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Fewer districts, more savings



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Morgan Simons, a fifth-grade student at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls, raises her hand during language arts class Monday. While no proposals to consolidate Idaho's school districts have been made in the Legislature, a State Department of Education study shows the potential for \$2.5 million in savings from consolidating all Twin Falls County school districts into a single countywide district.

Twin Falls, Gooding counties among top potential savers if schools consolidate

By Amy Huddleston

Times-News writer

Idaho's education system faces another round of budget cuts, a proposed comprehensive overhaul and whispers of consolidation of school districts and services.

While no state legislation has been presented, an Idaho State Department of Education study found that consolidating Idaho's 115 school districts into 44 county-wide districts would save around \$15 million annually.

"You can't talk about saving money at the state level and not talk about consolidation," said Melissa McGrath, Department of Education spokeswoman.

She said questioning ways to bridge the budget gap made officials ask what Idaho would look like if schools were to consolidate and every district was funded as a large district.

MORE ONLINE

VIEW more photos from Lincoln Elementary School. [MAGICVALLEY.COM](#)

Twin Falls and Gooding counties were deemed most inefficient in current school district configuration — consolidation would save an estimated \$2.5 million and \$1.9 million, respectively. The study showed that districts in Bingham, Canyon, Lincoln, Payette and Shoshone counties were also top candidates for consolidation-based savings.

In south-central Idaho, three counties Blaine, Cassia and Minidoka — already have consolidated districts.

McGrath said consolidation efforts would be up to local school districts but driven by the state funding formula. Currently, smaller school districts get more money

per student than larger districts. That would change if district consolidation occurred.

"They would have to decide how they will manage getting less for students," McGrath said, adding that the solution will look different for each district. Some might elect to reduce teacher jobs, while others would need to cut administrative positions.

A study done in 2007 showed operating a smaller district was much more costly than a larger district. Large school districts with 5,000 to 14,999 students spent \$5,372 per student while school districts with less than 1,500 students spent \$8,447 per student.

Rob Waite, Shoshone School District superintendent, said his district in Lincoln County is always looking for ways to be good stewards of taxpayer money.

"We're on that list and we should be looking at ways to share

WHAT IS CONSOLIDATION?

What it would do: When districts consolidate, professional development, supplies and transportation move under the same umbrella. The decision of whether to consolidate could be made locally, but funding would be reduced for smaller districts that kept their independence.

Proponents say: The move would have money-saving options and create more efficiency.

Opponents say: Consolidation would force schools to lose identity and local control.

How much would be saved: The study showed Twin Falls and Gooding counties saving \$2.5 million and \$1.9 million, respectively.

services and combine forces," Waite said.

Shoshone recently paired with Gooding School District to save money on cafeteria costs, and, while the cost savings won't be apparent in the first year, Waite

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Council seeks fountain input

Twin Falls hopes to have new golf manager by June 1

By Nick Coltrain

Times-News writer

The need for more public input kept the Twin Falls City Council from taking a hard stance Monday night on proposed redevelopment for the city's downtown plaza.

The council asked Dennis Bowyer, the city's parks and recreation director, to organize an event for downtown merchants and community members to share their opinion on concepts drafted by the Twin Falls Community Foundation. The nonprofit is spearheading and bankrolling the proposed redevelopment.

The foundation's proposal would turn the current plaza, on Hansen Street at Main Avenue in Twin Falls, into a park with small, auditorium-style seats, a splash park and trees. The two concepts presented to the council — revised

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The Twin Falls City Council will seek public input on proposals to redevelop the city's downtown plaza, in the process replacing this fountain with a new water feature.

URA looks to spend last of BID money

Up to \$10K available for downtowners to improve facades

By Nick Coltrain

Times-News writer

An \$80,000 pot for facade improvements is being primed for downtown Twin Falls, but property owners need to act quickly: a \$10,000 cap for the matching funds program means it could be gone with the first eight applicants.

The money comes from the remnants of the downtown Business Improvement District, which the Twin Falls City Council dismantled in September. The

TAP INTO BID CASH

The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency has \$80,000 in leftover Business Improvement District cash available for matching funds for downtown facade improvements in the former BID area. The program will match 50 percent, up to \$10,000, of the cost of facade improvement. Property owners who were paid-up members of the BID can apply through the URA. Contact: Melinda Anderson, 735-7240 or manderson@tfid.org.

council sent the leftover cash — which couldn't be accurately divvied among the dues-paying

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More sunshine sought for college trustee candidates

By Ben Botkin

Times-News writer

BOISE — More sunshine may be coming to community college trustee elections.

Trustee candidates would be required to file sunshine reports identifying campaign contributions and expenditures, under legislation introduced Monday by Sen. John Goedde, R-Coeur d'Alene and chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

The proposal comes on the heels of the November 2010 election for two College of Southern Idaho trustee seats, which featured an unusually active level of campaigning compared to prior years.

Goedde said the election at North Idaho College in Coeur

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d'Alene was also strongly contested.

"There was concern about who financed those campaigns and whether there may have been ulterior motives of the candidates," Goedde said. "Certainly what's been proposed would shed additional light on those finances."

In the CSI elections, candidates put signs along roadways, sometimes as many as 100 or more. Incumbent LeRoy Craig — then the chairman of the CSI board —

mailed out postcards to registered voters seeking support for himself and Charles Lehrman before they lost to Bob Keegan and Karl Kleinkopf.

In the NIC election, examples of active campaigns included billboards, advertisements and yard signs, Goedde said. While it didn't reach the competitiveness of a legislative election, he said, it was busier than a school board race.

The bill would put the same requirement in place that already exists in other nonpartisan races like those for city council seats, Goedde said.

Asked by Sen. Monty Pearce, R-New Plymouth, if the bill might discourage people from running

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TODAY’S HAPPENINGS

LIBRARY

Fancy Nancy Soiree, read “Fancy Nancy” books by Jane O’Connor, have pink lemonade and cookies, and make posh crafts, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., wear your finest attire, free, open to the public, 324-5427.

Teen Flicks in Yscapes, movie and snacks, 4 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., free, open to the public, 733-2964 ext. 110.

“Let’s Talk About It” book discussion, Jaffrey: “Climbing the Mango Trees,” 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., free, open to the public, 326-4143.

Kids Craft week, K-6 graders can pick up a craft kit from the youth services desk, during library hours, Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., free, open to the public, 733-2964 ext. 110.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium “Mingle in the Jungle” free reptile revue at 6 p.m.; and **“Oceans In Space”** followed by a live sky tour at 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

Family night telescope viewing, 7 to 9 p.m., Centennial Observatory at CSI’s Herrett Center for Arts and Science, \$1.50 or free with planetarium show admission, free for ages 6 and younger, 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Gooding High School Senior Project Fair, open to the public, 1:30 to 4:45 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Gooding High School gymnasium, clay.robinson@goodingschools.org.

The annual community Health and Information Fair, 5 to 7 p.m., Popplewell Elementary School, Buhl, free, 543-6682.

Canyonside Christian School community open house, prospective families invited to tour the school, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., 820 E. Nez Perce Ave., Jerome, free, 324-3444.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Mirela Sulejmanovic by e-mail at mirelas@magicvalley.com; by phone, 735-3278; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

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URA

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BID members – to the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency for stewardship. On Monday, the URA board approved creating the matching fund program.

Property owners wanting a slice of the \$80,000 need to submit an application to the URA detailing what they want to do. The URA will match 50 percent, up to \$10,000, of what a property owner will pay.

In other URA business:

- The board barely approved an estimated \$1,400 communications training class, as some members questioned spending taxpayer cash to learn to deal with the media. The board is all-volunteer and employs a director to oversee the day-to-day operations of the agency.

“I’m not sure we should be spending the taxpayers’ dollars on how to deal with the media when we have an assigned person to do that for us,” board member Bob

Richards said, referring to URA Executive Director Melinda Anderson.

Four of the seven board members voted for the proposal, including Larry Hall. Hall characterized the proposal as a way to build relationships with the media. Tom Frank, who also voted in favor, described it as a training session to better communicate the URA’s actions and goals to the general public.

The project will be handled by Tracy Communications, a Boise-based public relations firm.

- The agency will also begin soliciting bids to replace the C3 building’s roof membrane. Replacing the 17-year-old membrane, older than the product’s 10- to 15-year life expectancy, will cost between \$160,000 and \$240,000.

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for office, Goedde noted that the requirement to file finance reports doesn’t seem to discourage city council candidates from seeking office.

The bill would cover all three Idaho community colleges – CSI, NIC and the College of Western Idaho.

Keegan, asked his thoughts on the bill on Monday, seemed OK with the idea.

“I guess it doesn’t make any difference,” he said. “I didn’t spend much at all, around \$1,300. I think there will be quite a bit of interest in the next election so peo-

ple will have to campaign.”

When asked if other CSI board members would mind filing the finance reports, he said, “I would think it wouldn’t matter to them.”

Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls and a member of the House Education Committee, said the proposal makes sense.

“I think that’s a positive step,” Hartgen said.

Staff writer Amy Huddleston contributed to this report.

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House judiciary panel to review spice, bath salt bills

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

State lawmakers will take the next step toward outlawing two synthetic drugs today.

The House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee will hear two bills that propose banning spice and high-dollar bath salts, both of which Idahoans have used to get high legally.

Legislators around the state have expressed strong interest in adding the chemicals found in these items to the list of controlled substances, putting them on par with narcotics such as marijuana, hydrocodone, mor-

phine and methamphetamine. “We’re working to write the legislation so that we don’t have to keep going back and adding (individual compounds).”

– Debbie Field, the director of the Idaho Office of Drug Policy

and adding (individual compounds),” Field said.

Wills is chairman of the committee and a staunch supporter of banning spice, a synthetic marijuana often sold by smoke shops as incense.

Spice can contain any number of chemicals to simulate THC, most of which were banned by an executive order signed by Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter last year. That

ban came after efforts to regulate the substance on the county level, including in Cassia and Twin Falls counties.

While spice is smoked like marijuana, the bath salts in question are usually snorted like cocaine and sold at smoke shops.

Field said she hopes the House will vote on the bills within the week, and get the Senate on board with the office’s goal of having Otter sign them into law by the end of the month.

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Consolidation

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said over time it could save up to \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually.

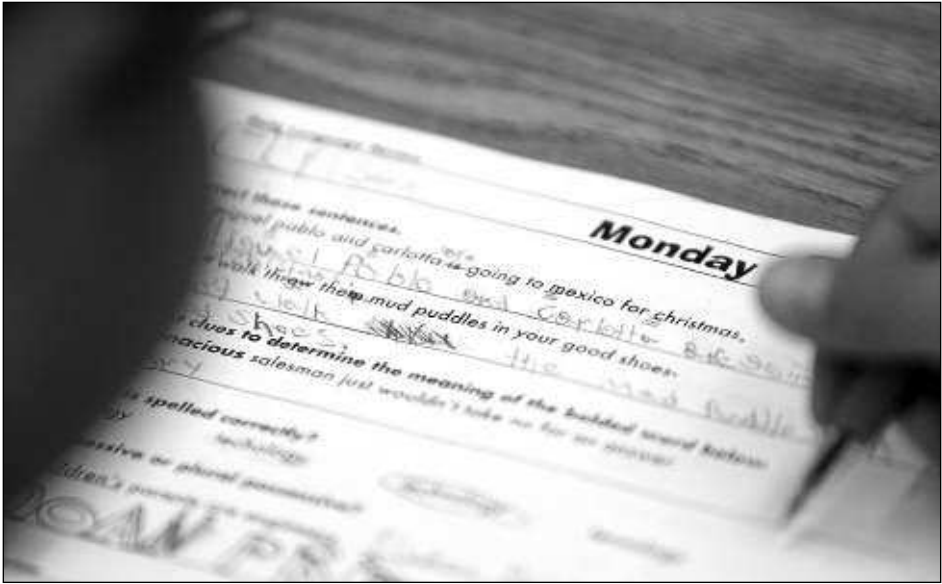
Residents’ feelings about consolidation go deeper than dollars, though. Some worry about the perceived loss of identity and local control.

“I don’t think anyone is very excited. From past experience they (the community) aren’t interested in it,” said Neal Hollingshead, superintendent and principal of Dietrich School District. “The state encourages more charter schools but says that we should consolidate the public schools.”

Wendell and Gooding school districts hired an outside researcher from the University of Idaho to look into costs and savings. While Gooding Superintendent Heather Williams said she’s open to any idea if it better serves students, she said the community may not welcome bringing the two districts under the same umbrella.

“We’ve done everything we can think of and we are hoping the study will be revealing in case we missed something,” she said. “I know that (schools’ identities) would be a concern but the discussion is focused around money and services to students. There is a lot to be said about identity, though. Schools are the center of the social network in a community.”

The savings of consolidat-



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Brison Mataitoailo works on a language arts assignment Monday at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls.

WHERE THE SAVINGS ARE

Consolidation of Idaho’s 115 public school districts into 44 countywide districts would save \$15 million annually, according to the State Department of Education. The most savings would come from:

Twin Falls County	\$2,500,998
Gooding County	\$1,944,429
Canyon County	\$1,722,471
Shoshone County	\$1,580,528
Payette County	\$1,474,923
Bingham County	\$974,088
Lincoln County	\$592,606

ing a district and cutting jobs by only having one superintendent for a large area may be worthwhile, Williams said, but in many smaller districts the administration serves in multiple capacities. Williams not only acts as superintendent but also holds other jobs

within the district.

In 2007, the Legislature put incentives in place to encourage districts to consolidate. One allows school districts to keep its full cost savings after consolidation for seven years, after which they can still keep half of the savings. Another

incentive is one districts in Gooding and Wendell can reap the benefits of – performing an independent feasibility study allows districts to be reimbursed up to \$10,000.

Kimberly Superintendent Kathleen Noh said she wasn’t opposed to consolidation with the other districts around her, but said it wouldn’t be a simple thing.

“I don’t think you’d save a lot of money doing it because you’ve got people doing multiple jobs,” she said. “We need to be as efficient as we can without sacrificing the students’ needs.”

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Input

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from three – would require the removal of the current downtown fountain, a touchy subject with some and an eyesore to others.

“I think it’s getting a bad rap, and there, I said it,” Councilman Trip Craig said, drawing chuckles.

Craig seemed to be the only one to feel strongly about keeping the fountain. He said his grandfather brought him there as a boy. Others riffed on it, with Councilman David E. Johnson echoing a foundation member in saying that the fountain belongs in the 1970s.

But the whole council was clearly grateful for the revitalization effort.

“I think this is what downtown needs,” Mayor Don Hall said.

In other council news, members voted 7-0 to move ahead with the search for new golf course management – but not without debate over the municipal course’s role in the city, and the city’s role in owning the course and other recreation areas.

GET INVOLVED

The Twin Falls Community Foundation is a nonprofit dedicated to bringing human energy, ideas and money together for community projects. Find out more at www.twinfallscommunity-foundation.org.

“As tight as budgets are right now and with how the economy is right now, it might be the time to subcon-

tract these services, the golf course and the (city) pool, and frankly hand it over to private enterprise, which seems to do a pretty good job,” Councilman Will Kezele said.

His push to privatize the course gained little traction Monday night. Johnson’s probes at the course’s role as a money maker – it currently operates at a deficit – gained a little more. But in the end, the council allowed city staff to solicit proposals

from new golf pros and golf course management companies.

Former Golf Pro Mike Hamblin left the city course for a similar job at the Blue Lakes Country Club at the beginning of this month. A schedule in the city staff reports would have a new city course manager in place by June 1.

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We're number ... well, never mind

Another day, another bottom-10 ranking. Last week, we found out that Idaho is No. 4 on the list of “The Ten States Running Out of Smart People” (247wallst.com). Also, that if you picked another nation with an economy most comparable to Idaho’s, it would be Sudan (*The Economist*). Also, that the state has the least-influential congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. (Pleated-jeans.com). Or even that the Idaho State University men’s basketball team ranks 336th — that’s dead last — among NCAA Division I schools in assists (ESPN.com). The Gem State sorts so

YOU DON'T SAY



Steve Crump

badly with the other 49 in so many areas, that some educators and public health workers here now ask what they call The Mississippi Question. “Are we worse than Mississippi this time?” The Magnolia State, of course, known for undrained swamps and tobacco-spitting people missing teeth, is widely acclaimed as the worst in America. But gotta tell you, I went looking through a lot of first-through-50th lists

describing a lot of things, and we Idahoans are often looking up at Down South:

- Doctors per 100,000 population: Idaho: 50th. Mississippi: 48th.
- Gross domestic product: Idaho: 42nd. Mississippi: 35th.
- Home foreclosure rates: Idaho: 20th. Mississippi: 44th.
- Per capita spending on the arts: Idaho: 35th. Mississippi: 28th.
- Per pupil spending: Idaho: 48th. Mississippi: 44th.
- Taxes on beer: Idaho: 17th. Mississippi: 44th.

