be signs of substance abuse, a mental illness or a personality disorder. Your relative's behavior should not be ignored. In fact, I recommend you consult a licensed mental health professional to help you better understand what's going on and how to effectively deal with it.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"Don't worry, Dolly, there aren't any judges watching us."

Today is Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 2010. There are 318 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Feb. 16, 1960, the nuclear-powered radar picket submarine USS Triton departed New London, Conn. on the first-ever totally submerged circumnavigation by a vessel, a voyage which took nearly three months.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:
In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates.
In 1862, during the Civil War, some 14,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (Union General Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

In 1918, Lithuania proclaimed its independence, which lasted until World War II (it again declared independence in 1990).

In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt by English archaeologist Howard Carter.

In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba a month and a-half after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated, in Haleyville, Ala.

In 1977, Janani Luwum, the Anglican archbishop of Uganda, and two other men were killed in what Ugandan authorities said was an automobile accident.

In 1998, a China Airlines Airbus A300-600R trying to land in fog near Taipei, Taiwan, crashed, killing all 196 people on board.

Ten years ago: Lucy Edwards, a former Bank of New York executive, and her husband, Peter Berlin, pleaded guilty in federal court in Manhattan to conspiring to launder billions of dollars from Russian bankers in one of the biggest such schemes in U.S. history. (The couple was fined, put under house arrest for six months and given suspended sentences.)

Five years ago: The NHL canceled what was left of its decimated schedule after a round of last-gasp negotiations failed to resolve differences over a salary cap — the flash-point issue that had led to a lockout. Israel's parliament gave the final approval to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements.

One year ago: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived in Tokyo to begin her first trip abroad as President Barack Obama's chief diplomat. The government of Pakistan agreed to implement Islamic law in the northwestern region of Malakand in an attempt to pacify a spreading Taliban insurgency.

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Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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

Answer to previous puzzle

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

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IF FEBRUARY 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a sensitive soul who yearns for romance and may develop a permanent commitment with a special someone or opt for a new career during the next six weeks. You may enjoy unfettered independence this summer, but it is important to avoid making impulsive changes in June and July that might trip you up. Avoid saddling yourself with new burdens then, but take care of existing problems and duties conscientiously. By September, endless horizons could appear in view and you will know your own mind. Choose a more pleasant path that may be less exciting but that holds hope for long-term security and safety.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Accept gratuities with graciousness. For a few hours today, you could be in complete agreement with a key person who may be able to open doors to a better future or perform some helpful service for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be candid with others and gain support. Good judgment is yours — especially where handling your assets is concerned. This may be a good time to take advantage of beneficial advice or favorable openings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Resourcefulness and quick thinking are in demand. Breakdowns of computers or sudden changes could challenge you to put your thinking cap on. You may receive favorable attention from a higher-up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A lucky break could enrich your spirit or your wallet. Though you may prefer to work behind the scenes in a quiet spot away from traffic patterns, don't cut yourself off from others who may wish you well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may prefer to stand out in the crowd, but being a solid part of the community will get you further. Discuss the future with a loved one and make concrete plans while you have clear vision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Turn problems into blessings. This is a good time to ask for forgiveness or fasten the bonds of affection a bit tighter. Firm up financial plans now while the stars are on your side and money can grow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't stir the pot or insist that others prove themselves. Things will work out well if you allow others to do their own thing. By being cooperative, you will find that others will cooperate with you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Capitalize on friendships and network vigorously to ensure social and business success. Avoid making spur-of-the-moment decisions that you may regret later. Get sound advice before you invest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A loved one could deliberately choose red when you prefer blue or surprise you with a change of plans. A small difference of opinion or temporary shift of attention will not harm solid relationships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get a handle on how to prosper. New ideas or technology may facilitate your future success. If your heart has been in the right place, special favors or magnanimous gestures could come your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Loving thoughts are set on an almost endless loop. Open your heart and tell that special someone exactly what you have in mind. If you are frank, you will find you have met an emotional equal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take time out for meditation. You need to develop a sense of perfect stillness in order to see to the depths below. When your concentration is bombarded by distractions, you are only able to see the surface.

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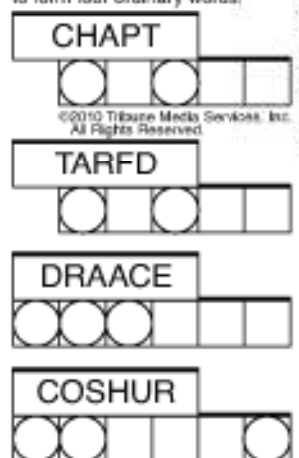
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WHEN HE ITCHED TO
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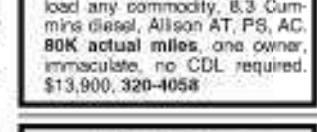
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"Tell me, Muse, of the man of many tricks."

— Homer

All this week's deals come from last year's Yeh Brothers Cup in Brisbane, to mark the tournament taking place now.

In the later stages of the event both Souths in one match reached six hearts doubled. Our hero, Peter Fredin, was one of those declarers, after overcalling a one-spade opening with a two-heart bid, then bidding again. Both Wests led a top spade; both declarers ruffed and drew a round of trumps. The Norwegian declarer cashed the diamond ace, playing for his legitimate chance of the singleton diamond king, then played a second diamond. West won his king and cashed out for down one.

By contrast, Fredin — never afraid to put his neck on the block and risk looking stupid — led a low diamond from hand at trick three. Now you know why the commentators and journalists love to watch him play! Of course, this play gives up on a legitimate chance to make the contract, but some declarers would rather go for what they see as their best psychological line, not the best technical line, and who can argue with success?

Sitting West was a member of the current European Championship winning team — no rabbit. Yes, his decision to duck the diamond might look ridiculous, but Fredin had given him the chance to look silly, and I assume he thought Fredin was not capable of such guile. He knows better now.

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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
			1 ♠
2 ♥	4 ♥	5 ♥	5 ♠
6 ♥	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: Spade ace

BID WITH THE ACES

02-16-B

South holds:

♠ 8 5
♥ A K Q 9 8
♦ A 4
♣ Q 10 9 3

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	Pass
?			

ANSWER: The simple answer would be to reopen with a two-club bid. (Pass would be unthinkable — never sell out at the one-level with shortage in the opponent's suit.) An alternative action, one I marginally prefer, is to double. This caters to partner's having a penalty double of spades, and if partner picks diamonds, you have no reason to assume he will be wrong to do so.

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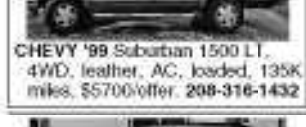
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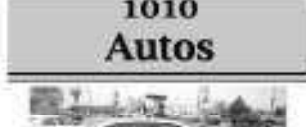


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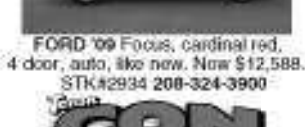
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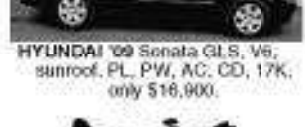
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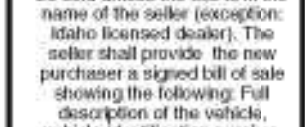
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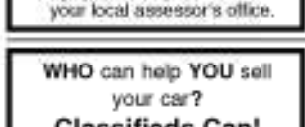
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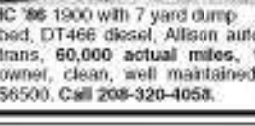
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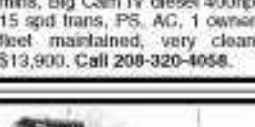
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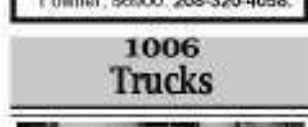
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GBC powers collide for shot at state

Twin Falls, Minico favored for district title

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

Will it be Twin Falls and Minico facing off for the district championship? Or will a spoiler surprise everyone to fight for the trophy?