On the other hand, Mississippians are way fatter than we are — they’re No. 1 in the country in obesity — and also top of the charts in chlamydia cases and gun deaths. Plus, Mississippi leads the nation in the incidence of fire ants. And I’m very happy to report that Idaho leaves Mississippi in the dust where it really counts. *The Daily Beast*, Tina Brown’s news and opinion website, recently ranked the states on how good-looking their residents are, with No. 1 being gorgeous and last being, well, North Dakotans. We’re No. 17; Mississippi’s No. 49. It’s a beautiful thing.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

Legislation would target bullying

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

BOISE — Schoolyard bullies, beware: Idaho legislators are taking you on. Legislation introduced Monday in the Senate Education Committee targets the problem of bullying in schools. “It helps to define harassment, intimidation or bullying,” said Sen. Shawn Keough, R-Sandpoint, in her presentation to the committee. The bill strengthens existing law, which currently leaves pursuing an infraction against violators up to local law enforcement. The new law would automatically charge any student violators at traditional public and charter schools with an infraction, with their guilt to be decided in court. After two offenses, the third would become a misdemeanor. Under the proposal, schools are required to make sure that they provide information about bullying each year to staff, parents and schoolchildren. School districts also would need to provide ongoing professional development for staff members so they are well-equipped to recognize and intervene in bullying incidents. The bill is being cosponsored by Sen. John Goedde, R-Coeur d’Alene and chairman of the committee, and Sen. Nicole LeFavour, D-Boise. The bill is needed to close a gap in the existing law, which currently is only punitive, LeFavour said. She said that there are different types of bullying based on different circumstances, and that it’s important for educators to have the appropriate training. Ben Botkin may be reached at bbotkin@magicvalley.com.

Payette leaders feel left out of drilling plans

PAYETTE (AP) — Payette County leaders say they are frustrated and claim they are being left out of the state’s planning process for regulating drilling at a series of natural gas wells in their backyard. Last year, Canadian companies Bridge Resources Corp. and Paramax Resources Ltd., spent \$20 million to develop and drill 11 exploratory wells located near the southwestern Idaho city of New Plymouth. At four of those wells, the companies want to use a process called fracturing — or “fracking” — to maximize extraction. Fracking involves pumping water or a gel underground at high pressure to help release trapped oil and natural gas. The technique has its share of critics who claim it poses a threat to the environment and groundwater tables. The Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission is expected to discuss rules Tuesday for the state to regulate the fracking at the project. The development of the state’s regulatory blueprint

“We think they’ll feel comfortable once they understand what we’re doing.”

— Tom Stewart, vice president for Bridge Resource

is frustrating to county officials who feel like they’ve been left out of the process. “I’m just very disappointed that the state hasn’t gotten us involved at all,” Rudy Endrikat, chairman of the Payette County Commission, told the *Idaho Statesman*. “As commissioners we’re just trying to look out for the welfare of our citizens.” Commissioners say they support the drilling project and understand the positive economic benefits natural gas production can have for the state and local economy. “We just want to be told the truth of what’s going on, and we don’t feel that we have been,” Endrikat said. The companies drilled the test wells under county-issued planning permits, which carried a series of restrictions, including no fracking. Company officials say three of the 11 wells can produce at economically viable levels without fracking, while four need the process. Four other test wells drilled into the area’s 1,700 feet of shale separating the gas from the aquifer turned up dry. Tom Stewart, vice president for Bridge Resources, said the company could go into production before the end of 2011 and begin generating tax revenue and royalties for schools and other programs. Company engineers want to use what they call a lower impact fracking method that injects gel and sand into the formation that cleans out the reservoir near the well bore and pry open the fractures to allow gas to flow more freely. The process is not comparable to the higher impact fracking done at more complex drill operations that has generated criticism and controversy in states like Pennsylvania and Wyoming. Stewart said he is confident drilling and fracking can be done at no risk to the environment.

“We think they’ll feel comfortable once they understand what we’re doing,” he said. Kim Parsons, exploration manager for Bridge Resources, vouched for the safety of the fracking gel and the process before state lawmakers Monday. She said the gel is 99 percent water, with trace amounts of a plant-based thickening agent, potash and other substances — not unlike the oozing green toy slime that children play with. “It’s all edible,” Parsons said. “I will eat this, if you want.” Sen. Monty Pearce, R-New Plymouth, said Monday the companies have been open and transparent about a drilling project that could give cash-strapped Idaho an economic shot in the arm. “We hope to hit a huge field,” Pearce said during a meeting of the Senate Environment and Resources Committee. “The county commission has been putting pretty stringent requirements on the project. We’re on the front point of it. We’re not asleep at the wheel.”

Kimberly schools to hold education reform meeting

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The Kimberly School District will host a meeting on Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna’s education reform proposal at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Kimberly Middle School multipurpose room. School administrators will review components of the plan and seek community response.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY MONDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Eric Joseph Wolters, 37, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, \$10,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Feb. 25.

Lori Lynn Bertsch, 40, Buhl; driving without privileges, failure to provide insurance, possession of paraphernalia, \$900 bond, public defender appointed, pleaded not guilty, pretrial March 8.

Lori Lynn Bertsch, 40, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Feb. 25.

Emanuel Paz Santos, 24, Buhl; domestic battery, unlawful entry, recognizance release, public defender denied, pleaded not guilty, pretrial March 8.

Darold Fredrick Daugherty, 54, Eden; unlawful possession of a firearm, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Feb. 25.

Darold Fredrick Daugherty, 54, Eden; driving under the influence, \$100 bond, public defender appointed, pleaded not guilty, pretrial March 8.

Sarah Jean Denton, 27, Kimberly; providing false information, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, pleaded not guilty, pretrial March 8.

Sarah Jean Denton, 27, Kimberly; driving without privileges, failure to provide insurance (second offense), failure to appear, \$1,000 bond, public defender appointed, pleaded not guilty, pretrial March 8.

David Lloyd St. Jean, 28, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Feb. 25.

Matthew Ross Jones, 20, Filer; driving under the influence (under 21), recognizance release, court compliance, private counsel, pleaded not guilty, pretrial March 8.

Zachariah Ronald Grob, 21, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, recognizance release, court compliance, public defender appointed, pleaded not guilty, pretrial March 29.

Robert Lester Kreger III, 22, Twin Falls; driving without privileges (third offense), recognizance release, public defender appointed, pleaded not guilty, pretrial March 8.

Jordan Anthony Tubbs, 20, Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia, minor consumption, recognizance release, public defender appointed, pleaded not guilty, pretrial March 8.

Oxycodone co-conspirator gets 2 years in prison

Times-News

Troy D. Sabrosky will serve two years in federal prison for his part in a Twin Falls oxycodone distribution scheme. U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge imposed the sentence Monday in a federal courthouse in Boise. He also levied a three-year period of supervised release for Sabrosky, 21, of Casper, Wyo., who pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute oxycodone on Sept. 16. Co-defendants James Toliver Latham, 21, and Ryan J. Simmons, 22, both of Twin Falls, were sentenced weeks ago. Latham received four years in federal prison while Simmons will serve 2 1/2 years. A fourth co-defendant, Cooper Chapin, 23, of Twin Falls, faces a March 28 sentencing. The four men were indicted by a federal grand jury on eight counts of oxycodone distribution in April. Court documents detail a year-long investigation of the men from March 2009 to March 2010.



EAGLE TREE

Outdoors writer Andrew Weeks will tell you a good place to view bald eagles.

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GOP budget bill aims to lift wolf protections

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — A Republican budget bill would strip gray wolves of Endangered Species Act protections across most of the Northern Rockies — an indication the new Congress intends to move swiftly to settle the long-running legal skirmish over the predators.



Simpson

Biologists estimate that more than 1,700 wolves inhabit the region, in at least 115 packs that are taking a mounting toll on domestic livestock and big game herds.

Two prior attempts to lift protections for the predators were reversed by a federal judge in Montana following lawsuits from environmentalists. Now lawmakers want to shield the Department of Interior from future legal challenges, effectively making Congress the final arbiter on whether wolves have recovered.

The wolf measure was tucked into the GOP's continuing budget resolution. Introduced Friday in the House, it would fund the government through the end of the 2010 fiscal year on Sept. 30. An earlier budget

resolution is due to expire March 4.

The two-sentence provision directs Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to reissue a 2009 rule that took wolves off the endangered list in Montana, Idaho and parts of Oregon, Washington and Utah. The reinstated rule "shall not be subject to judicial review," according to the provision.

It was added to the budget bill by Rep. Mike Simpson, an Idaho Republican who chairs the appropriations subcommittee overseeing the Interior Department.

"Not only do wolf populations far exceed recovery goals, but without proper management those popula-

tions have grown to the point where they are adversely impacting other wildlife populations in the region and wreaking havoc for ranchers, hunters, and public land users in Idaho," Simpson said in a statement.

The measure would leave in place protections for wolves in the desert Southwest, the upper Great Lakes and in one Northern Rockies state, Wyoming.

After facing widespread extermination last century, wolves have made dramatic a recovery since their reintroduction to central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park in the mid-1990s. But as the population has expanded to occupy por-

tions of five states, attacks on livestock and big game herds have drawn a rising backlash from ranching and hunting groups, two powerful constituencies in the West.

The Obama administration — like the Bush administration before it — has supported efforts to remove wolves from the endangered list. The predators temporarily lost federal protections in April 2009, allowing Idaho and Montana to host hunts for the animals before a ruling last summer from U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy halted the practice.

Wildlife advocates contend the wolf's recovery remains incomplete, with

the species remaining at risk from hostile state laws and still limited to less than 5 percent of its historic range.

Kieran Suckling, executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity, predicted that the wolf provision would be stripped out by lawmakers hesitant to load up a budget bill with unrelated items. But he added that the measure underscores the eagerness of some lawmakers to get wolves off the endangered list.

"They are signaling right out of the gate that they are coming after wolves and are going to continue to come after them," Suckling said.

Zions Bank fined \$8M in lax wire transfers case

By Chi-Chi Zhang
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Zions First National Bank has agreed to pay \$8 million to settle allegations it failed to monitor billions of dollars of illegal wire transfers.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network worked together in an investigation that uncovered 132 cases of suspicious activity worth \$12.3 billion over the course of more than two years.

"These violations occurred in 2006 and 2007, when the bank opened a new wire transfer business but failed to meet anti-money-laundering regulations," said Kevin M. Mukri, a spokesman for the Office of the Comptroller, in an interview with the Associated Press on Monday.

The Salt Lake City-based bank, which has offices in 10 Western U.S. states, has not acknowledged or denied the allegations. It closed its foreign correspondent banking business in 2008 and agreed to pay an \$8 million to settle the allegations.

"We take very seriously our obligations to comply with federal laws and regulations," President and CEO Scott Anderson said in a

statement. "We regret the circumstances that led to the regulatory actions relating to our discontinued foreign correspondent banking business."

Anderson said the bank, a subsidiary of Zions Bancorp, has since increased its resources to better detect and report suspicious activities.

The Office of the Comptroller said Zions Bank developed a product that enabled customers to deposit images of items electronically from remote locations and marketed the product to high-risk customers in 2006 and 2007.

Regulators said the product facilitated illegal transactions and violated the Bank Secrecy Act and the USA Patriot Act.

After shutting down the operation in 2008, Zions conducted a voluntary review and reported suspicious activity, the Office of the Comptroller said.

In assessing Zions' civil penalty, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network said the bank facilitated "sequentially numbered travelers checks, possible black market peso exchange, transactions involving entities and accounts alleged to have been involved in drug trafficking activities and unusual wire transfers."

Judge: Yellowstone bison slaughter can proceed

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — A federal judge on Monday denied a request from wildlife advocates to stop the planned slaughter of hundreds of wild bison from Yellowstone National Park that were captured as they migrated into Montana.

In a 72-page opinion, U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell in Helena wrote that while the slaughter of bison may be "distasteful," it is a "time-honored" method of controlling a disease carried by many of the animals.

An attorney for the plaintiffs said an appeal was planned.

An estimated 525 bison are being held in corrals along the border of the snowed-in park after trying to leave in recent weeks in search of food at lower elevations. The animals are generally prohibited in Montana under a federal-state agreement meant to protect livestock against the reproductive disease brucellosis.

So far 217 of the captured animals have tested positive for exposure to the disease. Those will be first up for slaughter. Park officials have said the remaining bison could be killed as well if the corrals at Stephens Creek near Gardiner are overwhelmed as animals continue to pour out of Yellowstone.

There was no immediate word on when shipments of

bison to slaughter might commence. Park officials have repeatedly denied media access to Stephens Creek, citing public safety, and have closed to the public a large area surrounding the corrals.

Yellowstone spokesman Al Nash said Monday that park administrators were reviewing Lovell's ruling.

The ruling came in response to a restraining order request from several environmental and American Indian groups.

The judge also sided with the federal government in tossing out the groups' 2009 lawsuit in which they had demanded a new environmental review of the federal-state bison agreement, signed in 2000.

He wrote that there had been steady, if slow, progress in trying to establish new habitat for the animals outside the park. He pointed to past slaughters, which have removed more than 3,000 bison over the last decade, as evidence the park's bison herds could withstand another culling.

"For those of us who admire the Yellowstone bison, it is easy to be sympathetic to an emotional appeal to 'stop the slaughter,'" Lovell wrote. "Yet it is clear that this population of wild bison — diseased and healthy — ought not to be allowed to reproduce prolifically beyond the capacity of its range without the institution of scientific management."



AP photo

Becky Kulak, second from right, of Richfield, Minn., talks on the phone with her new father-in-law after marrying Jeff Kulak, right, as Becky, far left, and Jason Kucera, of Enid, Okla., wait their turn to be married at the Little White Wedding Chapel, Monday in Las Vegas.

Las Vegas wedding chapels aren't betting on Valentine's Day boost

By Cristina Silva
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Eriess Davis didn't want a traditional wedding. No conservative music and rows of unfamiliar guests. She wanted A Little White Chapel, in glitzy Las Vegas.

Wearing a mini-dress, Davis marched with her boyfriend, clad in black jeans, through a set of gold elevator doors and into a waiting room where they could buy garters, memory books and bride and groom baseball caps.

For her, Valentine's Day 2011 was the perfect date.

"It's the day of love," Davis, 23, said as she and Matthew Jacobs, 23, waited for a minister.

It may be. But there's not much of it going around these days for wedding chapels in a city known for quickie marriages.

Fewer than 92,000 cou-

ples married in or around Sin City in 2010. It was 1993 when fewer people were married in the area.

Nevada wedding professionals and officials insist the love recession is not a reflection of Las Vegas' waning popularity. Instead, they blame the foul economy and the ebbing interest in marriage.

"The volume is down," said Joni Moss, a longtime Las Vegas wedding planner and founder of the Nevada Wedding Association, a business group. "The number speaks for itself. And people are just spending less."

In Nevada, 85 percent of all marriages start in Clark County, which includes Las Vegas. Almost 5 percent of all marriages in the U.S. are held near the Las Vegas Strip's neon marquees and smoky gambling halls.

Marriages peaked in Clark County in 2004, when

128,250 couples tied the knot. Fewer people said "I do" in each subsequent year.

Local governments, which issue marriage licenses, are feeling the pain.

Clark County made more than \$7 million in 2004. Last year, wedding-related revenue fell to roughly \$5.5 million. Coupled with declining property taxes, the wedding bust is a real heartache, the county said.

"It is a major part of the tourism," County Clerk Diana Alba said.

To help offset declining revenue, Alba's office stopped offering 24-hour wedding licenses in 2006, she said.

"The marriage demographic is aging," she said. "The baby boomer generation is all getting old. Marriage goes in and out of fashion, and I think right now it is not as fashionable to get married."

In good years, weddings

Arizona lawmakers consider requiring hospitals to check patients' citizenship

PHOENIX (AP) — Republican lawmakers want to widen Arizona's illegal immigration crackdown with a proposal to require hospitals to check on whether patients are in the country legally, causing outrage among medical professionals who fear becoming de facto immigration agents under the law.

The medical industry ripped the bill Monday as it was scheduled for a hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Doctors envisioned scenarios in which immigrants with contagious diseases such as tuberculosis would stay home from the clinic or hospital and put themselves and the public at a grave health risk.

"This is making us into a

police state that will try to catch people when they are sick," said George Pauk, a retired doctor with an organization called Physicians for a National Health Program. "Do we want to stop sick people from coming in for health care?"

Arizona is the first Legislature to take up such a measure amid a national push in conservative states

to crack down on illegal immigration, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Arizona lawmakers ignited the debate a year ago when they passed a bill that required local police, while enforcing other laws, to question the immigration status of those they suspect are in the country illegally. A judge later put that provision on hold.




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Obama budget plan highlights political divide

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama sent Congress a \$3.73 trillion budget proposal that highlights the partisan divide bound to shape next year's presidential race.

Obama administration officials say the 2012 spending plan submitted Monday would cut the soaring U.S. deficit over the long haul, while investing in America's future with spending on clean energy, education and high speed rail.

Republicans, who took control of the House of Representatives last month in part because of voter anger over soaring deficits, said Obama's plan would do little to cut the government's debt.

"He's making it worse, not better," said Paul Ryan, the Republican chairman of the House Budget Committee.

Obama, who is expected to seek re-election next year, largely ignored the politically painful recommendations of his own deficit commission.

That panel had warned that the United States is imperiled without significant cuts to huge entitlement programs, including health and pension plans for the elderly.

Still, Obama called his new budget one of "tough choices and sacrifices." He proposed trimming the deficits by \$1.1 trillion over a decade. The administration is projecting that the deficit will hit an all-time high of \$1.65 trillion this year and then drop sharply to \$1.1 trillion in 2012, with an expected improvement in the economy and as reductions in some taxes expire.

Jacob Lew, the president's budget director, told reporters that the president's budget was a "meaningful down payment" in attacking the deficits that would get the country's finances headed in the right direction.

But even some Democrats complained that Obama needed a more vigorous attack on future budget deficits.

"We need a much more robust package of deficit and debt reduction over the medium- and long-term," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, a Democrat, who called for a budget presentation matching the ambition of Obama's deficit commission.