Tonight, the answers begin to unfold as the boys of the Great Basin Conference battle through their District IV tournament to determine a champion and the two berths to the March 4-6 Class 4A state championship at Borah High School in Boise.

Twin Falls (18-2) and Minico (15-5) split their season series and

swept Jerome, Burley, Wood River and Canyon Ridge to share the regular-season title. However, the Bruins take the No. 1 seed due to a tiebreaker and will maintain home-court advantage if they continue to win.

“It’s huge to be at home because we’ve got the best fans in the world,” said Bruin senior post Jon Pulsifer. “We want to keep playing here until we leave for Boise.”

Both Twin Falls and Minico, neither of which have lost a home game yet, receive first-round byes and are off until Thursday.

The Bruins are aiming for their

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fifth district tournament title in eight years and their first as a 4A program. Minico, on the other hand, hasn’t claimed a tourney trophy since 1988 or seen state action since 1989.

“We’re feeling good going into the district tournament,” Spartan senior guard Mark Leon said. “We’re playing as a team now, and we just want to win. We just need to play ball, and we’ll be great.”

The third-seeded Tigers (11-9)

host the No. 6 Wolverines (2-16) tonight, while the fifth-seeded Riverhawks (4-16) play at the No. 4 Bobcats (9-11). The Jerome-Wood River winner will face Twin Falls, and the Canyon Ridge-Burley victor advances to face Minico.

“Records don’t matter anymore,” said Jerome senior Gus Callen. “Everyone’s played their 20 games, but we’re all gunning for that district title, and we really want to go back to state. We’ve got some confidence because we’ve played these teams tight, and one of these times, we’re going to get a break and come away with one.”

Jerome could be without star

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Two teams, one berth: G.F., Declo tangle for Canyon title

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

Now they play for keeps. Glenns Ferry is 17-3. Declo is 15-5. They’re ranked No. 1 and 2 in the state’s media poll.

Only one can go to state.

As the District IV Canyon Conference boys basketball tournament begins tonight, Glenns Ferry is the No. 1 seed and owns home-court advantage. But that doesn’t necessarily mean the Pilots are the favorites. Just ask Declo.

Last year, the Hornets were the top seed. But after beating Glenns Ferry twice during the regular season and once more in district tourney play, the Pilots stole it all away. Glenns Ferry pulled the upset on back-to-back nights to win the Canyon Conference Tournament and earn a state berth.

“Going into the district tournament, you never know what’s going to happen,” said Glenns Ferry coach Jeremiah Johnston. “They’ll be amped up, we’ll be amped up. We just need to be sound and play the way we know we can and get it done.”

Declo opens the tournament tonight against Valley (2-18), with the winner heading to Glenns Ferry on Thursday. No offense to the fine young men from Hazelton, but this tournament is expected to be a two-horse race. In their four losses to league foes, the Vikings were outscored by 39 points on average.

Glenns Ferry is led by do-everything Michael Crane, who averages 16.9 points, 11.6 rebounds, 4.8 assists, 3.3

See **CANYON**, Sports 2

Buhl claims OT win over Wendell; top seed Filer rolls

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

BUHL — Another overtime with the same result.

The third-seeded Buhl boys basketball team used a second-half push and an increased tempo to claim its second overtime win in as many games, a 48-46 win over No. 4 Wendell in the first round of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament.

“I told the guys we wanted to pick up the tempo and I felt like we did,” said Buhl coach Ryan Bowman. “Our defense caused some early turnovers and we got some easy buckets.”

Buhl hit 5 of 6 free throws in the extra session, building a 48-43 lead before Wendell’s Cody Prince hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Buhl’s defense allowed only four Wendell points in the third quarter while the Buhl offense posted 14 points, led by J.D. Leckenby’s six.

“We started out kind of slow in the first half,” said Buhl senior Brian Schofield who tied Leckenby with 10 points. “Our intensity got our defense going in the second half.”

Mark Montgomery came in off the bench and led Buhl with a team-high 12 points.

After holding a 23-19 lead at the half, the Trojans lost their momentum in the second half.

“After we took the lead, we kind of high-centered ourselves and started standing around,” said Wendell coach Loyd Garey. “Give credit to Buhl, they came out strong in the second half. We had too many



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Wendell’s Cayden Williams goes up for a shot under pressure from Buhl defender Matt Hamilton during the second quarter of their game Monday night in Buhl.

turnovers to overcome. We finally started playing our game again when the game was in doubt.”

Wendell’s Prince scored a game-high 17 points, including three 3-pointers. It was Prince’s put-back with two seconds remaining in regulation that tied the score at 41-41 to force overtime.

Nathan Ormond was also in double figures for Wendell with 10 points. Nolan Stouder pulled down eight rebounds and had three steals and five assists.

Action moves to Kimberly tonight. Wendell and Gooding play in a 6 p.m. elimination game, while Buhl faces

No. 2 seed Kimberly at 7:30 p.m.

FILER 69, GOODING 37
Top-seeded Filer hit 10 3-pointers in cruising to a 69-37 win over Gooding in the opening round of the SCIC Tournament. Justin Orban hit three

See **SCIC**, Sports 2

2010 WINTER OLYMPICS

MEDAL COUNT:

16 of 90 total medal events				
Nation	G	S	B	Tot
United States	2	2	4	8
Germany	1	3	1	5
France	2	0	2	4
Canada	1	2	1	4
Switzerland	3	0	0	3
South Korea	2	1	0	3
Norway	0	2	1	3
Italy	0	1	2	3
China	1	1	0	2
Czech Republic	1	0	1	2
Japan	0	1	1	2

LOCAL FLAVOR

MORGAN ARRITOLA
Cross-country skier, Ketchum

Ketchum’s Morgan Arritola placed 34th Monday in the women’s 10k freestyle race. The first-time Olympian recorded a time of 27 minutes, 4.4 seconds, the second best among U.S. competitors. Charlotte Kalla of Sweden won in 24:58.4.



Arritola

OLYMPIC BRIEFS

CHINA’S SHEN AND ZHAO WIN PAIRS GOLD
VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — This is why Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo came back. The Chinese pair finally won the Olympic gold medal that eluded them for so many years Monday night, a prize so compelling it lured them out of the cozy life of a happily retired married couple. It wasn’t the best skate of their career, but it was good enough for gold — and that was all that mattered.

Their score of 216.57 points was more than three points ahead of teammates Pang Qing and Tong Jian. When Shen and Zhao finished their routine, Zhao knelt to the ice, burying his face in his hands while his wife patted his back. He pumped his fist several times while she beamed, her grin so bright it could light up the entire arena.

Aliona Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy of Germany got the bronze medal after a flawed free skate.

PHOTO OF THE DAY



AP photo

United States skier Elizabeth Stephen carries teammate Morgan Arritola on her shoulders after the Women’s 10k cross country race at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, Monday.