The \$14 trillion national debt — the cumulative total of deficits — would grow to \$16.7 trillion by Sept. 30, 2012, Obama's budget projects. Much of that debt is owed to China.

The budget plan would trim spending at the State Department, while maintaining significant funds for programs in Afghanistan and Pakistan as well as Iraq, where U.S. diplomats will face serious challenges as American troops continue to withdraw.

The budget retains major assistance programs for U.S. allies in the Middle East, including \$1.5 billion for Egypt despite the recent ouster of President Hosni Mubarak. Officials stressed, however, that money for Egypt, including \$1.3 billion in military aid, could be altered depending on developments.

Israel is slated for \$5.6 billion, including \$3.1 billion in military aid.



AP photo

Yemeni anti-government protesters shout slogans during a demonstration demanding political reform and the resignation of President Ali Abdullah Saleh on Monday in Sanaa, Yemen.

Egypt uprising echoes across region: Iran, Bahrain, Yemen

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press writer

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The possible heirs of Egypt's uprising took to the streets Monday in different corners of the Middle East: Iran's beleaguered opposition stormed back to central Tehran and came under a tear gas attack by police. Demonstrators faced rubber bullets and birdshot to demand more freedoms in the relative wealth of Bahrain. And protesters pressed for the ouster of the ruler in poverty-drained Yemen.

The protests — all with critical interests for Washington — offer an important lesson about how groups across Middle East are absorbing the message from Cairo and tailoring it to their own aspirations.

The heady themes of democracy, justice and empowerment remain intact as the protest wave works its way through the Arab world and beyond. What changes, however, are the objectives. The Egypt effect, it seems, is elastic.

"This isn't a one-size-fits-all thing," said Mustafa Alani, a regional analyst at the Gulf Research Center in Dubai. "Each place will interpret the fallout from Egypt in their own way and in their own context."

For the Iranian opposition — not seen on the streets in more than a year — it's become a moment to reassert its presence after facing relentless pressures.

Tens of thousands of protesters clashed with security forces along some of Tehran's main boulevards, which were shrouded in clouds of tear gas in scenes that recalled the chaos after the disputed reelection of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in June 2009. A pro-government news agency reported one bystander killed by gunfire.

"Death to the dictator," many yelled in reference to Ahmadinejad. Others took aim Iran's all-powerful Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei with chants linking him with toppled rulers Hosni Mubarak in Egypt and Tunisia's Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali.

"Bin Ali, Mubarak, it's Seyed Ali's turn," protesters cried.

The reformist website kaleme.com said police stationed several cars in front of the home of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi ahead of the demonstration.

Mousavi and fellow opposition leader Mahdi Karroubi have been under house arrest since last week after they asked the government for permission to hold a rally in support of Egypt's uprising — which Iran's leaders have claimed was a modern-day replay of their 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Karroubi and Mousavi, however, have compared the unrest in Egypt and Tunisia with their own struggles. Mousavi said all region's revolts aimed at ending the "oppression of the rulers."

A new U.S. State Department Twitter account in Farsi took a jab at Iran in one of its first messages Sunday, calling on Tehran to "allow people to enjoy same universal rights to peacefully assemble, demonstrate as in Cairo."

Eating more fiber could extend life, study says

CHICAGO (AP) — Eat more fiber and you just may live longer.

That's the message from the largest study of its kind to find a link between high-fiber diets and lower risks of death not only from heart disease, but from infectious and respiratory illnesses as well.

The government study also ties fiber with a lower risk of cancer deaths in men, but not women, possibly because men are more likely to die from cancers related to diet, like cancers of the esophagus. And it finds the overall benefit to be strongest for diets high in fiber from grains.

Most Americans aren't getting enough roughage in their diets. The average American eats only about 15 grams of fiber each day, much less than the current daily recommendation of 25 grams for women and 38 grams for men, or 14 grams per 1,000 calories. For example, a slice of whole wheat bread contains 2 to 4 grams of fiber.

In the new study, the people who met the guidelines were less likely to die during a nine-year follow-up period.

The men and women who ate the highest amount of fiber were 22 percent less likely to die from any cause compared to those who ate the lowest amount, said lead author Dr. Yikyung Park of the National Cancer Institute. The study, appearing in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine, included more than 388,000 adults, ages 50 to 71, who participated in a diet and health study conducted by the National Institutes of Health and AARP.

They filled out a questionnaire in 1995 or 1996 about their eating habits. It asked them to estimate how often they ate 124 food items. After nine years, more than 31,000 of the participants had died. National records were used to find out who died and the cause of death.

The researchers took into account other risk factors including weight, education level, smoking and health status and still saw lower risks of death in people who ate more fiber.

Beset by delays, Gulf claims process under fire

By Brian Skoloff and Harry R. Weber
Associated Press writers

NEW ORLEANS — President Barack Obama vowed during a White House speech last June that the \$20 billion he helped coax out of BP for an oil spill compensation fund would take care of victims "as quickly, as fairly and as transparently as possible."

Eight months later, that's not how things look to many people along the Gulf Coast.

Tens of thousands of fishermen, oyster shuckers, business owners, hotel operators and hairdressers still await payment. Many others whose claims have been turned down question the evenhandedness. And without the data to determine who is right, attorneys general and members of Congress question the openness.

An Associated Press review that included interviews with legal experts, government officials and more than 300 Gulf residents found a process beset by red tape and delay, and at the center of it all a fund administrator whose ties to BP have raised questions about his independence.

Now, the dissatisfaction has reached a fever pitch: Lawmakers in Washington are demanding the White House step in, the Louisiana

governor and others want a federal judge to intervene, and the people most affected by the Deepwater Horizon disaster are threatening to line the courthouse steps if they don't get the changes they seek from administrator Kenneth Feinberg.

"A lot of promises were made by Feinberg and President Obama that this would be a very open process, and I just don't feel that's the case," said Rep. Steve Scalise, a Louisiana Republican.

Feinberg, the Washington lawyer who runs the fund and was lauded for his work overseeing the compensation fund for 9/11 victims, has insisted he is being fair.

He has acknowledged that the system is clogged by the sheer volume of oil spill claims, along with inflated or outlandish requests. Among them: One person filed a claim for the entire \$20 billion, while another asked for \$10 billion; a boat captain sought reimbursement for lost income for himself and four deckhands, but it turns out he didn't have any deckhands; and a fisherman claimed he lost a month on the water, but his boat had a hole in it and was dry-docked even before the spill.



Feinberg

Feinberg recently said he believes the Gulf of Mexico should largely recover from BP's oil spill by the end of next year, and he doesn't think the entire \$20 billion will be needed to compensate victims. Only half of that should suffice, he said.

"Overall, I think the program has worked well," Feinberg told the AP. "I think the program has been fairly transparent."

The fund and Feinberg's agency, the Gulf Coast Claims Facility, were an extraordinary response to an extraordinary situation — more than 200 million gallons of oil spewing from a

well a mile beneath the Gulf of Mexico, fouling the coastline from Florida to Texas. The normal course in an oil spill is for the responsible party — in this case BP — to pay claims directly.

BP was doing that until August, when it turned over the process to Feinberg as part of the president's

promise that payments would now be "administered by an impartial, independent third party."

So far, nearly 490,000 claims have been filed, and roughly half have been turned down.

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“In the absence of a constitution, we have entered a sort of ‘twilight zone’ in terms of rules, so we are concerned.”
— Hossam Bahgat, director of the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights, after Egypt’s military rulers dissolved parliament and suspended the constitution

EDITORIAL

This year, local government’s share of sales tax money is fair game

The other shoe dropped in Boise Monday when state government agencies were told to prepare to receive 5 percent less in general fund revenue next year. That’s on top of last year’s dramatic spending reductions.

If the cuts go through and if they’re across the board — neither of which is certain yet — Idaho public schools would take a \$60.8 million hit and spending for adult Medicaid services would shrink by \$22 million.

So it’s time for legislators to go into the barn and bring out the last of the sacred cows.

That’s the chunk of state sales tax revenue that goes to cities and counties — \$128.5 million for 2010. It’s used by local governments to support infrastructure and services, including law enforcement and fire.

So far, lawmakers haven’t touched it. Time they considered doing so.

If the public schools lose upwards of \$60 million in state funding this year, on top of the \$127.5 million reduction last year, how can lawmakers in good conscience leave cities’ and counties’ share of the sales tax money intact? Same goes for higher education, Medicaid, community colleges, corrections and the Idaho Department of Water Resources. That’s an agency absolutely critical to the way the Magic Valley makes a living, and its appropriation could fall to just over \$10 million next year from \$14.3 million in 2009.

Taking a bite out of the state sales tax revenue could mean cutbacks in services in south-central Idaho cities and counties. But kids in those same communities are using 10-year-textbooks in some cases, when they’re available at all.

We wish none of these cuts were necessary, but we’re just trying to suggest more inclusive ways of choosing among bad options.

Of course, years ago the Legislature should have gotten out of the way when local governments sought authority to raise more money to keep the potholes filled and the lights on at City Hall, such as local-option taxes and an impact-fee law that gives cities broad discretion over how the proceeds can be spent. Had lawmakers done so, state-level services might have been better able to withstand the Great Recession because more of those dollars that now go to local government could be available.

State House of Representatives Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, is right: As long as everything is on the table for making Idaho’s ends meet, that really means everything.

Even if local government has to bite down on that bullet a little harder.

Our view:

All levels of Idaho government are sharing the fallout from the Great Recession, but some are sharing more of the pain than others.

What do you think?

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



Misunderstanding risk is risky

Imagine that you’re shopping for a car and have to choose between two nearly identical vehicles.

In one car, you’d face a 2 percent risk of death in the event of a crash. In the other car, the risk is only 1 percent — plus an additional risk of just .01 percent (1 in 10,000) that in an accident, you’d be killed by the air bag.

The first car is nearly twice as dangerous as the second. Yet in a fascinating recent study, most people said they’d pick the first car.

What’s really interesting is that, when participants were told the tiny extra risk was due not to the air bag, but to other factors that might increase the force of its deployment, most of them correctly chose the much safer second vehicle.

What going on here? According to Andrew Gershoff, a marketing professor at the University of Texas, and Jonathan Koehler, a law professor at Northwestern University, who conducted the study, people are very sensitive to what feels like a betrayal by something that is supposed to make them safer — in this case, the air bag.

Edward Tenner calls such



Daniel Akst

things “revenge effects,” and cataloged them in a book called *Why Things Bite Back: Technology and the Revenge of Unintended Consequences*.

Gershoff and Koehler may have stumbled across the reason people react irrationally to a whole range of safety devices. Take vaccines. Large numbers of people are afraid of vaccination because, on rare occasions, someone is harmed by it. But the much greater risk is forgoing vaccination.

The key to making better choices, Gershoff and Koehler found, is getting the emotion out of the process — for example, by avoiding provocative images of low-risk events, or viewing the relevant information graphically. People, they found, made more rational choices for strangers than for themselves.

But the real problem is that humans are just so bad at assessing risk. You’d think

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natural selection would have taken care of this by now. Our ancient ancestors wouldn’t have survived very long if they were so busy worrying about getting cancer from wearing animal skins that they didn’t notice any tigers lurking nearby.

But the modern world is vastly more complex than the evolutionary environment, and evidently we evolved to rely heavily on our emotions in deciding what to worry about. Maybe that’s why, again and again, people become obsessed with vanishingly small risks.

The good news is that modern life is amazingly safe for parents, children and everyone else. Life expectancy increases all the time, and such formerly quotidian killers as childbirth and industrial accidents have been cut radically — along with ailments such as tuberculosis and heart disease.

Consider traffic fatalities, a

major killer for years. They plummeted from 43,510 in 2005 to 33,808 in 2009. That’s the lowest level since 1950! And yes, the rate per mile and per capita is way down too.

Let’s face it, the biggest threat to most of us is ourselves. Smoking isn’t mandatory anywhere that I know of. Yet every year tobacco claims an astonishing 443,000 lives in this country. That’s one in five deaths. And let’s not even get started on what we do to ourselves with our own forks.

The great irony of all this is that worry is stressful, and stress is harmful to our health. Perhaps FDR had it more right than he knew when he said that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.

Newsday columnist Daniel Akst is the author of “We Have Met the Enemy: Self-Control in an Age of Excess”.

Medicaid: When is a cut not a savings?

Of course the Idaho Legislature faces some tough decisions. The projected revenue (whether accurate or not) is far short of the cost of running the state government for 2012. Medicaid is a very large part of the cost and so it is a natural target for cuts.

But, like any enterprise, you can’t always balance the budget by cutting the largest cost centers. A retailer can’t recover by closing its most profitable stores. A family can’t make ends meet by eliminating food from the budget, or selling the car that takes them to work. Medicaid is the largest single source of federal revenue to the state of Idaho. It is our best opportunity for bringing back into the Idaho economy the hard-earned tax dollars Idahoans have sent to Washington, D.C. For every \$3 of state funds spent on Medicaid we bring back to Idaho \$7 of federal



READER COMMENT
James R. Baugh

funds. If we cut \$3, we leave the \$7 in Washington.

Where do Medicaid dollars go? Medicaid is extremely labor intensive. Almost all of the money funds jobs for hard-working Idahoans. When they get paid they buy food, shelter, clothing and other Idaho products, and they pay taxes. Then the businesses they support pay wages for other people’s jobs and they also pay taxes.

So what is the effect of cutting \$50 million in state funds from Medicaid? We suck \$166 million out of Idaho’s economy. We kill about \$208 million in total economic activity. We eliminate about 4,000 Idaho jobs. Based on economic studies in other states we

lose about \$30 million to \$50 million in tax revenues wiping out the “savings.”

We cause untold suffering and some deaths. We force people into poverty and unemployment. We shift Medicaid recipients into state funded programs like county indigent services and the catastrophic health care fund. We shift people with severe mental illness into hospitals, courts systems and jails, creating a huge burden on local taxpayers. Even if only 10 percent of the cost is shifted, the added state tax burden is estimated to be about \$16.7 million in the first year and more after that. There is every reason to believe that the shift would be far higher than that.

This does not even count the cost shifts that will take place within Medicaid from lower-cost optional services to higher cost mandatory services. This does not count the costs of increased psychiatric hospitalization

and emergency room visits.

Does anyone still think we can solve our budget problem by cutting Medicaid? Like any business or family in economic trouble, we need to cut out waste, but preserve and increase our ability to bring in income. You cannot balance the budget by destroying jobs, eliminating essential public health services and shifting costs to local government while leaving \$116 million of our federal tax money in Washington, D.C. A little effort on the revenue side, whether it is tobacco, alcohol or sales taxes, will prevent a lot of suffering, save lives and might actually balance the budget.

Cutting \$50 million out of Medicaid will do just the opposite.

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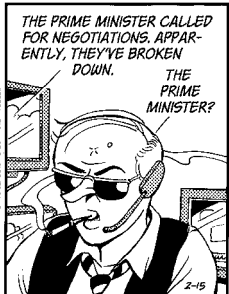
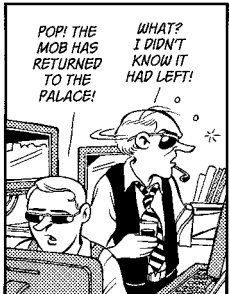
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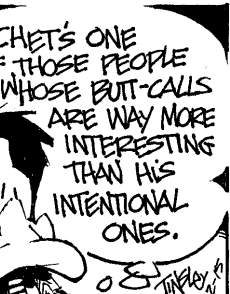
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By Garry Trudeau

By Bruce Tinsley

Four reasons you can turn that frown upside down

In troubled times it's important to pace yourself. There's only so much you can worry about at once, and we've already got Egypt, the weird weather, rising food prices and unemployment. Plus, the secretary of homeland security says the terror threat is really high. It would be at least reddish-orange if we hadn't gotten rid of the color code.

Good grief, maybe we shouldn't have gotten rid of the color code.

At moments like this, I find it soothing to make lists of things that we don't have to worry about at all. Such as:

● **Outrageous bills proposed by state legislators** — In South Dakota, we recently learned that Rep. Hal Wick, a Republican of Sioux Falls, dropped a bill into the hopper that would require every adult in the state to own a gun. In Georgia, Rep. Bobby Franklin, a Republican of Marietta, introduced legislation that would eliminate the requirement that Georgia



Gail Collins

drivers have licenses, arguing that he was tired of "agents of the state demanding your papers."

And, people, you do not need to worry about it! These bills are not going to pass. Besides, if we worried about every nutsy idea tossed around in state legislatures, we would never have adequate time to devote to work, family and the fate of the Broadway musical *Spider-Man*.

About 10 percent of a state legislature is composed of people who are totally loony. This is in a good state. It's possible that in yours, the proportion is much, much higher. That is probably something to worry about, but not today.

The point is, they only introduce these bills to get your attention. Resist. Although Rep. Franklin is

not making it easy, having also proposed that suburbanites be permitted to keep cows and other farm animals in their yards and that the state be required to pay all of its debts in gold or silver.

● **Glenn Beck's declining ratings** — Honest. They're down.

● **Who will win the Conservative Political Action Conference straw poll** — The conservative activists are meeting in Washington at a gathering that will culminate in a much-anticipated straw poll. It is, in theory, our civic duty to follow their activities and determine if they will provide a boost for one of the Republican presidential candidates. Even though the poll has, in the past, proved to be about as good at predicting the future as Punxsutawney Phil.

(Editor's note: The presidential straw poll was held Saturday, after this article was written. Texas congressman Ron Paul won the poll for the second straight year and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney finished second.)

Former Sen. Rick Santorum made news last week when he said Sarah Palin was ducking the conference because she prefers events where somebody is paying her. One of the few joys of following presidential politics two years in advance of the election is that it gives you a chance to ponder hopefuls like Santorum, who prepared for this quest by losing his U.S. Senate seat by 18 percentage points.

But don't worry about Sarah Palin running for president. Even Sarah Palin doesn't know if she's running for president. Mull instead the news that Bristol is now said to be writing a memoir.

● **The fact that Congress isn't doing anything** — Ever since the Senate reached a bipartisan agreement to speed up the legislative process, there has been not a single filibuster in the upper chamber. This may be partly because there have generally been no senators

in the upper chamber.

Really, every once in a while they drop by to talk about a bill on the Federal Aviation Administration. And then they go home again.

Meanwhile, in the House, the powerful new Republican majority has continued its laserlike focus on jobs by arguing about abortion and failing to pass the bills it votes on.

"We're not going to be perfect every day," said Speaker John Boehner.

On Wednesday, the House argued about whether it should make the government repossess \$179 million from our account at the United Nations despite the State Department's plan to have the United Nations use it to improve security in New York City.

This is supposed to be part of the GOP budget-balancing initiative, and on that count it is somewhat like planning to lose 50 pounds by reducing your intake of kale. Mainly, it was an opportunity for Republicans to spend an

enjoyable day complaining about international organizations dedicated to world peace.

"It's a disgrace that we continue to fund an organization like the U.N.," said Rep. Connie Mack of Florida. Did you know his real name is Cornelius Harvey McGillicuddy IV? Also, he is married to Rep. Mary Bono of California, who has now been the wife of two members of Congress, only one of whom once had a singing act with Cher.

But I digress. Despite the Republicans' rancor about international organizations, the leaders failed to muster the necessary two-thirds majority to get the bill through. It'll probably pass later, and would then be preserved in amber until sometime in the next millennium when the senators get around to it.

Works for me.

Gail Collins is a columnist for The New York Times. Write to her at gcollins@nytimes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

People at Lazy J need to get good and mad

Regarding the selling out of Lazy J Mobile Home Park, leaving many elderly living on fixed incomes with nowhere to go: I suggest Mr. Gerald Martens step up to the plate and pay to move these peoples' mobile homes. It is the least he can do since he is responsible for displacing these residents.

Also, what is wrong with the Twin Falls City Council? Could it not see the entire situation reeks of injustice by selecting the low-income, widows and widowers, in other words, those who cannot fight back and who moved to Lazy J in the first place because it was affordable and convenient for them in their senior years? Only a few council members had the integrity and backbone to vote no against the rezoning.

Such a scenario was attempted a few years ago in Blaine County when efforts were made to empty Red Top Meadows Mobile Park for other uses. Guess what? People living there got good and mad and fought tooth and nail to keep the park open. Red Top Meadows is still there. We need someone with the same grit to fight people like Mr. Martens who are determined to do whatever to whomever as long as it makes him and his company a buck.

So, Mr. Martens, how about helping these folks out and paying for their relocation? It might set an example for some of the other business people in the area who are of the same mind set as you.

LOIS SAMAC
Twin Falls

Tom Luna's proposals demand close scrutiny

At a time when Idaho's economy is in crisis, State Superintendent of Schools Tom Luna is proposing sweeping changes to the current educational system. He is asking Idaho taxpayers to purchase laptop computers for every ninth-grader. He also wants every ninth-grader to take state-funded online classes. His proposals, by his own projections, would be paid for by eliminating nearly 800 teachers statewide.

How many parents want their child to be in larger

classes so taxpayers can buy laptops for every 14- and 15-year-old in Idaho? How many Idaho taxpayers approve of paying for online classes? Are online classes superior to traditional teacher led classes? Do you believe that every ninth-grader is responsible enough to care for a new laptop and also be successful in an online class without adult supervision? How much will it cost to repair and replace broken computers?

Mr. Luna is proposing that Idaho ninth-graders have this opportunity — regardless of the student's previous educational performance or maturity level. If the Legislature has money to spend on educational technology, why not invest in new technology for current classrooms? Presently, several Idaho schools do not have basic technology capabilities in their classrooms or technology training for teachers. What are the incentives to attract the "best and brightest" educators to Idaho when Mr. Luna is proposing to reduce teacher working rights and conditions? He wants to get rid of the "bad" teachers by removing existing legal safeguards but, in reality, he is eliminating the "best" teachers by making a career in education less and less attractive.

Mr. Luna may be well intentioned but is misguided. Legislators need to take a closer look at these education proposals and think seriously about their actual costs and long-term effects.

JANE GARRETT
Twin Falls

Spend it on schools — or on prisons

Give every ninth-grader a laptop? Do away with kindergarten funding? Do away with 750 or more teachers? OK, here's the next step — do away with public education altogether!

For those that can afford it, they can go to private schools. All others can be home schooled. Just think of the savings. All this extra money the state now has can go to the Idaho Department of Correction because this is where Idaho's youth will end up.

Spend the money now or later, your choice.

MARGENE WILLIS
Twin Falls

Who's policing Joe Biden's Amtrak boondoggles?

At Philadelphia's 30th Street Station last week, lifelong government rail promoter Vice President Joe Biden unveiled a \$53 billion high-speed train initiative and half-joked: "I'm like the ombudsman for Amtrak." As with most gaffetastic Biden-isms, the remark should prompt more heartburn than hilarity. Just who exactly is looking out for taxpayers when it comes to federal rail spending?

Vigorous independent oversight of public infrastructure binges is especially critical given the nation's long history of mass transit slush funds, cost overruns and union-monopolized construction projects to nowhere. Among the new projects championed by the Obama administration: a \$10 billion New Jersey-to-New York commuter rail tunnel pushed by Senate Democrats that state officials won't pay for but believe everyone else in the nation should be forced to subsidize. When Biden talks about "seizing the future," he's talking about seizing your wallets for his party's electoral security.

Alas, the White House hostility toward vigilant taxpayer watchdogs rivals Michael Vick's. And the Obama administration's political abuse of the Amtrak inspector general's office,



Michelle Malkin

still under congressional investigation, is a recipe for yet more porkulus-style waste.

In June 2009, longtime veteran Amtrak inspector general Fred Weiderhold was abruptly "retired" — just as the government-subsidized rail service faced mounting complaints about its meddling in financial audits and probes. He had blown the whistle on overzealous intrusion by the agency's Law Department into his investigations of \$1.3 billion in rail stimulus money and exposed how Amtrak's legal counsel had usurped the watchdog's \$5 million portion of federal stimulus dollars to hamstring his probes. Even more threatening to the Democratic attorneys' cabal, Weiderhold discovered that the federal rail bureaucracy was retaining outside law firms beyond the independent watchdog's reach and obstructing subpoenas issued to an outside financial adviser.

In September 2010, GOP Sen. Chuck Grassley and Rep. Darrell Issa released a report concluding that the Amtrak board removed the

agency inspector general without required prior notice to Congress and despite the inspector general's effective track record of "exposing waste, fraud and abuse at the highest levels within Amtrak."

The Transportation Department's inspector general is now conducting its own independent probe of Weiderhold's removal. And two weeks ago, Issa revealed that the new Amtrak IG, Ted Alves, is risking his own neck by probing into whether Amtrak bureaucrats on a fishing expedition misused the e-mail system by searching for communiques between his office and Congress regarding the Weiderhold scandal.

Grassley is right: "Independence is the most important element for making the inspector general system work. If independence is compromised, either by an inspector general or by agency leaders, then taxpayers are left without a watchdog and a major opportunity for accountability in government is lost. When the system gets compromised, there need to be consequences in order to try to prevent it from happening again."

Amtrak's notorious book-cooking, however, has gone unabated. The agency was reprimanded during the Bush administration for

misleading Congress about its solvency. But former employees faced no criminal charges for fudging the agency's profit-and-loss statements.

Compounding matters now, cronyism runs rampant in the federal rail bureaucracy. Biden's lobbyist son, Hunter, sits on the Amtrak board of directors. Amtrak Vice President Eleanor Acheson is a close pal of — you guessed it — Joe Biden. She oversees the very Law Department accused of interfering repeatedly with the taxpayer advocates in the inspector general's office. Acheson hired Biden's former Senate staffer Jonathan Meyer as her deputy general counsel. Meyer called it a "happy coincidence."

In another such fortuitous coincidence, one of the top beneficiaries of the new White House rail bailout is GE Transportation — the leading manufacturer of diesel-electric locomotives. President Obama recently named GE CEO Jeffrey Immelt to head the new White House jobs council.

With Team Obama's social engineers and legal fixers steering the federal gravy train, the light at the end of the spending tunnel seems grimly dim.

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OTHER VIEWS

Inspector general leaves Justice Dept.

The Washington Post

The job of inspector general is often a thankless one, requiring the ability to make unflinching and crucial assessments that are not always well received by colleagues.

The Justice Department employed one of the best for the past decade in the person of Glenn A. Fine, who recently stepped down.

Fine was instrumental in unearthing problems and identifying solutions in the mammoth agency since joining the IG's office in the mid-1990s. He took over the reins in 2000 and led investigations into all facets of the department's operations.

He documented the FBI's early abuse of national security letters — powerful tools issued without judicial review and used to obtain information from individuals

and corporations alike. He later produced an authoritative review lauding FBI leaders for significant improvements. This latter report was credible in part because Fine did not pull punches in his original criticism.

Other reports followed suit, documenting abuses of some immigrants after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; the Bush administration's politicization of hiring for what should have been non-political posts in the civil rights division and the highly acclaimed honors program; and the alarming lack of preparedness in the event of a domestic attack using weapons of mass destruction.

No one person can effectively police an organization as large as the Justice Department without a dedicated staff. In Fine's case, that has meant some 440 employees, including lawyers, auditors, law enforcement officials and

others. From Republican to Democratic administration, and through controversy over balancing security and civil liberties in an age of terrorism, they maintained a high standard of integrity.

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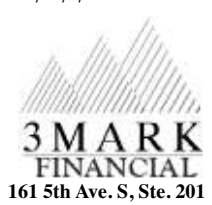
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Mildred Laurene Peterson

March 30, 1923 to Feb. 13, 2011

OAK HARBOR, Ohio — Mildred Laurene Peterson was born March 30, 1923. After a long, hard battle with cancer and diabetes, she joined her Heavenly Father on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011.

Laurene lived the majority of her life in Twin Falls and was an active member in her church. She helped in Awanas for many years and also was active with the Boy Scouts of America.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Delbert and Lucy Adams; her husband, Carl Peterson; her son, David Peterson; brother, Leonard Adams; sisters, Josephine Lewis and Roma Buuck; and grandsons, Davey Schendel and Kyle Adams. She leaves behind daughters, Diane Powell and Rebecca Schendel; brother, Lloyd Adams; and grandchildren, Wendy Bass



(Larry), Jennifer Goldsmith (Chad), Brandi Fisher (Chad), Scott Schendel (Trina), Kristen Uker (Josh), Tracey Franzen (Clyde), Rob Burch (Holly), Cricket Matherly (Greg), Allyne Gillum (Herman), Carla Rivera (Nick), Darla Peterson (Tammy) and Tony Peterson; 36 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She loved her family very much and was very loved in return. She will be greatly missed.

A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date.

BURLEY — Jeffrey Lynn Pickering, age 47, of Burley, passed away Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley, with his family by his side.

He was born July 30, 1963, in Rupert, Idaho, the son of Donald Jacob Pickering Sr. and Betty Marie (Draper) Pickering. He attended Paul Elementary, West Minico Junior High and Minico High School and graduated from Burley High School in 1981. Jeff married Carma Anne Struchen on March 8, 1985, in Burley. Together, they had two daughters, Kami and Kylie.

Jeff was a lifelong resident of the Mini-Cassia area and had worked the past 30 years at the Amalgamated Sugar Company. He served as a volunteer fireman with the Burley Fire Department for 15 years, retiring in 2009. He enjoyed the mountains and especially liked to hunt, camp, and go four-wheeling. Additionally, he was an expert woodworker. He loved his family! He was a devoted husband and father and was a wonderful son and brother. One characteristic that his family will always remember is that he was “always thinking.”

He is survived by his wife, Carma Pickering of Burley; his daughters, Kami Lynn



Pickering (James) Phillips of Rexburg and Kylie Anne Pickering of Burley; his loving mother, Betty Barrett and her husband, David of Burley; and his two brothers, Donald Jacob Pickering Jr. (Marva) and James Ryan Pickering (Andrea), all of Burley. Jeff was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents; and his father, Donald Pickering Sr., who died on May 30, 2008.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop Guy Redder officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Jeffrey L. Pickering

July 30, 1963 to Feb. 13, 2011

Ellen Willine Jenkins

Feb. 8, 1931 to Feb. 12, 2011

Ellen Willine Jenkins, 80, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at home.

Ellen was born Feb. 8, 1931, at Castleford, Idaho, to James F. and Mary Barker Smith. She was raised and educated at Castleford, graduating from Castleford High School. Ellen married John Warren Jenkins in Twin Falls and their marriage was blessed with three children. They lived in Arco, Malad and in California for a time, finally settling in Twin Falls. She worked at various jobs around the valley and took care of her family. Ellen enjoyed being outside and loved frogs. She was adored by her family and will be dearly missed.

Ellen is survived by her children, Beverly (Dick) Thompson of Twin Falls,

Charles (Laura) Smith of Jerome and Steven (Dixie) Jenkins of Boise; her grandchildren, Jaime Gardner, John Leedom, Jenny Chavez and Wendy Thompson, all of Twin Falls, Angie Dunn of Boise, Kris (Brad) McMullen of Filer and Ann (Brent) Nichols of Pocatello; great-grandchildren, Lauren, Forrest, Austin, Gavin, Andrew, Tesla, Taylor, Evie and Alex; and two brothers, David (Lynn) Smith of Burley and Jim (Jane) Smith of Alaska. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Jenkins; and two grandchildren, Mary Ellen Smith and Sherrie Lee Smith.

No service will be held at this time. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Richard Warr

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. — Richard M. Warr, 83, of Sunnyside, Wash., and formerly of Oakley, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, in Sunnyside, Wash.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at the Keith and Keith Terrace Heights Chapel in Yakima, Wash.; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 16 and 17, at the Keith and Keith Ninth Avenue Chapel in Yakima, Wash.

Thomas Mahan

JEROME — Thomas P. “Tom” Mahan, 93, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, in Mission Hills, Calif.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Jerome’s Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

John Collis

John Robert Collis, 88, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, at St. Luke’s Magic Valley Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

William Payne

William Owen Payne, 42, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011, at his home.

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

Letha Keyes

JEROME — Letha Keyes, 87, of Jerome, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

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

SERVICES

Opal Earleen Ricks Scott of Twin Falls and formerly of Rexburg, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS 9th Ward Chapel, 2680 Elizabeth Blvd.; visitation from 9 to 10:15 a.m. today at the church (Eckersell Memorial Chapel in Rigby).

Rosemary Elizabeth Cook (Ruby) Lawton of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Service Wendell Chapel.

Scottie Lee Norris, infant daughter of Christopher Scott Norris and Olive Alivia Murphy Norris of Nampa, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation at 11:30 a.m. today at the mortuary.

Joann Sarah Friesen Koehn of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Buhl Mennonite Church; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

James “Bill” W. Holm of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m.

Wednesday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

John Dean Amen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service today at funeral home.

Vida L. Harrison of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls 1st Ward LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N.; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

Clara Magdalene Slatter Herre of Nampa and formerly of Filer and Paul, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Parma Church of the Nazarene, 804 N. B St.; luncheon follows at 1 p.m. at Canyon Hill Church of the Nazarene, 903 N. Michigan in Caldwell.

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DEATH NOTICES

Thane Heiner

RUPERT — Thane Irwin Heiner, 73, of Rupert, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at the Acequia LDS Church, 20403 Fifth St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Glenn Bailey

BURLEY — Glenn Alma Bailey, 86, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at Rosetta Assisted Living in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, and one hour before the service Saturday at the mortuary.

Marie Osborne

BUHL — Marie E. Osborne, 81, of Buhl and formerly of Stayton, Ore., died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at Woodland Retirement Estates in Buhl. No public funeral is planned (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Curt Trowbridge

Curt A. Trowbridge, 30, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Kenneth Hunter

JEROME — Kenneth “Ken” Hunter, 60, of Jerome, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Richard Miller

MESA, Ariz. — Richard Miller, 31 of Mesa, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, in Mesa, Ariz.

Ernest Harold Rogers

April 3, 1916 to Feb. 10, 2011

Our beloved father, Ernest Harold Rogers, 94, of Twin Falls, passed away at home of natural causes on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011.

Harold was born April 3, 1916, on the family farm near Castle Rock, Wash., the son of William Adam Rogers and Mary Elizabeth Meikle Rogers. He attended schools in nearby Toledo and graduated from Toledo High School in 1934. He later attended Seattle Business College. Harold joined the U.S. Navy in 1941, serving as crew chief in the Southern Pacific Theater, stationed in the New Hebrides Islands for three years following six months in the Hawaiian Islands. He was honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of machinist mate 1st class.

Harold married Helen Marie Reuther in 1944 in Santa Anna, Calif. After serving his final year in the Navy, the couple returned to their mutual home state of Washington. To this union, four children were born. Harold’s interest in mechanics and job promotion took the family to Oregon, California and lastly to Idaho in 1968. He worked as a service representative for White Motor Corp. He retired in 1980, although he refuted this, stating that someone always had something to be fixed and he’d never worked harder. Harold was an avid outdoorsman and especially loved hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed gardening, photography, baseball, cooking and reading.