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BOYS DISTRICT IV BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

<p>Class 4A Great Basin Conference Tournament Tuesday, Feb. 16 Game 1: No. 5 Canyon Ridge (4-16) at No. 4 Burley (9-11), 7 p.m. Game 2: No. 6 Wood River (2-16) at No. 3 Jerome (11-9), 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 Game 3: Winner 1 at No. 1 Twin Falls (18-2), 7 p.m. Game 4: Winner 2 at No. 2 Minico (15-5), 7 p.m. Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 Game 6: Winner 5 vs. Loser 3 or 4 (lower seed), noon Game 7: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 Game 8: Winner 6 vs. Loser 3 or 4 (higher seed), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 Game 9: Winner 8 vs. Loser 7, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 Championship: Winner 7 vs. Winner 9, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>sary, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Class 2A Canyon Conference Tournament Tuesday, Feb. 16 Game 1: No. 3 Valley (2-18) at No. 2 Declo (15-5), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 Game 2: Winner 1 at No. 1 Glenns Ferry (17-3), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 Game 3: Loser 1 at Winner 2, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 Championship: Winner 3 at Winner 2, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Class 1A Division I Snake River Conference Tournament Monday, Feb. 15 At Murtaugh Play-in game: North No. 4 Lighthouse Christian 53, South No.5 Hansen 49 (Hansen eliminated) Tuesday, Feb. 16 Game 1: South No. 4 Sho-Ban (1-15) at North No. 1 Shoshone (17-3), 7 p.m. Game 2: North No. 3 Challis (7-11) at South No. 2 Raft River (15-5), 7 p.m. Game 3: Lighthouse Christian (5-16) at South No. 1 Castleford (18-1), 7 p.m. Game 4: at South No. 3 Oakley (9-10) at North No. 2 Hagerman (10-10), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17 At higher seed Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 7 p.m. Game 6: Loser 3 vs. Loser 4, 7 p.m. Game 7: Winner 1 vs. Winner 2, 7 p.m. Game 8: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 At Murtaugh Game 9: Winner 5 vs. Loser 8, 4:30 p.m. Game 10: Winner 6 vs. Loser 7, 6 p.m. Championship: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 At Murtaugh Game 12: Winner 9 vs. Winner</p>	<p>10, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Feb. 25 At Murtaugh Game 13: Winner 12 vs. championship loser, 7 p.m.</p> <p><i>First and second place advance to state tournament, March 4-6 at Caldwell HS. Third place advances to state play-in game against third place from District III Saturday, Feb. 27 at Glenns Ferry.</i></p> <p>Class 1A Division II (4-5-6 seeds subject to change) Northside Conference Tournament At Dietrich Wednesday, Feb. 17 Game 1: No. 8 Community School (14-5) vs. No. 1 Carey (18-2), 3 p.m. Game 2: No. 5 Richfield (6-14) vs. No. 4 Camas County (7-11), 4:30 p.m. Game 3: No. 6 Bliss (5-12) vs. No. 3 Dietrich (13-6), 6 p.m. Game 4: No. 7 Magic Valley Christian (0-16) vs. No. 2 Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 3, 3 p.m. Game 6: Loser 3 vs. Loser 4, 4:30 p.m. Game 7: Winner 1 vs. Winner 2, 6 p.m. Game 8: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 Game 9: Winner 5 vs. Loser 8, 6 p.m. Game 10: Winner 6 vs. Loser 7, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 Game 11: Winner 9 vs. Winner 10, 6 p.m. Championship: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 Second place-game: Championship loser vs. Winner 11, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>First and second place advance to state tournament, March 4-6 at Caldwell HS. Third place advances to state play-in game against second place from District III Saturday, Feb. 27 at Glenns Ferry.</i></p>
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2010 GIRLS IDAHO REAL DAIRY SHOOTOUT

<p>Class 5A At Idaho Center, Nampa Thursday, Feb. 18 Game 1: Highland (20-3) vs. Eagle (16-7), 1:15 p.m. Game 2: Boise (22-1) vs. Coeur d'Alene (19-4), 3 p.m. Game 3: Centennial (21-2) vs. Meridian (16-7), 6:15 p.m. Game 4: Lewiston (19-2) vs. Mountain View (15-10), 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 1:15 p.m. Game 6: Loser 3 vs. Loser 4, 3 p.m. Game 7: Winner 1 vs. Winner 2, 6:15 p.m. Game 8: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 At Bishop Kelly HS, Boise Consolation: Winner 5 vs. Winner 6, 9:15 a.m. Third-place: Loser 7 vs. Loser 8, 11 a.m. At Idaho Center Championship: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Class 3A At Skyview HS, Nampa Thursday, Feb. 18 Game 1: Weiser (14-8) vs. Shelley (13-12), 1:15 p.m. Game 2: Marsh Valley (18-4) vs. Kellogg (16-8), 3 p.m. Game 3: Kimberly (19-2) vs. Sugar-Salem (20-3), 6:15 p.m. Game 4: Priest River (16-6) vs. Fruitland (22-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 1:15 p.m. Game 6: Loser 3 vs. Loser 4, 3 p.m. Game 7: Winner 1 vs. Winner 2, 6:15 p.m. Game 8: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 Consolation: Winner 5 vs. Winner 6, 9:15 a.m. Third-place: Loser 7 vs. Loser 8, 11 a.m. At Idaho Center Championship: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 3:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Class 1A Division I At Columbia HS, Nampa Thursday, Feb. 18 Game 1: Shoshone (17-6) vs. Clearwater Valley (18-5), 1:15 p.m. Game 2: Tri-Valley (19-3) vs. Raft River (16-10), 3 p.m. Game 3: Lapwai (21-2) vs. Liberty Charter (17-4), 6:15 p.m. Game 4: Challis (20-3) vs. Troy (20-5), 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 1:15 p.m. Game 6: Loser 3 vs. Loser 4, 3 p.m. Game 7: Winner 1 vs. Winner 2, 6:15 p.m. Game 8: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 Consolation: Winner 5 vs. Winner 6, 9:15 a.m. Third-place: Loser 7 vs. Loser 8, 11 a.m. At Idaho Center Championship: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 11:30 a.m.</p>
<p>Class 4A At Mountain View HS, Meridian Thursday, Feb. 18 Game 1: Middleton (22-1) vs. Twin Falls (16-9), 1:15 p.m. Game 2: Moscow (7-15) vs. Rigby (17-8), 3 p.m. Game 3: Bonneville (23-0) vs. Bishop Kelly (17-6), 6:15 p.m. Game 4: Jerome (22-1) vs. Preston (16-6), 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 1:15 p.m. Game 6: Loser 3 vs. Loser 4, 3 p.m. Game 7: Winner 1 vs. Winner 2, 6:15 p.m. Game 8: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 Consolation: Winner 5 vs. Winner 6, 9:15 a.m. Third-place: Loser 7 vs. Loser 8, 11 a.m. At Idaho Center Championship: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Class 2A At Kuna HS Thursday, Feb. 18 Game 1: Declo (17-5) vs. Soda Springs (18-3), 1:15 p.m. Game 2: Firth (17-6) vs. New Plymouth (17-8), 3 p.m. Game 3: Parma (20-2) vs. West Jefferson (15-8), 6:15 p.m. Game 4: Grangeville (13-8) vs. Malad (12-10), 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 1:15 p.m. Game 6: Loser 3 vs. Loser 4, 3 p.m. Game 7: Winner 1 vs. Winner 2, 6:15 p.m. Game 8: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 Consolation: Winner 5 vs. Winner 6, 9:15 a.m. Third-place: Loser 7 vs. Loser 8, 11 a.m. At Idaho Center Championship: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 1:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Class 1A Division II At Nampa HS Thursday, Feb. 18 Game 1: Clark Fork (15-5) vs. Richfield (18-4), 1:15 p.m. Game 2: Dietrich (18-4) vs. Rockland (9-12), 3 p.m. Game 3: North Gem (17-4) vs. Summit Academy (16-5), 6:15 p.m. Game 4: Meadows Valley (14-4) vs. Carey (17-6), 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 1:15 p.m. Game 6: Loser 3 vs. Loser 4, 3 p.m. Game 7: Winner 1 vs. Winner 2, 6:15 p.m. Game 8: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 Consolation: Winner 5 vs. Winner 6, 9:15 a.m. Third-place: Loser 7 vs. Loser 8, 11 a.m. At Idaho Center Championship: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 9:30 a.m.</p>

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guard Kameron Pearce, who is battling a wrist injury. Burley head coach Jack Bagley said that Minico and Twin Falls are the teams to beat.

However, he hopes his team can peak and improve

upon areas of the game in which the Bobcats have lacked: turnovers and free-throw shooting.

The champion and runner-up advance to the state championships, held March 4-6. District IV's title winner plays the District V

champion to open state play, while the area runner-up plays the District III champion.

Times-News writers David Bashore and Ryan Howe contributed to this report.

Carey caps perfect Northside run

Times-News

The Carey boys basketball team completed a perfect 14-0 run through Northside Conference play on Monday with a 65-48 win over Bliss on senior night. Brett Adamson and Wacey Barg scored 12 apiece to pace the Panthers (18-2), who take the No. 1 seed into the district tournament, which begins Wednesday in Dietrich.

Alex Cortez netted 12 points and Cole Erkins scored 10 for Bliss (5-12).

Carey will face No. 8 seed Community School at 3 p.m., Wednesday, while sixth-seeded Bliss will face Dietrich at 6 p.m.

Carey 65, Bliss 48

720 9 12 - 48
16 20 17 12 - 65
BLISS (48)
Francisco Sanchez 2, Alex Cortez 15, Luis Cortez 2, Cameron Schoessler 7, Cole Erkins 10, Zae Vincent 5, Thomas Palmer 7. Totals 16 14-30 48.
CAREY (65)
Dillon Simpson 2, Brett Adamson 12, Trevor Peck 8, Blair Peck 9, Shane Bingham 3, Tyler Willis 4, Wacey Barg 12, Jacey Baird 5, Tyler Chavez 5, Caleb Cenarrusa 3, Joey Laidlaw 2. Totals 24 17-21 65.
3-point goals: Bliss 2 (Erkins 2); Carey 6 (T. Peck 2, B. Peck 2, Bingham, Cenarrusa). Total fouls: Bliss 16, Carey 20. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

RICHFIELD 55, CAMAS COUNTY 32

In a preview of Wednesday's first-round Northside Conference Tournament game, Richfield blew out Camas County 55-32. Richfield coach Garr Ward praised the defense of both teams in the game.

SCIC

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Justin Orban hit three treys and scored 16 points to lead the Wildcats (15-4). Terrell Bailey added 10 points, while Matt Ramseyer and Bryce Beard scored eight apiece.

"Kids played really hard, it was a good first step," said Filer coach Alex Wells.

Filer advances to a Wednesday night game at CSI Gymnasium against the winner of today's Buhl at Kimberly game.

Gooding (1-18), which got 16 points from Jon Jensen, falls into an elimination game today against Wendell.

SCIC Tournament boxes

Buhl 48, Wendell 46 overtime
10 13 4 14 5 - 46
7 12 14 8 7 - 48
WENDELL (46)
Cayden Williams 4, Nolan Stouder 7, Cody Prince 17, Nathan Ormand 10, Gary Koopman 8. Totals 20 3-9 46.
BUHL (48)
Scott Harris 8, J.D. Leckert 10, Brian Schofield 10, Matt Hamilton 2, Camden Gillins 3, Cader Mark Montgomery 12, Markus Lively 3. Totals 15 15-25 48.
3-point goals: Wendell 3 (Prince 3), Buhl 3 (Schofield, Gillins, Montgomery). Total fouls: Wendell 18, Buhl 14. Fouled out: Wendell, Williams, Stouder. Technical fouls: none.

Filer 69, Gooding 37

8 8 10 11 - 37
18 13 20 18 - 69
GOODING (37)
Braydon Urritia 2, Devan McCool 8, Jon Jensen 16, Austin Basterrechea 6, Breck Stuart 5. Totals 16 3-10 37.
FILER (69)
Matt Ramseyer 8, Bryce Beard 8, Ryan Karel 3, Cody Reynolds 8, Terrell Bailey 10, Heston Jenkins 3, Trevor Doney 2, Tyler Kreft 7, Andrew Wright 4, Justin Orban 16. Totals 23 13-23 69.
3-point goals: Gooding 2 (McCool, Stuart); Filer 10 (Orban 3, Bailey 2, Reynolds 2, Ramseyer 2, Kreft). Total fouls: Gooding 17, Gooding 10. Fouled out: Gooding, Jensen. Technical fouls: none.

Canyon

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blocks and 3.0 steals per game.

"I expect an intense battle. It's going to be a dogfight," Crane said. "I think we're possibly the two best teams in the state. We're in the strongest conference. Two powerhouse teams, and unfortunately one of us doesn't get to go."

Alongside Crane are Ross Arellano (14.3 ppg) and Justin Solosabal (10.7 ppg). The Pilots are 9-1 on their home floor this season.

"It's going to be loud and intense at our place. There's definitely going to be a lot of fans there," Arellano said. "We like our home court. We grew up there, shot there and everything feels like it will fall there."

Glenns Ferry swept its regular-season

The two teams meet Wednesday with the Mushers (7-11) as the No. 4 seed and Richfield (6-14) seeded fifth.

A box score was unavailable.

MURTAUGH 75, MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN 42

Manuel Pacheco scored 22 points and Murtaugh used its pressure defense to race past host Magic Valley Christian 75-42 Monday night in Jerome. Jose Gonzales scored 14 for Murtaugh and Humberto Pacheco chipped in 12.

Zach VanEsch netted a game-best 27 points to lead MVC (0-16), while Matt McClimans scored 12.

"They just really put the pressure on us," MVC coach Harriman Randle said of Murtaugh's defense.

The teams meet again at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday to open the Northside Conference Tournament, with Murtaugh seeded second and MVC seeded seventh.

Murtaugh 75, Magic Valley Christian 42

32 16 16 11 - 75
4 10 16 12 - 42
MURTAUGH (75)
Zach Cummins 6, Humberto Pacheco 12, Derek Bates 9, Jose Gonzales 14, Austin Stanger 6, Manuel Pacheco 22, Luis Aburto 4, Ramon Aburto 2, 35 4-8 75.
MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN (42)
Jon Carpenter 1, Dylan VanEsch 2, Zach VanEsch 27, Matt McClimans 12. Totals 14 12-23 42.
3-point goals: Murtaugh 1 (Gonzales). MVC 1 (Z. VanEsch). Total fouls: Murtaugh 12; MVC 13. Fouled out: MVC, D. VanEsch. Technical fouls: none.



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Wendell's Gary Koopman (35) collides with Buhl defender Mark Montgomery while also being covered by Matt Hamilton during the second quarter of their game Monday night in Buhl.

meetings with the Hornets, winning 92-72 at home, and then escaping Declo with a 69-67 overtime victory.

Declo will need to match Glenns Ferry's athleticism with Tyler Briggs (15.2 ppg, 5.5 rpg), Brandon Peterson (11.1 ppg), Dane Janak (11.1 ppg) and Jeremy Jenkins (9.0 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 5.1 apg).