Harold is survived by his



four children, Yvonne Hmelevsky of Twin Falls, James Rogers of Boise, Bill Rogers of Twin Falls and Colleen (Joe) Auth of Twin Falls; four grandchildren, Jocelyn Rogers of Boise, Brandon Rogers of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Ben (Marissa) Rogers, stationed at Fallon Naval Air Station in Fallon, Nev., and Damian Auth of Twin Falls. Harold was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 62 years, Helen; and a sister, Eleanor.

A celebration of Harold’s life will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Military rites will take place under the direction of Magic Valley area veterans and the Idaho National Guard. Burial will follow at the Reflections of History Mausoleum at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing for family and friends will take place from 1 p.m. until the time of the service.

The family suggests that memorial contributions in Harold’s memory be given to the American Heart Association or a charity of the donor’s choice. Contributions may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, PO Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

Jazz pianist George Shearing dies at 91

NEW YORK (AP) — George Shearing, the ebullient jazz pianist who wrote the standard “Lullaby of Birdland” and had a string of hits with and without his quintet, has died. He was 91.

Shearing, blind since birth, died early Monday morning in Manhattan of congestive heart failure, his longtime manager Dale Sheets said.

Shearing had been a superstar of the jazz world since a couple of years after he arrived in the United States in 1947 from his native England, where he was already hugely popular. The George Shearing Quintet’s first big hit came in 1949 with a version of songwriter Harry Warren’s “September in the Rain.”

He remained active well into his 80s, releasing a CD called “Lullabies of Birdland” as well as a memoir, “Lullaby of Birdland,” in

early 2004. In March of that year, though, he was hospitalized after suffering a fall at his home. It took him months to recover, and he largely retired from public appearances after that.

Sheets said that while Shearing ceased working, he never stop playing piano. “He was getting better periodically and doing quite well up into about a month ago,” said Sheets.

In a 1987 Associated Press interview, Shearing said the ingredients for a great performance were “a good audience, a good piano, and a good physical feeling, which is not available to every soul, every day of everyone’s life.”

“Your intent, then, is to speak to your audience in a language you know, to try to communicate in a way that will bring to them as good a feeling as you have yourself,” he said.

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A SOGGY PROBLEM

By Melissa Davlin • Times-News writer

When the ground is frozen and it's too cold to plant, it's the perfect time to assess your yard's trouble spots — especially when it comes to drainage issues.

Water pooling in your yard can affect your lawn's health, and if it collects near your home's foundation, it can lead to flooding problems. Finding drainage solutions now can ease headaches down the road.

You're legally responsible for all the water you use on your property, said Sherry Jeff, utility services director for the city of Twin Falls. You can't divert it into the street or sewer, and you certainly can't let it flow onto your neighbor's property.

But if you have a low spot in your yard, what can you do?

Dave Wright, president of Kimberly Nurseries, recommended grading to make the ground slope gently away from the house. Grading gets rid of low spots where water might pool.

"That's the very best way," Wright said.

Another option: French drains.

They are Eduardo Zarate's preferred method of draining. Zarate, co-owner of Eazy Landscaping in Shoshone, said subsurface French drains distribute water underground. They're often disguised by soil, river rock or sod.

French drains rely on gravity to carry water away from problem spots, so make sure the trench is sloped. Richard Kelley, owner of Kelley Garden Center & Landscaping in Twin Falls, said the drain needs to be lined with landscaping fabric that's porous enough to let water through, but not dirt.

Drains have their limitations, Wright said.

"In our climate where the ground freezes in the winter, the effectiveness of those is limited," Wright said. "When you need them the most, they might be working the least because they're full of ice." Drains also need to be kept clear of debris, like leaves and grass clippings, to properly carry water away.

Smart watering is another way to limit drainage issues, Jeff said. Often, people will set their automatic sprinkler programs for their assigned watering days for the entire season, so their lawns get the same amount



It's important to keep drains clear of leaves and other debris this time of year, to avoid spring flooding in your yard. Here, a Twin Falls drain sits partially blocked by dry leaves Thursday afternoon.



Photos by DREW NASH/Times-News

Low areas in a landscape, like this water-retention area at College of Southern Idaho, can cause headaches for homeowners if water pools and has nowhere to go. Plan ahead by installing drains.

of water in April as they do July.

"Their lawn becomes like a sponge," Jeff said. "It can only absorb so much and it's going to run off."

Your lawn doesn't need as much water in the spring or fall as it does in the summer, she said, especially if Magic Valley has a rainy spring or fall. Paying attention to how much you're watering can not only conserve water and save you money, but help you avoid drainage headaches.

"You need to adjust for the weather," Jeff said. "Resetting your clock three to four times a season is not unreasonable."

Keeping your grass healthy will cut down on

water waste. Water flows over ground with sparse grass quickly, Kelley said. Thick grass stops the flow, giving the ground time to soak up the water.

"If it's bare ground, you're asking for it," Kelley said.

Consider what you plant in areas where water tends to pool. Dennis Bowyer, director of parks and recreation for the city of Twin Falls, said the city worked with Conservation Seeding and Restoration in Kimberly to plant different types of grass in Teton Park, which has uneven terrain. They planted low-water grass on the high areas and a thirstier type in the areas that retain water.

"That grass in there can handle the amount of water," Bowyer said — an important characteristic for this park. "Sometimes those basins get filled up and there will be water in them for weeks."

The best thing to do, Jeff said, is plan ahead before drainage issues become a problem. Look at your lawn's grade before investing a lot in landscaping, and don't put high-water plants right next to your house.

"They need to really think about their landscaping and what water requirements they call for," Jeff said.

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Now's the
time to fix
drainage
issues in your
yard



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Jonathan Adler has launched a line of colorful furnishings and accessories and judged on Bravo's 'Top Design.'

Jonathan Adler: The man with kaleidoscope eyes

By Jennifer Barger
The Washington Post

Call Jonathan Adler the sultan of sunny and the don of Day-Glo. The color-mad designer popped onto the scene in the 1990s, throwing (and selling) trademark mid-century mod pots at Barneys. Since then, he's launched a line of Hollywood Regency-meets-"Mad Men" furnishings and accessories (and a chain of stores) and served as a judge on Bravo's "Top Design." In the fall, he came out with two books, "Jonathan Adler on Happy Chic Accessorizing" and "Jonathan Adler on Happy Chic Colors" (\$18 each, Sterling). We caught up with him to chat about the one color he doesn't love, his go-to neutral and his thoughts on minimalism. Excerpts:

Q Lime sofas, orange walls, pink rugs — have you ever met a hue you didn't think worked in interior design?

A It's funny; I love color. I think it's a complete antidepressant! I think people should throw out their Prozac and OD on color. But I can't imagine myself ever loving mauve. I like my colors crisp and bright.

Q How can people use color, rather than abuse it, at home?

A It's a tricky business. The key is to choose a palette or color values that work together. There are certain schemes that always work: Gray, orange and white can be repeated ad infinitum.

Q Is color something you should match to your personality or hair color?

A I think it's a form of nonverbal communication, so maybe. There are certain associations that come with color, like if you want to send a message of danger or sexiness, use red. Colors have meaning, and to some degree, if you are in touch with who you are, you can use color to reflect that.

Q Are there any colors on the way out or in?



Hand-made Squirrel needle-point pillow (\$165).

A For the last several years, it's been all about chocolate brown, and I've liked putting it with pops of color. But lately, I've been cheating on it with gray. Gray is amazing because it looks fantastic paired with bright colors.

Q What inspires your furniture designs?

A Millions of things. In terms of inspiration, it's really vast and odd. I could be inspired by some groovy skateboard graphic, or I sometimes wake up with things that come to me in my sleep.

Q What's your design philosophy?

A I'd call it happy chic. It's my belief that your home should make you happy.

Q And you're quite down on minimalism.

A It's a bummer! But having said that, I'm a minimalist when I design objects. I believe that design should have an economy of gesture. I don't believe in gilding the lily. But in interiors, I'm a maximalist! It can be constricting to your spirit to not surround yourself with the stuff that you love.

Q What are your basic rules of combining accessories?

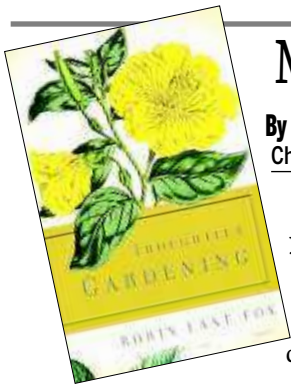
A The most important thing is just to start. So often people think there's a magic answer, but that's not the case. Get a bunch of objects, and start to play with them. There are go-to formulas, like starting with symmetry. Asymmetry is more challenging but can have greater rewards.

Q How should people decide which accessories to buy?

A If you think it's something that your heirs will fight over, splurge.



According to designer Jonathan Adler, arranging similar accessories in groups or pairs adds up to a visual pop, as opposed to a bunch of messy clutter.



Musings, and lessons, from a lifelong gardener

By Barbara Mahany
Chicago Tribune

For more than 40 years, Robin Lane Fox has chronicled his garden travails and triumphs in a weekly column in London's

Financial Times. Since 1979, he has overseen the gardens at New College, Oxford, in England, where he is decidedly a thinker: His academic post is university reader in ancient history.

In "Thoughtful Gardening" (Basic Books, \$29.95), we have

this thoughtful gardener's musings — wit and wisdom in equal measure — boiled down into its richest essence, as he squires us, passage by passage, through a gardener's year.

No linear narrative, this.

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GREEN ZONE

After two years, did all her eco-friendly projects pay off?

By Susan Carpenter
Los Angeles Times

It started with gray water, then escalated to chickens, composting toilets and rain barrels. I'm talking about the two years I've spent transforming my humble California bungalow into a test case for sustainable living — an experience that's cost me hundreds of hours of my time and thousands of dollars, an endeavor that has tested the limits of not only my checkbook but also my sanity — and my DIY skills.

When I first delved into the subject, the idea was to look at environmentally promising home improvement projects through the eyes of a budget-minded consumer. I had seen so much media coverage that heaped praise on newly

constructed eco-manses or expensive retrofit products, but the stories didn't answer my biggest question: For the green-minded person writing the checks, are the improvements worth the time, effort and expense?

Although everything I retrofitted seemed wise at the time I did it, hindsight tells a different story. Over time, I occasionally questioned the wisdom of some actions.

The idealist in me finds value in every improvement, but the realist can't deny that some have been far better in payback — if not financially, at least morally. The systems that easily fold into my busy life are the ones I've enjoyed most.

What's been worth the money and effort, and what hasn't?

GRAY WATER First place

Gray water is the waste generated from faucets, showers and laundry machines — water that accounts for 54.2 percent of all water used inside a home, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. With California deep into a drought, in August 2008, I retrofitted the plumbing on my laundry machine to send its gray water onto my landscape. Over the last two years, that simple switch has sent 9,720 gallons to passion fruit vines instead of the sewer, and it required only one change to my usual routine. I had to swap laundry detergents because my usual brand, like many, contained salt and other ingredients that kill plants.

I've been so pleased with this low-cost, high-impact system that I hired a plumber to expand it in January, tying the wastewater from my bathtub, shower and bathroom sink into the same gravity-fed plumbing line that handles my laundry water. I estimate my additional savings to be roughly 1,120 gallons per month.

Financially, this system is paying for itself, just slowly. It's been the easiest, most sensible, hassle-free, sustainable system I've put in place at my house.

Cost: \$1,988 (\$312 for the laundry-to-landscape plumbing, \$1,676 for bathtub and bathroom sink tie-in)

Resources: *Greywater Action*, www.greywateraction.org; *Oasis Design*, oasisdesign.net

SOLAR POWER Second place

Photovoltaic systems pay off most quickly for consumers who use a lot of energy because tiered rates impose a penalty for heavy use, but solar electric still makes sense for low-energy users such as myself.

So much of Americans' carbon footprint results from



Photos by Don Kelsen/Los Angeles Times/MCT
According to the U.S. Department of Energy, about 43 percent of Americans' carbon footprint comes from buildings. Solar-powered electricity is a great option for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, if homeowners can afford it. Incentives through the federal and state government help.



The Greywater Guerrillas hold a workshop at a Berkeley home on how to design and build a water-saving system. With piping and connectors, participants were shown how to set up a way to divert water from a washing machine to a backyard landscape.

buildings — about 43 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. I'm a household of 1 1/2 (mom and 7-year-old), and we use only about 4 kilowatt hours of electricity per day, something we've managed through behavioral changes, such as turning off the lights in rooms after we've exited, and through in-home efficiencies, such as swapping out incandescent light bulbs for compact fluorescents and using power strips that can turn off DVD players, coffee

makers and other energy vampires.

Using less electricity means I can get by with a smaller, less expensive photovoltaic system that not only covers my use but also produces a credit on my power bill. Going solar also meant my house was upgraded with a time-of-use meter. This type of meter allows me to receive credit for the electricity I generate during peak hours when electricity costs the most, but pay the least for the electric-

ity during off-peak hours, when I recharge my cell-phone and laptop and perform other tasks requiring power.

The downsides are that I am tied in to the grid and still susceptible to power outages, and I now have panels that need to be cleaned. It's a subject of debate, but my installer, REC Solar, said dirty panels decrease energy production by 6 percent to 8 percent. Many panel manufacturers recommend cleaning panels at least once during the summer. I wash mine whenever they look dirty or dotted with bird droppings, which is about every other week.

I think \$6,000 is a small price to pay, not only for panels that should generate my next 20 years of electricity, but also for the greenhouse-gases I'm not creating.

Cost: \$5,939 (\$11,564, minus a \$3,898 DWP rebate and a \$1,727 federal tax credit)

Resources: *California Public Utilities Commission*, www.cpuc.ca.gov; *Block Off the Grid*, www.lbog.org; *REC Solar*, www.recsolar.com



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SMALL, EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREENER

Green home improvement doesn't have to mean elaborate new systems or expensive construction projects. Some small steps for a greener life:

Laundry line

Clothes dryers account for 5 percent to 10 percent of a home's energy use. I have one, but I use it only if I'm desperate. My laundry line is strung unobtrusively across my backyard deck, and the sun dries clothes in mere hours. For me, the low-tech laundry line is about the easiest and simplest thing I can do to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. **Cost:** about \$50 for equipment.

Diet

My home improvement retrofits have convinced me that more environmental savings could be obtained by eating less meat and dairy. The cattle business creates more greenhouse gases than the transportation industry, according to a 2006 United Nations report. So, although I love burgers and can't give them up entirely, I eat fewer, and I'm mostly substituting almond and soy milk for dairy.

Composting

About 26 percent of the U.S. municipal solid waste stream is yard and food waste, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Composting that



Yard and food waste account for 26 percent of the municipal solid waste stream in the U.S. Composting reduces trash and yields a soil amendment for gardening.

waste is how I produce only a small grocery bag's worth of trash every other week. It's one of my greatest achievements. About a quarter of my trash savings comes from composting food scraps. **Cost:** \$20 for a bin through a city of Los Angeles composting workshop.

Recycling

The other three-quarters of my trash savings comes from recycling, for which I have an almost-religious fervor. About 80 percent of what Americans throw away is recyclable, yet only 28 percent actually is recycled. **Cost:** nothing but the time it takes to throw something in the blue bin.

WATERWALL

The Waterwall is an Australian product that is exactly what its name implies: It's a wall that catches and stores water. Water channeled from the roof and gutter drains into a tank shaped like a thick concrete-block wall. It operates similarly to a rain barrel but holds six times as much water and is better looking. It's also modular, allowing water to flow freely from one wall into another in series.

The Waterwall was expensive, and installation was a nightmare. It's an excellent idea that simply wasn't worth the money for a person of my means.

Even worse, it's been annoying to use. I put my Waterwall near a trio of stone-fruit trees that would happily drink in the water. Unfortunately, the water pressure drops along with the level of water in the wall, and running the water through a relatively short, 15-



Keep in mind when raising chickens for eggs, that they make a mess. Keep them outdoors.

foot length of hose or even lifting the hose above the spigot decreases its flow rate.

I love the Waterwall in theory, and I still think I would've ringed my backyard with Waterwalls if I'd known about them 10 years ago, when I installed an appallingly expensive redwood fence.

Cost: \$4,078 (\$2,300 for two walls, plus \$944 for shipping and taxes, plus \$834 for installation)

If I had to do it over again: I'd go with a cistern or a large,

agricultural above-ground tank.

CHICKENS

This is one of the projects I was most excited about and one that's turned out to be among my biggest failures. After buying a chicken coop, feed and hens procured through L.A. Animal Services, I got only four eggs.

L.A. may be a sprawling metropolis, but it isn't devoid of wild animals. Some people have coyotes. I've got possums and raccoons, which breached my coop and gobbled down my ladies.

A forensic investigation revealed the intruder had dug under its edges, so I fixed the problem by driving stakes deep into the ground and nailing pieces of wood to other possible areas of entry. Although I wasn't 100 per-

cent confident that these beady-eyed villains wouldn't return to the scene of the crime, I nevertheless journeyed back to the animal shelter to purchase two more chicks, only to be woken up at 1 in the morning to the sound of distress. Running outside, I found a lady bird dangling from the mouth of a shiny-eyed raccoon. The other chicken was missing.

I've been buying eggs at the store ever since, but I was hipped to my local egg underground. Last week, I got my first dozen eggs from a neighbor who's more game than I for the challenge of raising chickens.