Whoever wins this tournament will have a good shot at winning a state title as well. The Class 2A state tourney is March 4-6 at Capital High School in Boise.

"Both of these teams have a shot to finish well at state," Johnston said. "I think either could play for the state final. We both have solid group of seniors, we've got talented athletes all the way around. Both of us are that caliber."

Brown: Jordan determined to buy Bobcats

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Michael Jordan has been called the NBA's greatest player, a supreme competitor and top pitchman.

Jordan soon could have a much different role: team owner.

Charlotte coach Larry Brown said Monday night that Jordan has told him he's doing all he can to buy majority control of the Bobcats from owner Bob Johnson.

"He said he's doing his best to put himself in a position to get the team," Brown said after practice. "He wants it badly."

Johnson is eager to sell the unprofitable club, and NBA commissioner David Stern said Saturday he expects a deal to be completed within two months.

While Stern has said Jordan owning the team "would be a good thing," he may have competition. Former Houston Rockets executive George Postolos has made inquiries, and it's possible if Postolos gets control

Jordan would no longer have a role with the team.

Jordan, currently a part owner with the final say on basketball decisions, would have to put an ownership group together and agree with Johnson on a price. Jordan declined comment Monday through a team spokesman.

"I didn't talk to him about the particulars," Brown said of his conversation with Jordan last week. "He just told me don't believe everything you read in the paper and I'm trying my hardest to get this thing done. I'm hopeful that at the end of the day Michael will be running the Bobcats."

Postolos, who once worked as an assistant to Stern in the NBA offices, has been in talks with Johnson for months.

"I am still not talking to media about Charlotte," Postolos wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Monday.

Cal State Bakersfield edges Idaho State in Pocatello

POCATELLO — Trent Blakley scored 20 points and Santwon Latunde finished with a double-double as Cal State Bakersfield defeated Idaho State 82-79 Monday night.

Latunde scored 18 points and added 12 rebounds, Stephon Carter had 17 points and Marcus Hall 15 for the Roadrunners (7-18).

Demetrius Monroe recorded 24 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Bengals (7-19), who lost for the fifth time in six games.

Bakersfield led by 10 with 4:52 to play, but Idaho State rallied to within 78-77 with 31 seconds left.

Latunde and Donovan Bragg then converted back-to-back layups to seal the victory.

The Bengals led by seven points early and by eight late in the first half before the Roadrunners put together a 14-2 run for a 44-40 halftime lead.

Broderick Gilchrest added 17 points and Amorrow Morgan 13 points for Idaho State.

ranked Kansas escape with a 59-54 win over No. 24 Texas A&M on Monday night.

It's the 11th consecutive victory for Kansas (25-1, 11-0 Big 12) and breaks a 16-game home winning streak for Texas A&M (18-7, 7-4).

Kansas trailed for much of the second half and was behind by four before going on a 7-2 run, capped by a free throw by Henry, to take a 55-54 lead with 3½ minutes remaining. The Jayhawks pushed the lead to 57-54 moments later when Bryan Davis was called for goaltending on a shot by Cole Aldrich.

Henry hit two more free throws

with about 30 seconds remaining to seal the win.

Marcus Morris and Aldrich also had 12 points apiece for Kansas.

Texas A&M was led by David Loubeau's 17 points and Donald Sloan had 15.

CONNECTICUT 84, NO. 3 VILLANOVA 75

PHILADELPHIA — Kemba Walker scored a career-high 29 points and Connecticut continued the four-day run of Big East top-10 upsets.

The Huskies (15-11, 5-8) became the fourth team to knock off one of the Big East's top teams with a win they desperately

needed in coach Jim Calhoun's second game back after missing 3½ weeks during a medical leave.

On Friday night, then-No. 5 West Virginia lost to Pittsburgh in triple overtime. On Sunday, Louisville beat then-No. 2 Syracuse and Rutgers beat then-No. 7 Georgetown.

Scottie Reynolds scored 18 points and Corey Fisher had 14 for Villanova (22-3, 11-2).

Jerome Dyson had 15 points and six assists for Connecticut, which had lost five of six and was coming off a 60-48 loss to Cincinnati.

— The Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	18	.640	—
Toronto	29	23	.558	4
Philadelphia	20	32	.385	13
New York	19	32	.373	13½
New Jersey	4	48	.077	29
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	36	18	.667	—
Atlanta	33	18	.647	—
Charlotte	26	25	.510	8½
Miami	26	27	.491	9½
Washington	17	33	.340	17
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	43	11	.796	—
Chicago	25	26	.490	16½
Milwaukee	24	27	.471	17½
Detroit	18	33	.353	23½
Indiana	18	34	.346	24
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	32	20	.615	—
San Antonio	30	21	.588	1½
Houston	27	24	.529	4½
New Orleans	28	25	.528	4½
Memphis	26	25	.510	5½
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	35	18	.660	—
Utah	32	19	.627	2
Oklahoma City	30	21	.588	4
Portland	31	24	.564	5
Minnesota	13	40	.245	22
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	41	13	.759	—
Phoenix	31	22	.585	9½
L.A. Clippers	21	31	.404	19
Sacramento	18	34	.346	22
Golden State	14	37	.275	25½

Sunday's Games	
Monday's Games	
Tuesday's Games	
New Jersey at Charlotte, 5 p.m.	
Miami at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.	
Minnesota at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.	
New York at Chicago, 6 p.m.	
Phoenix at Memphis, 6 p.m.	
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.	
Utah at Houston, 6:30 p.m.	
Boston at Sacramento, 8 p.m.	
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 8 p.m.	
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.	
Wednesday's Games	
San Antonio at Indiana, 5 p.m.	
Minnesota at Washington, 5 p.m.	
Memphis at Toronto, 5 p.m.	
Detroit at Orlando, 5 p.m.	
Miami at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.	
Chicago at New York, 5:30 p.m.	
Houston at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.	
Utah at New Orleans, 6 p.m.	
Phoenix at Dallas, 7 p.m.	
Sacramento at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.	
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.	

Sunday's Late NBA All-Star Box	
EAST 141, WEST 139	
EAST (141)	
James 10-22 4-4 25, Garnett 2-0 0-4, Howard 7-10 2-3 17, Wade 12-16 4-6 28, Johnson 4-8 0-0 10, Pierce 3-6 0-0 8, Bosh 9-16 5-7 23, Rose 2-3 0-0 4, Wallace 1-3 0-0 2, Lee 2-3 0-0 4, Rondo 4-8 0-0 8, Horford 4-5 0-1 8, Totals 60-104 15-51 141.	
WEST (139)	
Nowitzki 8-15 6-6 22, Duncan 1-4 1-2 3, Stoudemire 5-10 2-2 12, Nash 2-4 0-0 4, Anthony 13-22 0-1 27, Gasol 5-9 3-3 13, Billups 6-11 0-0 17, Williams 6-11 0-0 14, Durant 7-14 0-0 15, Randolph 4-10 0-0 8, Kaman 2-4 0-0 4, Kidd 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 59-115 12-14 139.	
Midwest	
3-Point Goals—EAST 6-17, 35.3 (Pierce 2-3, Johnson 2-5, Howard 1-2, James 1-6, Wade 0-1), WEST 9-21, 42.9 (Billups 5-8, Williams 2-4, Durant 1-3, Anthony 1-4, Kidd 0-1, Nowitzki 0-1), Rebounds—EAST 40 (Bosh 10), WEST 54 (Stoudemire, Anthony 10), Assists—EAST 35 (Wade 11), WEST 32 (Nash 13), Total Fouls—EAST 12, WEST 13, A-108,713.	

Men's College Scores	
Far West	
CS Bakersfield 82, Idaho St. 79	
New Mexico St. 88, Hawaii 64	
Southwest	
Arkansas St. 69, Louisiana-Monroe 52	
Jackson St. 70, Texas Southern 67, OT	
Kansas 59, Texas A&M 54	
North Texas 107, Houston Baptist 87	
Prairie View 74, Grambling St. 58	
Midwest	
Wis.-Milwaukee 64, Youngstown St. 62	
South	
Ark.-Pine Bluff 59, Alcorn St. 45	
Austin Peay 83, Jacksonville St. 63	
Campbell 71, Kennesaw St. N.C. Central 57	
Coastal Carolina 68, N.C. Central 57	
Delaware St. 66, Florida A&M 63	
MSU 54, Southern U. 48	
Maryland 85, Virginia 66	
Md.-Eastern Shore 62, Bethune-Cookman 56	
North Carolina A&T 69, Hampton 65	
Norfolk St. 72, Howard 52	

S. Carolina St. 71, Morgan St. 68				
Savannah St. 82, Stetson 68				
W. Carolina 75, UNC Greensboro 70				
Winston-Salem 70, Coppin St. 60				
East				
Connecticut 84, Villanova 75				
Fairfield 74, Manhattan 56				
Rider 72, St. Peter's 66				
Men's AP Top 25				
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:				
W-L	Pts	Pvs		
1. Kansas (62)	24-1	1,622	1	
2. Kentucky (3)	24-1	1,557	3	
3. Villanova	22-2	1,482	4	
4. Purdue	21-3	1,403	6	
5. Syracuse	24-2	1,389	2	
6. Duke	21-4	1,278	8	
7. Kansas St.	20-4	1,239	9	
8. West Virginia	19-5	1,101	5	
9. Ohio St.	20-6	1,068	13	
10. Georgetown	18-6	966	7	
11. Michigan St.	20-6	906	10	
12. New Mexico	23-3	888	15	
13. Gonzaga	21-4	830	16	
14. Wisconsin	19-6	697	11	
15. Texas	20-5	674	14	
16. BYU	23-3	669	17	
17. Vanderbilt	19-5	529	22	
18. Butler	23-4	527	18	
19. Pittsburgh	19-6	398	25	
20. Tennessee	18-6	381	12	
21. Temple	20-5	347	21	
22. Baylor	19-5	316	24	
23. Wake Forest	18-5	286	—	
24. Texas A&M	18-6	231	—	
25. Richmond	20-6	101	—	
Others receiving votes: N. Iowa 74, Virginia Tech 59, UTEP 46, Illinois 29, Marquette 12, Mississippi St. 5, UNLV 5, Old Dominion 4, Cornell 2, Georgia Tech 1, Maryland 1, San Diego St. 1, Xavier 1.				
Voter Ballots: http://tinyurl.com/cf0se4				

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll			
The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 14, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:			
	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. Kansas (30)	24-1	774	1
2. Kentucky (1)	24-1	745	2
3. Villanova	22-2	704	5
4. Purdue	21-3	658	6
5. Syracuse	24-2	645	3
6. Duke	21-4	636	7
7. KansasSt.	20-4	580	9
8. West Virginia	19-5	510	4
9. Gonzaga	21-4	507	11
10. Georgetown	18-6	443	8
11. Michigan St.	20-6	432	10
12. OhioSt.	20-6	428	16
13. Butler	23-4	411	15
14. BYU	23-3	346	17
15. New Mexico	23-3	330	19
16. Wisconsin	19-6	322	13
17. Texas	20-5	287	14
18. Tennessee	18-6	241	12
19. Vanderbilt	19-5	200	24
20. Temple	20-5	187	21
21. Pittsburgh	19-6	181	23
22. Baylor	19-5	102	—
23. Texas A&M	18-6	98	—
24. Northern Iowa	22-3	73	18
25. Wake Forest	18-5	58	—
Others receiving votes: Virginia Tech 35, Richmond 29, Cornell 24, UTEP 14, UNLV 11, Georgia Tech 9, Illinois 9, Notre Dame 9, Rhode Island 9, California 6, Clemson 5, Maryland 4, Florida State 3, Utah State 3, UAB 2, Charlotte 2, Siena 2, Xavier 1.			

Women's College Scores	
Far West	
Nevada 76, Hawaii 56	
Oakland, Mich. 68, S. Utah 52	
Southwest	
Connecticut 76, Oklahoma 60	
Grambling St. 68, Prairie View 65	
Oral Roberts 87, W. Illinois 52	
Texas Southern 51, Jacksonville St. 48	
Midwest	
S. Dakota St. 67, South Dakota 48	
UMKC 64, IPFW 61	
South	
Alcorn St. 85, Ark.-Pine Bluff 67	
Appalachian St. 66, Samford 55	
Bethune-Cookman 61, Md.-Eastern Shore 54	
Centenary 67, LIPUJ 57	
Chattanooga 65, Davidson 54	
Coll. of Charleston 65, Wofford 51	
Coppin St. 70, Winston-Salem 46	
Florida A&M 52, Delaware St. 42	
Florida St. 69, Georgia Tech 59	
Gardner-Webb 74, UNC Asheville 63	
Georgia Southern 56, Furman 46	
Hampton 90, N. Carolina A&T 80	
High Point 88, Radford 74	
Howard 71, Norfolk St. 41	
Liberty 52, Winthrop 18	
Morgan St. 86, S. Carolina St. 64	
Southern U. 60, MSU 44	
Tennessee Tech 76, Tennessee St. 73	
Virginia 82, North Carolina 78, 20	
East	
Albany, N.Y. 65, Binghamton 51	
Fairfield 51, Siena 50	

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Class 4A Great Basin Conference Tournament

7 p.m.

Canyon Ridge at Burley

Wood River at Jerome

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament

At Kimberly

6 p.m.

Gooding vs. Wendell

7:30 p.m.

Buhl vs. Kimberly

Class 2A Canyon Conference Tournament

7:30 p.m.

Valley at Declo

Class 1A Division I Snake River Conference Tournament

7 p.m.

Challis at Raft River

Lighthosue Christian at Castleford

Oakley at Hagerman

Sho-Ban at Shoshone

OLYMPICS

Noon-6 p.m.

USA — Men's ice hockey: U.S. vs. Switzerland; men's curling: U.S. vs. Germany, at Vancouver, British Columbia

3-5 p.m.

NBC — LIVE: men's biathlon: 12.5km pursuit Gold Medal final; SAME-DAY TAPE: women's biathlon: 10km pursuit Gold Medal final; women's speed skating: 500m

5 p.m.-5 a.m.

CNBC — LIVE: men's ice hockey: Canada vs. Norway and Russia vs. Latvia; women's curling: U.S. vs. Japan; women's ice hockey: Finland vs. China; SAME-DAY TAPE: men's curling: U.S. vs. Norway, at Vancouver, British Columbia

5:30-8 p.m.

MSNBC — Women's ice hockey: U.S. vs. Russia

8 p.m.-Midnight

NBC — LIVE: men's figure skating: short program; SAME-DAY TAPE: women's snowboard: cross Gold Medal final; women's speed skating: 500m Gold Medal final; men's alpine skiing: super combined Gold Medal final

TV SCHEDULE

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m.

ESPN — Michigan St. at Indiana

ESPN2 — Wake Forest at Virginia Tech

9 p.m.