Cost: \$530 for coop, feed and chickens

If I had to do it over again: I would skip the coop and find a local alternative.

Gardening

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The twists and turns and roundabouts are pure and sure delight. He takes us into dimly lit corners, sharing rare historical bits on gardening and horticulture. He tells tales of great gardeners, Christopher Lloyd and Nancy Lancaster among them. And he makes us laugh aloud, such as when he bemoans the ravages of the vine weevil, and observes "they had learned a hideous truth, how to reproduce without sex."

What makes it armchair-worthy: This is that rarest of species that makes us not merely keener gardeners, but wiser human beings. If

your aim in life is to live it richly — in thought, in habit, in articulation — then grab the book, fluff the cushions and settle in for some necessary winter's reading. Higher praise, we can't imagine.

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BREWING ENERGY



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Eric Fitch holds a Magic Hat glass in front of the digester building at the brewery in South Burlington, Vt. Magic Hat Brewing Co., of South Burlington, Vermont, is the first site to use a device that turns spent grain from the brewing process into natural gas that is then used to fuel brewing operations.

MIT grad's invention turns brewery waste to fuel

By John Curran
Associated Press writer

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. — Before he started “saving the earth, one beer at a time,” all inventor Eric Fitch knew about home brewing was that it could make quite a mess.

Once, he accidentally backed up the plumbing in his apartment building by dumping into his garbage disposal the spent grain left over from his India Pale Ale home brew. The oatmeal-looking gunk choked the pipes in his Cambridge, Mass., building, flooding the basement.

These days, he's doing something more constructive, fulfilling the dream of beer lovers everywhere by

recycling the stuff: The MIT-trained mechanical engineer has invented a patented device that turns brewery waste into natural gas that's used to fuel the brewing process.

The anaerobic methane digester, installed last year at Magic Hat Brewing Co. in Vermont, extracts energy from the spent hops, barley and yeast left over from the brewing process — and it processes the plant's wastewater. That saves the brewer on waste disposal and natural gas purchasing.

The 42-foot tall structure, which cost about \$4 million to build, sits in the back parking lot of Magic Hat's brewery, where it came online last summer.

Fitch, 37, is CEO of

PurposeEnergy, Inc., of Waltham, Mass., a renewable energy startup company whose lone product is the biphasic orbicular bioreactor, which is 50 feet in diameter, holds 490,000 gallons of slurry and produces 200 cubic feet of biogas per minute.

Brewers big and small have wrestled with waste issues since the dawn of beer-making. In recent years, they've turned to recycling — both as a cost-saver and for environmental reasons.

Anheuser-Busch, which makes Budweiser, uses a bio-energy recovery system in 10 of its 12 U.S. breweries to convert wastewater into natural gas that's then used to fuel the brewing process.

New Belgium Brewing Co., in Fort Collins, Colo., captures excess heat from cooling wort and funnels it beneath its loading dock so it doesn't ice up in wintertime. The wort, the liquid made with malt and hot water, is fermented to make beer or ale.

Coors' breweries sell ethanol from their brewing process to refineries in Colorado. Some European breweries dry their spent grain and then burn it, using the heat and energy in their manufacturing process.

Most operations dispose of their spent grain by selling it — or giving it away — to farmers, for use as cattle or animal feed.

But PurposeEnergy says its digester is the first in the world to extract energy from the spent grain and then reuse it in the brewery, and all in one place. At Magic Hat, the big brown silo is located about 100 feet from the main complex.

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Sugar beet growers sue

Declaratory judgement sought in battle over genetically modified beets

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Idaho sugar beet growers are moving forward in confidence that the pathway opened last week, when genetically modified sugar beets were partially deregulated, will remain clear. But they're not taking any chances.

The sugar beet industry — including Amalgamated Sugar Company — have filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The lawsuit asks the court to issue a declaratory judgement that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service's action fulfills the requirements of federal law.

Defendants in the case are the USDA and the Center for Food Safety.

The lawsuit could be characterized as a preemptive move, said Duane Grant, who raises sugar beets near Rupert and is one of the individual farmers listed as a plaintiff in the suit.

Declaratory judgements are allowed when a pattern of conflict has been established, when the case is likely to end up in court anyway and when a group or industry needs to rely on an agency's decision.

“We clearly meet this standard,” Grant said. “We need to rely on the EA (environmental assessment) to plant this spring.”

The Center for Food Safety has publicly threatened to sue to stop any planting that would be allowed under interim measures and has followed through on other published threats of lawsuits in the past.

And indeed, the Center for Food Safety has already filed a request with Judge Jeffrey S. White to amend earlier complaints to include the environmental assessment and interim measures. Lawyers are still examining how that request may impact the appeal that is set to be heard before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

That appeal includes the complaints the Center for Food Safety and other plaintiffs are seeking to amend.

But growers are also asking the Judge John D. Bates to find that some of the mandatory measures required by APHIS (Animal Plant Health Inspection Service) go beyond the requirements of federal law and impose an unnecessary burden on growers.

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Wheat growers looking again to biotech

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Given the legal battles surrounding genetically modified sugar beets and alfalfa in the last five years or so, it's no wonder the wheat industry is moving slowly as it explores biotechnology.

But that doesn't mean biotech won't be coming to wheat fields around the world.

While the world expects farmers to produce more food on fewer acres using less water and energy, farmers are still looking to their bottom line. And wheat — the only major commodity that doesn't use biotechnology — is increasingly found in the unprofitable column.

“We grow the crops that net us the most money,” Mark Darrington told fellow grain producers during the University of Idaho Magic Valley Cereal School held in Burley earlier this month. While corn acres worldwide have more than doubled in the last 10 years, harvested wheat acres have fallen every year for the last 25 years.

Darrington has friends in Kansas that plant more corn and soybeans than wheat these days, largely because biotechnology has reduced input costs and increased yields for competing crops. He grows wheat and other crops near Declo and is a member of the Idaho Wheat Commission.

Research into developing genetically modified wheat was put on the shelf a decade or so ago when foreign buyers of U.S. wheat protested. While Asian consumers still say they don't want biotech wheat, that's not necessarily true for millers and bakers. When industry representatives ask millers and buyers if they'd be interested in wheat that would have higher milling percentages, they say yes. And if the path to gaining those qualities is through biotech, they're not as adamantly opposed.

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Ex-braceros call on Mexico to repay wages

By Robert Jablon
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Mexican workers who picked cotton, tomatoes and other crops in the United States after World War II urged the Mexican government on Feb. 3 to make good on a promise to pay them thousands of dollars in salaries they earned decades ago.

A group of former laborers, known as “braceros,” gathered with relatives outside the Mexican Consulate, urging the government to dole out money banked, but never paid.

“The sad reality is that that money disappeared,” said Juan Jose Gutierrez, president of Vamos Unidos USA, an immigration activist group.

The Mexican government settled a long court battle agreeing to pay thousands of the former guest workers



AP photo
Mexican ex-bracero Benigno Herrera Alday holds up his 1961 temporary farm working contract, outside the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles.

38,000 pesos each, or about \$3,500. Mexico has paid about 40,000 people and allocated enough money to pay another 35,000 ex-braceros, but authorities in that country have failed to publish legally required regulations needed to disburse the money, Gutierrez said.

The small payment is largely symbolic but it's a matter of dignity to the aging workers, some 13,000 of whom have died in the past two years, Gutierrez said.

“People want to go to their graves with the satisfaction that the Mexican government is acknowledging that they

did wrong and that these people deserve justice,” he said.

A message to a consulate spokeswoman seeking comment was not returned.

The bracero program, originally designed to stem World War II labor shortages, sent at least 2.5 million Mexican laborers to the U.S. from 1942 through 1964 to farm, mine and work in rail yards. The Mexican government banked 10 percent of their wages as an incentive for them to return home.

Ruben Martinez, 74, of Canoga Park, said he came to the Texas and Arizona several times during the 1950s to pick cotton and other crops.

Martinez said he and many others were unaware that part of their paycheck was going to Mexico. That money was supposed to be returned to the laborers upon retirement.

National Association of Conservation Districts elects new officers

MERIDIAN — During the National Association of Conservation Districts' (NACD) annual meeting last week in Nashville, Tenn., members elected a new officer team and approved a set of guiding principles for the 2012 Farm Bill.

Fairfield resident Steve Miller was officially sworn in as NACD's new secretary/treasurer.

“I look forward to being part of an integral part of the NACD team that advocates for 3,000 Conservation Districts and their respective state associations,” said Miller in a statement. “NACD is already working in Washington D.C. to promote a 2012 Farm Bill that will help Conservation Districts

implement locally led resource driven conservation projects. This is a significant part of NACD's challenge of being America's leading voice for natural resource conservation.”

Miller has been an active member of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, serving three years as presi-

dent. Miller

Idaho hay, forage conference nears

The 2011 Idaho Hay and Forage Conference will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 22-23, in Burley at the Best Western Burley Inn.

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

A number of educational seminars and workshops will be held throughout the two days to provide growers with the latest information in the industry.

This year's topics include: determining corn silage

value based on grain; forage market trends; export demand, new markets and long term outlooks for hay and forage; mob grazing to control weeds in pastures; vole control in alfalfa and pastures; glyphosate versus other herbicides on Roundup-Ready alfalfa.

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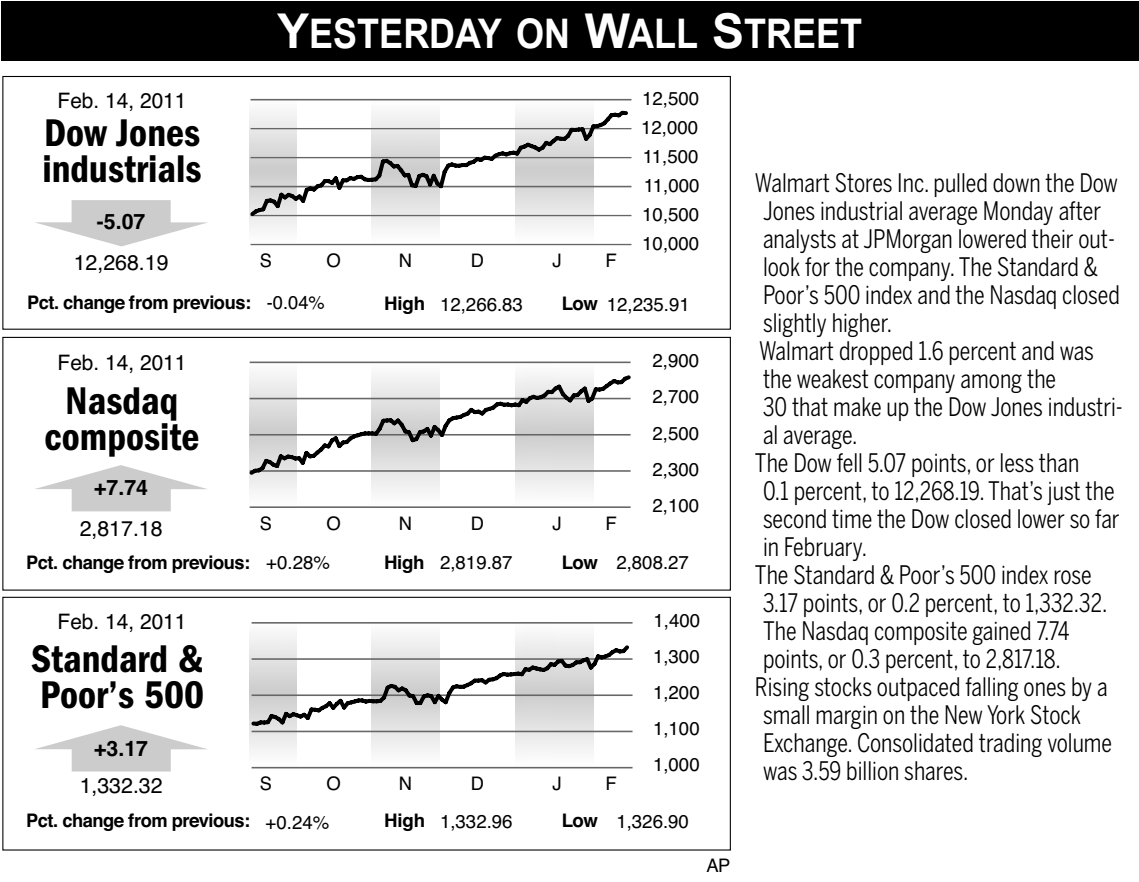
Dates & rates	Dates	March 31: Crop commodity loan deadline for barley, oats and wheat	Rates	Farm Ownership Direct: 4.500% Conservation Loan: 4.500%
	March 15: NAP (non insured crop) sign up deadline for spring crops		90-Day treasury Bill: 0.125% Farm Operating Direct: 1.750%	

MARKET SUMMARY											
NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	3261970	4.91	+0.3	Rubicon g	60863	5.15	-.44	Cisco	1060132	18.81	+1.1
BkofAm	1085217	14.89	+1.2	MadCatz g	59995	1.61	+1.6	SiriusXM	867202	1.83	-.01
NokiaCp	962716	8.84	-.52	AvalRare n	55102	7.62	+1.5	MicronT	663059	11.65	+3.3
S&P500ETF	819533	133.43	+3.32	KodlakO g	49584	6.49	+4.3	Microsoft	557260	27.23	-.02
iShmEMkts	782041	45.40	-.23	DenisnM g	40488	4.45	+3.1	Intel	440948	21.57	-.19
GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KV PhmA	6.53	+2.15	+49.1	TianyinPh	3.24	+6.5	+25.1	PrincNtl	5.53	+1.34	+31.9
KV PhB If	6.40	+1.99	+45.0	NIVVS IntT	2.92	+4.4	+17.7	Tengion n	5.12	+9.5	+22.8
BKADJ4-15	11.94	+1.91	+19.0	AlmadnM g	4.42	+6.2	+16.3	RandLogist	6.35	+1.06	+20.0
GrayTVa	2.09	+2.4	+13.0	Procera rs	8.69	+1.14	+15.1	HeroOffsh	4.27	+6.5	+18.0
GrayTeleV	2.30	+1.9	+9.0	Augusta g	5.07	+4.6	+10.0	OptiBk rsh	2.84	+4.3	+17.8
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GerovaF rs	12.00	-3.14	-20.7	Express-1	2.28	-.41	-15.2	vjSeahawk	4.65	-3.25	-41.1
EMS	62.92	-7.74	-11.0	Engex	4.55	-.56	-11.0	Stewardshp	6.24	-1.30	-17.2
AmrRtly	4.10	-.46	-10.0	IncOpR	2.65	-.29	-10.0	QuantFu rs	6.00	-1.18	-16.4
TrnsRtly	3.80	-.39	-9.3	Rubicon g	5.15	-.44	-7.9	AXT Inc	9.67	-1.55	-13.8
NeoPhoto n	18.75	-1.80	-8.8	Hyperdyn	4.50	-.34	-7.0	Rural/Met	13.73	-1.96	-12.5
DIARY				DIARY				DIARY			
Advanced	1,678			Advanced	237			Advanced	1,449		
Declined	1,348			Declined	239			Declined	1,229		
Unchanged	129			Unchanged	39			Unchanged	116		
Total issues	3,155			Total issues	515			Total issues	2,794		
New Highs	354			New Highs	25			New Highs	284		
New Lows	11			New Lows	2			New Lows	22		
Volume	3,595,799,241			Volume	149,537,663			Volume	1,927,396,226		

INDEXES															
12,285.94	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	12,268.19	-5.07	-.04	+5.97	+21.48	5,256.80	3,781.29	Dow Jones Transportation	5,217.90	-17.61	-.34	+2.18	+33.19
416.47	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	409.76	-3.58	-.87	+1.18	+12.40	8,386.43	6,355.83	NYSE Composite	8,405.15	+30.26	+3.6	+5.54	+22.26
2,286.37	1,689.19	Amex Index	2,275.87	+9.41	+4.2	+3.06	+23.63	2,810.56	2,061.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,817.18	+7.74	+2.8	+6.19	+29.02
1,330.79	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,332.32	+3.17	+2.4	+5.94	+26.31	14,118.20	10,596.20	Wilshire 5000	14,148.34	+42.56	+3.0	+5.90	+26.31
822.11	586.37	Russell 2000	825.90	+3.79	+4.6	+5.39	+35.23								

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST											
AlliantEgy	1.70f	14	38.83	-.08	+5.6	Kaman	.56	25	30.48	-.24	+4.9
AlliantTch	.80	8	70.26	-1.01	-5.6	Keycorp	.04	21	9.60	+0.6	+8.5
AmCasino	.42	...	17.00	-.05	+8.8	LeeEnt	...	5	3.03	-.06	+23.2
Aon Corp	.60	21	50.87	+9.8	+10.6	MicronT	...	6	11.65	+3.3	+45.3
BallardPw	2.15	+0.2	+43.3	OfficeMax	...	23	17.09	+0.9	-3.4
BkofAm	.04	23	14.89	+1.2	+11.6	RockTen	.80	13	71.07	+3.9	+31.7
ConAgra	.92	15	22.72	+2.0	+6	Sensient	.84f	15	33.58	+0.8	-8.6
Costco	.82	25	74.66	-.38	+3.4	SkyWest	.16	11	15.76	-.18	+9
Diabold	1.12f	19	33.75	+9.5	+5.3	Teradayn	...	10	18.20	+1.8	+29.6
DukeEngy	.98	12	17.69	-.15	-.7	Tuppwrre	1.20f	16	54.76	-.51	+14.9
DukeRtly	.68	...	13.74	-.02	+10.3	US Bancrp	.20	19	28.68	+3.1	+6.3
Fastenal	1.00f	35	63.09	-.27	+5.3	Valhi	.40	...	21.53	+2.3	-2.6
Heinz	1.80	17	48.12	+1.1	-2.7	WallMart	1.21	14	54.80	-.89	+1.6
HewlettP	.32	13	48.31	-.33	+14.8	WashFed	.24f	15	18.24	+1.6	+7.8
HomeDp	.95	20	37.58	+1.0	+7.2	WellsFargo	.20	15	33.87	+1.1	+9.3
Idacorp	1.20	15	38.01	-.34	+2.8	ZionBcp	.04	...	24.71	-.25	+2.0

HOW TO READ THE REPORT											
Stock Footnotes: co – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian \$. Stock price in U.S. \$. n – New issue in past 52 wks. q – Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks. Div begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.											
Dividend Footnotes: a – Also extra or extras. b – Annual rate plus stock dividend. c – Liquidating dividend. e – Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f – Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i – Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. j – Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting. k – Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m – Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p – Init div, annual rate unknown. r – Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos plus stock dividend. t – Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x – Ex-dividend or ex-rights. y – Ex-dividend and sales in full. z – Sales in full. vj – In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.											
• Most active stocks above must be worth \$1 and gainers/losers \$2.											
Mutual Fund Footnotes: e – Ex-capital gains distribution. f – Previous day's quote. n – No-load fund. p – Fund assets used to pay distribution costs. r – Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply. s – Stock dividend or split. t – Both p and r. x – Ex-cash dividend.											
<i>Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.</i>											



COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Feb	Live cattle	109.25	107.90	109.20	+ 1.42
Apr	Live cattle	114.03	112.58	113.88	+ 1.18
Mar	Feeder cattle	128.53	126.28	128.38	+ 2.35
Apr	Feeder cattle	129.90	128.00	129.88	+ 2.10
May	Feeder cattle	130.60	129.50	130.58	+ 1.98
Feb	Lean hogs	86.98	86.35	86.40	-.33
Apr	Lean hogs	93.55	92.30	92.38	-1.33
Mar	Wheat	868.00	858.00	867.00	+ 4.25
May	Wheat	899.00	895.50	898.75	+ 4.25
Mar	KC Wheat	974.00	961.50	973.00	+ 5.00
May	KC Wheat	984.00	973.00	984.25	+ 5.00
Mar	MPS Wheat	1023.50	1009.00	1017.75	+ 3.00
May	MPS Wheat	1034.00	1019.75	1028.75	+ 3.00
Mar	Corn	706.75	696.25	706.50	+ 8.00
May	Corn	717.50	708.00	711.25	+ 7.60
Mar	Soybeans	1431.50	1411.00	1416.00	-17.00
May	Soybeans	1443.50	1423.50	1429.00	-16.25
Feb	BFP Milk	17.02	16.72	16.99	+ .29
Mar	BFP Milk	18.89	18.50	18.70	+ .14
Apr	BFP Milk	18.70	18.30	18.59	+ .25
May	BFP Milk	18.28	17.93	18.24	+ .29
Jun	BFP Milk	17.79	17.41	17.75	+ .34
Mar	Sugar	32.65	30.83	31.30	-.75
May	Sugar	30.71	28.86	29.39	-.80
Mar	B-Pound	1.6109	1.5959	1.6023	-.0065
Jun	B-Pound	1.6080	1.5944	1.5995	-.0075
Mar	J-Yen	1.2015	1.1953	1.1989	-.0014
Jun	J-Yen	1.2023	1.1965	1.1990	-.0024
Mar	Euro-currency	1.3617	1.3492	1.3553	-.0033
Jun	Euro-currency	1.3595	1.3480	1.3530	-.0039
Mar	Canada dollar	1.0132	1.0008	1.0125	+ .0068
Jun	Canada dollar	1.0109	.9990	1.0106	+ .0090
Mar	U.S. Dollar	78.80	78.21	78.49	+ .16
Feb	Comex gold	1368.8	1355.2	1359.8	-2.1
Apr	Comex gold	1369.7	1354.3	1357.2	-5.3
Mar	Comex silver	30.29	29.69	29.93	-.16
May	Comex silver	30.31	29.73	29.95	-.17
Mar	Treasury bond	118.3	117.2	118.1	+ 0.29
Jun	Treasury bond	117.6	116.1	116.2	+ 0.29
Mar	Coffee	255.35	251.15	251.95	-3.65
May	Coffee	257.60	254.40	254.95	-2.90
Mar	Cocoa	2225	2189	2223	+ 30
May	Cocoa	2202	2173	2219	+ 23
Mar	Cotton	194.55	187.96	189.97	+ 2.39
May	Cotton	189.40	182.45	185.56	+ 5.58
Mar	Crude oil	87.77	85.10	85.45	-1.28
Mar	Unleaded gas	2.5037	2.4573	2.4815	+ .0117
Mar	Heating oil	2.7350	2.6873	2.7003	-.0104
Apr	Natural gas	4.034	3.962	3.976	-.061

Quotations from Sinclair & Co.

733-6013 or (800) 633-0821

BEANS

Valley Beans

Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers.

Pintos, no quote, new crop great northrens, no quote; pinks, no quote, new crop; small reds, no quote, new crop. Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Feb. 9.

Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture: Pintos, \$24-\$26; pinks, Ltd. \$25-\$28; small reds, Ltd. \$28-\$30; garbanzos, Ltd. \$32-\$34. Quotes current Feb. 9.

GRAINS

Valley Grains

Prices for wheat per bushel, ash: mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice.

Soft white wheat, ash; barley, \$10.00; oats, \$9.00; corn, \$11.60 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Feb. 9.

Barley, \$11.50 (cwt); corn, \$12.70 (cwt). Prices quoted by JD Heiskell. Prices current Feb. 9.

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report for Monday, Feb. 14.

POCATELLO - White wheat 7.60 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 8.37 (up 4); 14 percent spring 10.90 (down 4); barley 10.10 (steady)

BURLEY - White wheat 7.40 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 8.44 (up 4); 14 percent spring 10.95 (up 5); barley 10.25 (steady)

OGDEN - White wheat 7.70 (up 10); 11.5 percent winter 8.40 (up 5); 14 percent spring 10.50 (up 4); barley 10.25 (steady)

PORTLAND - White wheat 8.70 (down 3); 11 percent winter 9.32-9.52 (up 4); 14 percent spring 12.03 (down 7); corn 281.25 (down 4)

NAMPA - White wheat cwt 12.75 (down 10); bushel 7.65 (down 6)

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange

Barrels: \$19,000; nc. Blocks: \$19,950, + .0200

POTATOES

Not available.

LIVESTOCK

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Livestock Report for Monday, Feb. 14.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION - Idaho Livestock Auction on Wednesday.

Utility and commercial cows 67.00-78.00; canner & cullers

52.00-72.00; heavy feeder steers 105.00-126.00; light feeder steers 125.00-155.00; stocker steers 145.00-160.00; heavy holt feeder feeder steers 75.00-85.00; light holt feeder steers 78.00-92.00; heavy feeder heifers 101.00-120.00; light feeder heifers 118.00-138.00; stocker heifers 130.00-145.00; slaughter bulls 75.00-90.00; baby calves n/a; stock cows n/a; stock cow/calf pairs n/a; feeder lambs n/a; weaner pigs n/a.

Remarks: All classes higher.

METALS/MONEY

Key currency exchange rates Monday

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

Dollar vs.	Exch. Rate	Pys Day
Yen	83.32	83.49
Pound	\$1.3483	\$1.3541
Pound	\$1.6034	\$1.6024
Swiss franc	0.9703	0.9739
Canadian dollar	0.9893	0.9878
Mexican peso	12.0450	12.0512

Selected world gold prices, Monday.

London morning fixing: \$356.75 off \$725.

London afternoon fixing: \$365.00 up \$1.00.

NY Handy & Harman: \$1365.00 up \$1.00.

NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$1474.20 up \$1.08.

NY Engellhard: \$1367.97 up \$1.00.

NY Engellhard fabricated: \$1470.57 up \$1.08.

NY Merc. gold Feb. Mon: \$1560.00 up \$4.70.

NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Mon: \$365.00 up \$5.00.

NEW YORK (AP) - Handy & Harman silver Monday \$305.55 up \$0.595.

H&H fabricated \$366.66 up \$0.714.

The morning bullion price for silver in London \$30.160 up \$0.001

Engellhard \$30.600 up \$0.440.

Engellhard fabricated \$36.720 up \$0.528.

NY Merc silver spot month Monday \$30.529 up \$0.537.

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices Mon. Aluminum \$1.1294 per lb., London Metal Exch.

Copper - \$4.4994 Cathode full plate, LME.

Copper \$4.6230 NY. Merc spot Mon.

Zinc - \$2524.00 metric ton, London Metal Exch.

Lead - \$10.951 per lb., London Metal Exch.

Gold - \$1365.00 Handy & Harman (only daily quote).

Gold - \$1364.60 troy oz., NY. Merc spot Mon.

Silver - \$30.555 Handy & Harman (only daily quote).

Silver - \$30.329 troy oz., NY. Merc spot Mon.

Platinum - \$1800.00 troy oz., NY. (contract).

Platinum - \$1827.60 troy oz., NY. Merc spot Mon.

n.a.-not quoted, n.a.-not available r-revised



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NOTICES

Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 208-735-3324.

**JOSEPH DEE NALDER, KITCHEN PERFECTIONS, AND
LACEY KAYE NALDER,**
Defendants.

TOM CARTER

trustee's Sale No. 02-OC-104870 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on May 26, 2011, at the hour of 01:00 PM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 425 SHOSHONE STREET NORTH, TWIN FALLS, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, to-wit: LOT 14 IN BLOCK 97 OF TWIN FALLS TOWNSITE, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 7, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **620 2ND AVENUE WEST, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **JEFF SKINNER AND SHARLENE SKINNER HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor, to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of CENTEX HOME EQUITY COMPANY, LLC, as Beneficiary, dated 6/30/2005, recorded 7/7/2005, under Instrument No. 2005A-014756, Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by The Bank of New York Mellon, successor in interest to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Trustee for the POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT. Dated as of November 1, 2005 Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-CTX1 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-CTX1. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 6/30/2005, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 10/1/2010 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of January 19, 2011 Delinquent Payments from October 01, 2010 4 payments at \$ 515.01 each \$ 2,060.04 (10-01-10 through 01-19-11) Late Charges: \$ 0.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$ 627.50 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 TOTAL: \$2,687.54 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$69,314.92, together with interest thereon at 5.250% per annum from 9/1/2010, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 1/19/2011. PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee (Name) Kara Lansberry, (Title) Assistant Trustee Officer, c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.trustee.com> ASAP# 3894289

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Parcel No. rpk9101002011aa

June 15, 2011 at the hour of 11:00am, of said day, at the front entrance of first american title company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Savings Bank, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, state of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: Lots 11, 12, 13 and the w 1/2 of lot 14, block 2, northcest subdivision no. 2, Twin Falls county, idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in book 9 of plats, page 44, records of twin falls county, Idaho. Commonly known as **275 Sage Street Kimberly Id 83341**. 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 the Deed of Trust executed by **Douglas R Fisher and Evette L Fisher**, Who Are Married Toeach Other as Grantor, to Titlefact, Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Bank of America Oregon, A State Chartered Bank as Beneficiary, recorded February 28, 1996, as Instrument No. 1996003327, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due january 1, 2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$65,853.33, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. First American Title Insurance Company C/o Cal-western Reconveyance Corporation P.O. Box 22004 El Cajon Ca 92022-9004 (800) 546-1531 Dated: February 07, 2011 Signature/By First American Title Insurance Company. R-368910

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Trustee's Sale No. 02-FFA-102320 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on May 13, 2011, at the hour of 12:00 PM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE CASSIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1459 OVERLAND AVENUE, BURLEY, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of CASSIA, State of Idaho, to-wit; LOT 10 IN BLOCK 2 OF FAIRMONT PARK DIVISION NO. 1 TO THE CITY OF BURLEY, 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. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **2630 FAIRMONT DRIVE, BURLEY, ID 83318**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **HEATHER N. PRICE, A MARRIED WOMAN**, as Grantor, to Land Title And Escrow, Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR OWNIT MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., as Beneficiary, dated 7/25/2006, recorded 7/28/2006, under Instrument No. 309933. Mortgage records of CASSIA County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp. Home Equity Pass Through Certificates, Series, 2006-8. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 7/25/2006, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 10/1/2009 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of January 7, 2011: Delinquent Payments from October 01, 2009 16 payments at \$ 470.50 each \$ 7,528.00 (10-01-09 through 01-07-11) Late Charges: \$ 266.70 Beneficiary Advances: \$ 5,465.25 Suspense Credit: \$ 0.00 TOTAL: \$ 13,259.95 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$61,225.46, together with interest thereon at 7.125% per annum from 9/1 /2009, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 1/7/2011. PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By Kara Lansberry Assistant Trustee Officer c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.trustee.com> ASAP# 3883962

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the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID, 83301, on May 23, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 12/15/2006 as Instrument Number 2006-031973, and executed by **SARA RAADT, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN**, 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: **LOTS 27 AND 28 IN BLOCK 10 OF BLUE LAKES ADDITION WEST, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 30.** 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, **284 TAYLOR ST, Twin Falls, ID 83301-5220** 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 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 10/01/2010 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.000% 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 \$123,022.68, 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: 01/12/2011 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 TS # 10-0168498 FEI #:1006.125731

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CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-OC-103682 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on May 18, 2011, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 715 "G" STREET, RUPERT, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of MINIDOKA, State of Idaho, to-wit: LOTS 9 AND 10 AND THE SOUTH 4 FEET OF LOT 11 IN BLOCK 14 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF RUPERT, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **914 B STREET, RUPERT, ID 83350**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **SHEILA R WARNER AND JAMES C WARNER, WIFE AND HUSBAND**, as Grantor, to Land Title And Escrow, Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN MORTGAGE EXPRESS FINANCIAL DBA MILLENNIUM FUNDING GROUP, as Beneficiary, dated 6/15/2006, recorded 6/21/2006, under Instrument No. 485162, Mortgage records of MINIDOKA County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee, for the registered holders of Nomura Home Equity Home Loan, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 20072. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 6/15/2006, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 9/1/2010 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of January 11, 2011 Delinquent Payments from September 01, 2010 5 payments at \$ 457.10 each \$ 2,285.50 (09-01-10 through 01-11-11) Late Charges: \$ 41.72 Beneficiary Advances: \$ 631.00 Suspense Credit: \$ 0.00 TOTAL: \$ 2,958.22 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$70,249.07, together with interest thereon at 7.125% per annum from 8/1/2010, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 1/11/2011. PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee Kara Lansberry. Assistant Trustee Officer c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES-CORPORATION 616 1 st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP# 3886655

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FFA-105621 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on June 9, 2011, at the hour of 12:00 PM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE CASSIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1459 OVERLAND AVENUE, BURLEY, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of CASSIA, State of Idaho, to-wit: PARCEL NO. 1: TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO Section 14: Part of the SE1/4NE1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the SE1/4NE1/4 of said Section 14, said corner marked by a 5/8 inch rebar; Thence South 88°53'44" East along the North line of the SE1/4NE1/4 for a distance of 208.71 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar which shall be the Point of Beginning; Thence South 88°53'44" East continuing along the North line of the SE1/4NE1/4 for a distance of 208.71 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar; Thence South 00°14'06" East for a distance of 208.71 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar; Thence North 88°53'44" West for a distance of 208.71 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar; Thence North 00°14'06" West for a distance of 208.71 feet to the Point of Beginning. PARCEL NO. 2: A perpetual, non-exclusive easement as created by Easement by and between Manning Ranches, Inc., an Idaho corporation that acquired title as Matthews Brothers, Inc., all Idaho Corporation and Gerald L. Marchant and Celia S. Marchant, husband and wife, and Steven Manning and Heidi Manning, husband and wife, dated January 10, 2006 and recorded January 24, 2006 as Instrument No. 306354, records of Cassia County, Idaho, for the benefit of Parcel No. 1, more particularly described as follows: TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO Section 14: Part of the N1/4NE1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the SE1/4NE1/4 of said Section 14, said corner marked by a 5/8 inch rebar which shall be the Point of Beginning; Thence North 88°53'44" West along the South line of the NW1/4NE1/4 for a distance of 526.38 feet to a 1/4 inch rebar on the East right of way of Birch Creek Road; Thence North 19°15'15" West along said right of way for a distance of 50.00 feet; Thence South 89°05'125" East for a distance of 989.85 feet; Thence South 00°14'06" East for a distance of 63.50 feet to the South line of the NE1/4NE1/4; Thence North 88°53'44" West along said line for a distance of 447.42 feet to the Point of Beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **2231 BIRCH CREEK ROAD, OAKLEY, ID 83346**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **STEVE F MANNING AND HEIDI MANNING, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor, to LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR SILVER STATE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC D/B/A SILVER STATE MORTGAGE, as Beneficiary, dated 1/5/2007, recorded 1/10/2007, under Instrument No. 313217, Mortgage records of CASSIA County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc.. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 1/5/2007, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 6/1/2009 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of February 2, 2011 Delinquent Payments from June 01, 2009 3 payments at \$1,990.56 each \$5,971.68 18 payments at \$1,940.59 each \$34,930.62 (06-01-09 through 02-02-11) Late Charges: \$328.92 Beneficiary Advances: \$3,493.94 Suspense Credit: \$-674.00 TOTAL: \$44,051.16 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$278,400.00, together with interest thereon at 7.125% per annum from 5/1/2009 to 9/1/2009, 7.125% per annum from 9/1/2009, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 2/2/2011. PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By: Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP# 3907508