ESPN — Kentucky at Mississippi St.

8 p.m.

WGN — New York at Chicago

Iona 63, Canisius 47				
Marist, Manhattan 44				
Niagara 64, St. Peter's 58				
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W-L	Pts	Pvs		
1. Connecticut (40)	25-0	1,000	1	
2. Stanford	23-1	959	2	
3. Nebraska	23-0	901	3	
4. Notre Dame	23-1	891	4	
5. Tennessee	23-2	848	5	
6. Ohio St.	20-4	773	6	
7. Duke	25-3	746	7	
8. Duke	21-4	726	8	
9. West Virginia	22-3	666	9	
10. Florida St.	21-4	633	10	
11. Oklahoma	18-6	600	12	
12. Texas	18-6	568	14	
13. Iowa St.	20-4	437	20	
14. Georgetown	20-4	385	16	
15. Texas A&M	17-6	380	13	
16. Kentucky	21-4	352	17	
17. Oklahoma St.	18-6	324	15	
18. Baylor	17-7	308	11	
19. Georgia Tech	20-5	263	21	
20. Georgia	20-6	217	19	
21. Gonzaga	21-4	186	22	
22. St. John's	20-5	133	25	
23. LSU	17-7	128	23	
23. TCU	19-5	128	24	
25. Vanderbilt	18-7	117	—	
Others receiving votes: North Carolina 108, Virginia 102, Hartford 75, Wis.-Green Bay 13, Fresno St. 6, Middle Tennessee 6, Princeton 6, UCLA 6, Dayton 5, Michigan St. 3, Ark.-Little Rock 1.				
Voter Ballots: http://tinyurl.com/ykagzmr				



AP photo

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, right, and center Shaquille O'Neal could get All-Star caliber help for the second half of the season if the Cavs make a move before the trade deadline.

James, Wade wait to see if help is coming

DALLAS (AP) — Electrifying as teammates for one night, imagine LeBron James and Dwyane Wade together for an entire season.

At least one of them does. “We can dream, can’t we?” Wade said. “I dream.”

After watching them Sunday night in the All-Star game at Cowboys Stadium, who wouldn’t? Well, except rival coaches.

“I don’t think you needed to see tonight to understand that that would scare any of us in this league,” Eastern Conference coach Stan Van Gundy said.

Wade scored 28 points and was the MVP, James added 25 and the East beat the West 141-139 before 108,713 fans, the largest crowd ever to attend a basketball game.

A James-Wade partnership could happen, but that wouldn’t be until the summer. In the meantime, one or both of them still could get some All-Star caliber help.

The NBA trade deadline is Thursday, with Cleveland and Miami among the teams most frequently appearing in the usual mid-February speculation. And for the second consecutive year, much of it focuses on Amare Stoudemire of Phoenix.

The Cavaliers and Heat both have been linked to the All-Star forward, a terrific Plan B if neither can make a James-Wade tandem happen.

“I’m aware of the talk just like everybody else,” James said. “I’ve been a part of guys getting traded to our team and getting traded away from our team. I never get caught up into it until I know or hear from our coaching staff or GMs that the deal has actually happened.”

Stoudemire seemed to acknowledge the trade talk surrounding the Cavs in a post on his Twitter feed Monday night, defending his play with Shaquille O’Neal when the Cleveland center was with Phoenix last season.

“I play very well with Shaq. I adverage (sic) more pts last year WITH him an (sic) played better D,” Stoudemire tweeted. “You guys can stop saying we don’t play well together.”

The Cavaliers may not need a deal after rolling into the break with a 13-game winning streak and an NBA-best 43-11 record, even without the injured Mo Williams. But they also want to show James they are totally committed to winning before he becomes a free agent this summer, and there’s still some improving that can be done.

Cleveland thought it had a team that could win last season, but Orlando exploited

its lack of athleticism at the power forward spot in the Eastern Conference finals. A player such as Stoudemire or Washington’s Antawn Jamison could fill that void.

Miami needs a little of everything after reaching the break in seventh place in the East with a 26-27 record. Wade has warned the Heat his decision to stay this summer will be based on whether he believes his team can compete for the championship.

“I haven’t been following it too much. I always know that when trade deadline comes, the city of Miami is going to be in something because it’s a very attractive city, so automatically our name is going to come up,” Wade said Friday. “But I’m a believer you wait for things to happen before you go too much into it.”

Some recent deadline days have been duds, but more teams could have incentive to deal this year. There’s a chance to save money for owners who are losing millions, or the opportunity to position themselves to be buyers in what’s expected to be a stellar free-agent class.

Dallas jumped on a Washington team looking to cut payroll during a disastrous season by acquiring two-time All-Star Caron Butler and center Brendan Haywood in a seven-player deal Saturday. If the Wizards keep cutting, Jamison also could be moved this week.

The second half begins again with the NBA dreaming of a Cavaliers-Lakers final that would deliver a highly anticipated matchup between Kobe Bryant and James — this time even bigger with the inclusion of Shaquille O’Neal, too.

The Lakers won their last three before the break and will be even stronger once Bryant returns from an injured left ankle that forced him to skip the All-Star game.

“Hopefully I’ll be — I’ll definitely be — healthier than I was the last month, so that’s a plus,” Bryant said.

Those teams have the same pursuers as a year ago. Denver is running second in the West, while Orlando trails Cleveland just in front of Atlanta and Boston, which has to hope Kevin Garnett stays healthy and Ray Allen relocates his shot.

There’s plenty more in the final two months of the season.

Kevin Durant tries to beat out James and Carmelo Anthony for the scoring title and lead surging Oklahoma City to its first playoff berth. The New Jersey Nets, 4-48 at the break, hope to find a spark that can help them avoid the worst finish in NBA history.

OLYMPIC ROUNDUP

Great Olympic comebacks by Wescott, Miller and Vonn

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Comebacks make for great Olympics stories, and they come in many forms. Just look at what Seth Wescott, Bode Miller and Lindsey Vonn pulled off Monday.

Wescott came to the Winter Olympics as the reigning champion in snowboardcross, yet also as damaged goods. He hurt his leg and pelvis two months ago and it showed in the races since. He opened Monday’s event by finishing 17th of the 32 riders in qualifying, but found his stride to reach the finals.

Then he found himself way back with five jumps left — only to make it up with a thrilling finish that snatched a gold from the host country.

Miller is America’s most decorated Alpine skier and the guy who let everyone down in 2006, failing to finish higher than fifth. He didn’t earn a medal at the two world championships since then and considered retiring before deciding to give the Olympics one more try. After several days of weather delays, he was one of the first guys down the mountain. The result: a terrific time good enough for bronze, just nine-hundredths of a second behind the winner and only the third-ever downhill medal for the United States.

Vonn was the headliner coming into Vancouver, then all the hype seemed for naught when she revealed a shin injury that made it painful to even wear a ski boot. But the bad weather was a blessing for her recovery and in her first training run early Monday, on the upper section of the course, she had the fastest time in the field.

Then there was a downturn. A bumpy afternoon run on the lower section left her hobbling again and hoping for more weather delays.

With Wescott’s in-race rally and Miller’s career redemption, the United States upped its medal collection to eight, double any other country. Americans have won two golds, topped only by Switzerland’s three.

MEN’S DOWNHILL

Miller’s nine-hundredths of a second behind winner Didier Defago of Switzerland was the smallest margin between gold and bronze in the history of an event that began in 1948.

“It’s such a relief to get a medal,” Miller said. “The fact that those other guys beat me to the hundredth of a second doesn’t bother me.”

The only other Americans to win a medal in the event were golds by Tommy Moe in 1994 and Bill Johnson in ‘84.

Miller won silver medals in the giant slalom and the combined events in 2002, then went into the 2006 Winter Olympics as one of the headliners, only to make the wrong kind of history. A fifth-place finish in the downhill started his demise; it turned out to be his best finish. A rebellious, couldn’t-care-less attitude made things worse. This time, the big grin he flashed at the end of his run showed how much this meant to him.



AP photo

American Bode Miller competes in the men’s downhill Alpine skiing at the Winter Olympic Games at the Whistler Creekside in Whistler, north of Vancouver, British Columbia, on Monday. Miller claimed bronze with a time of 1 minute, 54.40 seconds. He was 0.09 seconds behind gold medal winner Didier Defago of Switzerland and 0.02 second behind silver medalist Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway.

“I was psyched,” Miller said. “I skied hard.”

LINDSEY VONN

The most important thing about Vonn’s training run wasn’t her time. It was simply finishing, which fulfilled the requirement of running the course on the same day at least once.

With a starting spot waiting for her, Vonn will turn her attention to being there. The race is scheduled for Wednesday and there’s another training session today, although she’s now eligible to skip it.

“The course here is just so bumpy,” Vonn said. “It was a fight just to make it down the whole way.”

SNOWBOARDCROSS

When Wescott crossed the finish line ahead of Canada’s Mike Robertson, fans gasped and cheered while the 33-year-old champion fell to the ground, exhausted and exhilarated.

Tony Ramoin of France won the bronze.

American Nate Holland, a five-time Winter X Games champ, spun out early in the final foursome.

SPEEDSKATING

Problems with ice-resurfacing machines caused a delay of about an hour during the men’s 500 meters. But that’s not why American Shani Davis dropped out.

Davis finished 18th in the first race, then withdrew, skipping the second heat to save his energy for the 1,000 on Wednesday night. He’s the defending champion and the world record-holder at that distance.

Gold went to Mo Tae-bum of South Korea, a country better known for its short-track speedskaters. Tucker Fredricks was the top American, finishing 12th.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Switzerland’s Dario Cologna collapsed across the finish line after winning the men’s 15-kilometer freestyle cross-country race. Sweden’s Charlotte Kalla led from start to finish to win the women’s 10-kilometer freestyle race.

In the men’s race, Italian Pietro Pillitteri won the silver and Lukas Bauer of the

Czech Republic took bronze. James Southam was the top American finisher at 48th.

In the women’s event, Kristina Smigun-Vaehi of Estonia, who won two golds in 2006 but has struggled this season, took silver and Marit Bjørgen of Norway got the bronze. Caitlin Compton finished 30th, the best by an American since 1984.

LUGE

A brief, private memorial service was held at a Vancouver funeral home for the Georgian luger killed in a crash during training, then his casket was flown home for burial.

Three Georgian athletes, including figure skater Otar Japaridze, wearing a black armband on his red team jacket, filed past the open casket to touch the body of their fallen teammate, Nodar Kumaritashvili. His uncle and coach, Felix Kumaritashvili, broke into tears outside the funeral home.

The president of Georgia’s Olympic Committee was accompanying the body back to Georgia, where the casket would be received by a spiritual leader.

Kumaritashvili’s father told The Associated Press in Georgia that shortly before the fatal run he spoke to his 21-year-old son, who said he was worried about the track’s speed.

“He told me, ‘I will either win or die,’” David Kumaritashvili said. “But that was youthful bravado, he couldn’t be seriously talking about death.”

The International Luge Federation already has spoken with officials of the 2014 Games in Sochi, Russia, about speed and safety.

“We already have agreement with them to construct a track where we are very comfortable that the speed is going to be lower,” federation secretary general Svein Romstad told Associated Press Television News.

WOMEN’S LUGE

Reigning world champion Erin Hamlin of the United States came out of the first two runs in 15th place, but

came away insisting, “It’s still a race.”

There are two more runs today. Germany’s Tatjana Huefner is the leader so far.

BOBSLED/SKELETON

The head of the U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation is OK with the track at the Whistler Sliding Center.

American skeleton athletes trained on the track Monday for the first time since Kumaritashvili’s death. They were among the majority of competitors who started at the top of the track, bypassing the option of starting from a lower spot.

Luge events were moved down the track to make races slower and safer, and indeed there wasn’t a single wreck in the finals.

FIGURE SKATING

Johnny Weir already has decided to drop fur from his costume. Now he’s thinking about adding a quadruple jump to his program.

“What do I have to lose?” Weir said. “I’m not a favorite for a medal here. If I feel like doing it, I will do it.”

The flamboyant three-time U.S. champion has rarely used the four-revolution jump. Urged to do it by his coach, Galina Zmievskaya, Weir pulled off a good one during practice Monday.

MEN’S HOCKEY

Attention, Canada: Roberto Luongo will be starting in goal against Norway in the Olympics opener today, and Martin Brodeur will start Thursday against Switzerland.

The Canadians were upset by the Swiss in 2006, on their way to finishing seventh.

Luongo has won eight of his last 12 starts for Vancouver, and will be playing in his home arena. Brodeur has lost three of his last four starts for the New Jersey Devils and has permitted 25 goals in his last eight games.

Canada also decided to keep Ryan Getzlaf on the roster, deciding his sprained left ankle won’t be a problem.

— The Associated Press

McMurray’s Daytona 500 win moves Ganassi into elite company

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Chip Ganassi squirmed a bit, shifted the microphone he was holding in his hands, then gazed blankly at the floor.

Jamie McMurray had just been asked to describe his NASCAR team owner — the man who has taken two separate chances on McMurray — and Ganassi was clearly uncomfortable with the praise he was about to receive.

“He’s not wanting me to compliment him right now,” McMurray said.

But any kind words from McMurray had been earned.

Ganassi, after all, gave

McMurray his first break when the little-known driver was looking for a shot at NASCAR’s top level. Then he had his ego bruised three years later when McMurray fled for a perceived better opportunity at Roush-Fenway Racing.

Ganassi didn’t let the hurt feelings fester, though, and agreed to give McMurray another shot last fall when the driver found himself out of work.

It all paid off Sunday night with a thrilling Daytona 500 victory, the biggest NASCAR win for both the driver and owner.

It was evident how grateful McMurray was from his tearful

Victory Lane celebration, when he effusively thanked Ganassi, co-owner Felix Sabates, and sponsor Bass Pro Shops for giving him a second chance.

Ganassi deflected the exultation in the hours after the victory, and tried to duck it again Monday at the Daytona 500 champion’s breakfast.

“It’s not about me,” Ganassi said quietly. “It’s just not about me.”

How wrong he is.

Nevermind that McMurray’s win in the Super Bowl of NASCAR moved Ganassi into elite company, joining Roger Penske as the only owners to win the Indianapolis

500, Daytona 500 and the prestigious 24 Hours of Daytona sports car race.

More important, the win proved what Ganassi has insisted all along: He can be pushed all the way to the ropes in the brutal business of auto racing, but he will never be knocked down.

“I don’t have a lot. I don’t have the biggest jet over at the airport there and the flashiest trucks. We’re in the business of racing,” Ganassi said. “We’ve taken a lot of lumps over the last couple years. We have to spend our money a little wiser than some teams. I’m not ashamed of that at all.”



AP photo

Team owner Chip Ganassi, left, and NASCAR driver Jamie McMurray are interviewed after winning the Daytona 500 Sunday at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.