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, 2011, at the hour of 5:30 p.m., a public hearing will be held before the Jerome City Council at City Council Chambers, 100 East Avenue A, Jerome, Idaho to hear a re-zone request from **Colby Walter**, representing Keystone Construction and Development, Inc., from Residential-1 (R-1) to Residential Multi-Family (R-M) on that parcel described as Phase 2 in Maple Ridge Subdivision, which includes Lots 22 through 34 in Block 2, Lots 1 through 20 in Block 3, and Lots 6 through 22 in Block 4, located in the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 17, East of the Boise Meridian in Jerome. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND, and shall have an opportunity to be heard. Dated this 8th day of February, 2011.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No.: 0208340562 T.S. No.: 10-10520-6 On 06/09/2011 at 11:00 am (recognized local time), in the conference room of Land Title & Escrow located at 710 G St., Rupert, ID 83350. In the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company as successor Trustee on behalf of WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. 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 Minidoka, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 3 IN BLOCK 1 OF FOXBORO SUBDIVISION, TO THE CITY 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 22, 1995 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 418537, MINIDOKA COUNTY RECORDS. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: **177 GREENBRIER DRIVE, HEYBURN, ID**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: **LEE S PHILLIPS AND ASHLY A PHILLIPS, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, As grantors, To: LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC., As Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC, As Beneficiary, dated 04/28/2008, recorded 04/29/2008, as Instrument No 496495, and rerecorded 07/31/2008, as Instrument No. 498026 of the records of Minidoka County, Idaho. **ASSIGNMENT OF DOT TO WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., RECORDED 10/20/2010 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 509790** Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 04/28/2008. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1,508.79, due per month from 05/01/2010 , and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$231,273.65, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.50000% per annum from 04/01/2010 . All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: February 8, 2011 By: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company 17592 E. 17th Street, Suite 300, Tustin, CA 92780 714-508-5100 Juan Enriquez SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.lpsasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-730-2727 ASAP# 3907673

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the office of First American Title Company, 199 Country Lane, Jerome, ID, 83338, on May 23, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/30/2003 as Instrument Number 2033266, and executed by **CALVIN R KECK, AND KRISTY KECK, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor(s), in favor of COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Jerome County, State of Idaho: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PARCEL 1: TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 16, EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 15: THAT PART OF THE SW1/4SE1/4, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 15; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 09' WEST, 630.52 FEET ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SW1/4SE1/4; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 04' EAST, 110.62 FEET ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF A 50.00 FEET IN WIDTH ACCESS ROAD TO THE CENTER OF THE NORTHSIDE CANAL COMPANY "J" COULEE AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 06'07" EAST, 193.08 FEET ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID 50.00 FEET ACCESS ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 19' EAST, 25.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID ACCESS ROAD; THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 39' 25" EAST, 157.20 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID ACCESS ROAD; THENCE NORTH 6 DEGREES 04' WEST, 677.63 FEET ALONG AN EXISTING FENCE TO THE CENTER OF SAID **JEJÉ COULEE**; THENCE ALONG THE CENTER OF THE **JEJÉ COULEE** THE FOLLOWING COURSES: SOUTH 49 DEGREES 07' 08" WEST, 68.48 FEET; SOUTH 19 DEGREES 24' 36" WEST, 329.43 FEET; SOUTH 51 DEGREES 49' 23" WEST, 194.03 FEET; SOUTH 10 DEGREES 44' 52" EAST, 202.79 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL 2: TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED ACCESS EASEMENT: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 15; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 09' WEST, 630.52 FEET ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SW1/4SE1/4 TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG THE CENTER OF A 50.00 FEET IN WIDTH EASEMENT NORTH 83 DEGREES 04' EAST, 110.62 FEET; THENCE 76.60 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 57.87 FEET AND A DELTA ANGLE OF 75 DEGREES 50' 20"; THENCE NORTH 7 DEGREES 13' 40" EAST, 7.78 FEET; THENCE 130.66 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 95.49 FEET AND A DELTA ANGLE OF 78 DEGREES 23' 50"; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 37' 30" EAST, 192.81 FEET TO THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF AFORESAID PARCEL OF LAND. 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, **12 N 250 W, Jerome, ID, 83338** 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 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 06/01/2010 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 2.000% 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 \$100,654.97, 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: 01/11/2011 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 TS # 10-0108906 FEI #:1006.111748

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS SMALL CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Case No. CV-2005-4891
NOTICE OF SALE

IDAHO JUDGMENT RESOLUTION, LLC, Successor by Assignment from Pheasant View, Inc. Homeowners Assoc., Plaintiff,

vs

TONY CATALDO, Defendant.

PURSUANT to a Writ of Execution dated December 13, 2010 issued out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court in the above captioned action on, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale, and sell at public auction the following described, and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of the Judgment with interest thereon and my fees and costs.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 8, 2011 at 2:00 PM at Twin Falls, Idaho, I will attend, offer, and sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, all of the right, title and interest of the above named Defendant, in and to the following property:

Real property in Twin Falls County, Idaho, described in Exhibit "A" of said decree:

Twin Falls Townsite, NW½ Lot 14 Block 90 (16-10-17)

Address of Property: **441 Main Ave. East, Twin Falls, ID 83301**

or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay and satisfy the Judgment.

Said property will be sold by lot or parcel as numbered above, and not in separate tracts, and without warranty or guaranty of title, and subject to any and all rights of redemption as provided by law.

In accordance with Idaho §Code 60-113, information concerning the location of the property may be obtained from the following person: Bren E. Mollerup, Benoit, Alexander, Harwood & High, L.L.P., 126 Second Avenue North, PO Box 366, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, telephone 208-733-5463.

DATED this 3rd day of February, 2011
SHERIFF TOM CARTER
SHERIFF OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY

By Deputy

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE S SALE

Loan No.: 0022220925 T.S. No : 10-12532-6. On 05/19/2011 at 11:00 am (recognized local time), In the front office of Land Title & Escrow, 211 West 13th St. Burley, ID 83318. In the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company as successor Trustee on behalf of DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY 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: LOT 3 IN BLOCK 1 OF CARE-FREE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE SE1/4NE1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME PLATTED IS THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: **30 RANCHO DRIVE, BURLEY, ID**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: **BRAD BECK, AN UNMARRIED MAN**, As grantors, To: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY , As Trustee, for the benefit and security of OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION**, As Beneficiary, dated 08/30/2006, recorded 09/07/2006, as Instalment No. 310747, of the records of Cassia County, Idaho. **ASSIGNMENT OF DOT TO DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, RECORDED 08/27/2008 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2008-004870* Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 08/30/2006. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$456.66, due per month from 05/01/2010 , and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$64,290.89, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.00000% per annum from 04/01/2010 . All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: January 18, 2011 By: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company 17592 E. 17th Street, Suite 300, Tustin, CA 92780 (714-508-5100 Juan Enriquez SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE www.fidelityasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-259-7850 ASAP# 3887924

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, outside the main entrance of the Minidoka County Courthouse, 711 G - Street, Rupert, ID, 83350, on May 23, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 11/23/2005 as Instrument Number 481441, and executed by **STEVE D. THOMAS AND PENNY J. THOMAS, 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 Minidoka County, State of Idaho: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA, STATE OF IDAHO, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 9 IN BLOCK 18 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF RUPERT, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, **810 E STREET, Rupert, ID 83350** 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 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 12/01/2010 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.750% 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 \$51,889.86, 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: 01/12/2011 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 TS # 10-0168480 FEI #:1006.125756

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NOTICES

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On **Thursday, June 2, 2011** at the hour of **10:30 o'clock A.M.**, of said day, in the office of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. located at 1411 Falls Avenue East #1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, 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 Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 14 in Block 2 of North Pointe Ranch Subdivision No. 3, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 16 of Plats, Page 46.

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: **1459 Tara Street, Twin Falls, ID 83301**, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

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

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by **Ildar I. Salvarov, an unmarried man and Ilimdar I. Salvarov, an unmarried man and Narbaton Salvarova, an unmarried woman**, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Central Mortgage Company as Successor Beneficiary, recorded April 25, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008-009311, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to: Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$167,373.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.7500% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated April 23, 2008. Payments are in default for the months of July 2010 through and including November 2010 in the amount of \$1,233.70 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of October 26, 2010 is \$161,504.91 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 5.7500% per annum. 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 \$161,504.91, 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: January 31, 2011
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
Phone: 208-947-1553

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Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011

THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

*"Learning, that cobweb of the brain,
Profane, erroneous, and vain."
— Samuel Butler*

To celebrate the NEC invitationals teams currently taking place in Yokohama, all this week's deals come from last year's event.

In the later stages of the qualifying tournament there were many Souths who attempted four spades, running into an unfavorable lie of the minor-suit cards and going two down at almost every table.

At many tables West had doubled the opening spade bid (a call I heartily agree with, despite the balanced nature of the West hand, since it is safer to get into your opponents' auction at your first turn than to wait till they have defined their hands and can thus judge better how to handle your intervention). Where that was the case, East had no trouble defending correctly.

When Sartaj Hans of Australia played the spade game on an unopposed auction, he received a low club lead. Following the BOLS bridge tip given by Tony Forrester about the power of the closed hand (the defenders cannot see declarer's hand), he smoothly called for a low card from dummy at trick one.

Foiled, East won the club ace and tried to give his partner a ruff. That let declarer discard both his heart losers on the club winners and play a diamond. He now had the tempo to set up a diamond and ruff a diamond in dummy, making 10 tricks. Hans was the only declarer in the field to bring home his game contract.

NORTH ♠ 7 4 2 ♥ 9 7 6 2 ♦ J 5 ♣ K Q 9 3		02-15-A
WEST ♠ J 10 3 ♥ A Q 10 5 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ J 8 4	EAST ♠ 5 ♥ K J 3 ♦ 9 8 7 3 ♣ A 10 7 6 2	
SOUTH ♠ A K Q 9 8 6 ♥ 8 4 ♦ K 10 6 4 ♣ 5		

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Club four

BID WITH THE ACES

02-15-B

South holds:

♠ A K Q 9 8 6
♥ 8 4
♦ K 10 6 4
♣ 5

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
?			

ANSWER: On auctions of this sort, where your partner had the opportunity to support you cheaply but did not do so and where your red-suit holdings look exceedingly vulnerable, pass and hope that a bad trump break will embarrass declarer.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072 @aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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502 Homes For Sale

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OWNER CARRY. 3 bdrm, 2 bath. Newly remodeled. New carpet & paint. Fenced-in yard. \$5000 down. \$47,000/offer. Nice neighborhood. Next to school bus stop. 107 N. Park St. **208-731-1055**

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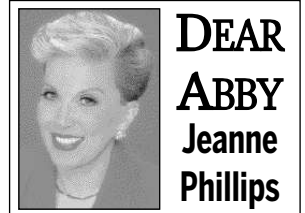
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DEAR ABBY: Allow me to respond to the column about obesity in the United States (Dec. 27). Why has obesity in the U.S. become the "elephant in the room," off-limits to discuss? Obesity is a serious health problem and should be talked about. Obese people need to understand the potential dangers of their condition, just as smokers do.

I was berated by my family, friends and the media for being a smoker. Did I disown them all? No, I sucked it up and quit. Overweight people should take control of their lives, and people like you, Abby, should stop coddling them!

— **PETER INBEND, ORE.**

DEAR PETER: Ouch! Many readers also felt I should eat my words — including health care professionals. **Read on for more insights:**



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: As a public health nutritionist, I would like to bring another perspective to "Brother Black Sheep," whose sister banned him from family events because he mentioned the obesity epidemic. Because obesity has far-reaching implications for our children, our future and our economy, it is well worth talking about.

Declaring the topic off-limits won't make it go away. Researchers at Stanford University have found that more than 40 percent of parents of obese children described them as "about the right weight." Another study showed that only 30 percent of pediatricians addressed weight issues with their patients. Those who did were more likely to see positive changes in their patients' nutrition and activity habits.

Tact is, of course, important, and it appears "Brother" could use some help in that department. Acknowledging the difficulty of maintaining a healthy weight when we are surrounded by hyper-palatable foods and live in an environment that discourages activity is a good conversation starter. Using the phrase "high BMI" (Body Mass Index) is better received than the word "fat." Hopefully, families can learn to talk productively about how to support each other to eat right and stay active instead of banning the subject.

— **ANTIA COURTNEY, M.S., R.D.**

DEAR ABBY: I'm a fourth-year medical student, and you wouldn't believe the number of patients we see who don't believe they have a weight problem, or who think they're "slightly overweight" when they're actually morbidly obese. A main reason for weight gain is that most Americans have no concept of portion control and healthy eating habits.

Many people would prefer a magic pill instead of attempting difficult behavioral changes. While weight is obviously a sensitive topic for many individuals, and "Brother" was mistaken in assuming it would be acceptable, ignoring the topic is what got us into this epidemic in the first place.

I challenge "Brother" to introduce his relatives to the sensible habits he learned abroad — walking, healthier meals with smaller portions, and less fried, salted, sugary processed foods. Supportive family members are often far more effective than a doctor's lecture on the perils of obesity, and I wish him luck in his endeavors.

— **MED STUDENT WITH NO MAGIC PILL**

DEAR READERS: If, after reading this, any of you are interested in a tried-and-true program for weight loss, Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step self-help group that started in 1960. It has been mentioned in this column many times. Its website is www.oa.org; the phone number is (505) 891-2664. There are more than 9,000 O.A. groups in the U.S. and internationally.

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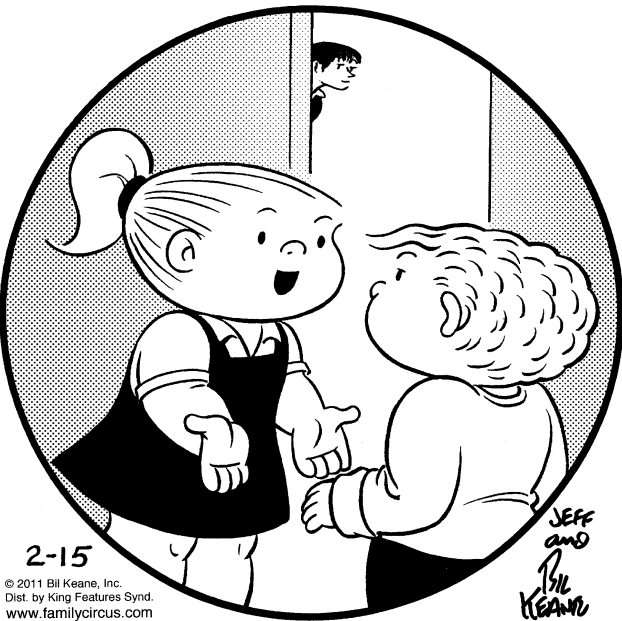
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**“As soon as we have kids,
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Today is Tuesday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2011. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Feb. 15, 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to the World Championships in Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:
In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established by Pierre Laclede and Auguste Chouteau.

In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

In 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later.

In 1942, the British colony Singapore surrendered to the Japanese during World War II.

In 1944, Allied bombers destroyed the monastery atop Monte Cassino in Italy.

In 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag was unfurled in ceremonies in Ottawa.

In 1971, Britain and Ireland “decimalised” their currencies, making one pound equal to 100 pence instead of 240 pence.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush said the Pentagon should review its policy on civilian participation in military exercises like the emergency ascent drill a Navy submarine was performing when it collided with and sank a Japanese fishing vessel off Hawaii. Hans-Joachim Klein, a former German terrorist, was sentenced to nine years in prison by a German court for killing three people in a 1975 attack on an OPEC meeting in Vienna, Austria.

Five years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney accepted blame for accidentally shooting a hunting companion, calling it “one of the worst days of my life,” but was defiantly unapologetic in a Fox News Channel interview about not publicly disclosing the accident until the next day. Testifying before the Senate, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff acknowledged delayed aid and fumbled coordination in the federal response to Hurricane Katrina.

One year ago: Eighteen people were killed when two trains collided south of Brussels, Belgium. At the Vancouver Winter Olympics, Didier Defago of Switzerland won the gold in the Olympic downhill and American Bode Miller took the bronze. American Seth Wescott defended his Olympic title, overtaking Canada's Mike Robertson to win the gold medal in men's snowboardcross.

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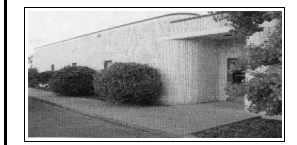
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Movers and shakers are not successful by guessing. They're successful by planning and organization. It may require extra effort to remain self-disciplined in the face of unbridled temptations and desires.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't sweat the small stuff. Minor criticisms and doubts can be lethal if you take them to heart. Avoid signing key contracts or making agreements, but do keep the lines of communications open.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Never trespass. Before you rest on your laurels, you need to make sure they offer plenty of support and are actually yours. Confidential information could come to light that you must keep under your hat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep in mind that having faith in others will pay off in the long run. Your money is safe and guaranteed to flourish if you stick to a long-term plan. Making a major change now could result in trouble.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look at both sides now. Do not let small disagreements spoil trust or take actions if you have nagging suspicions. Those closest to you could offer great advice for long-term security and material success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be more positive. You may be aware of every flaw that detracts from your possessions or financial situation. Conflicting opinions mean you should wait and see, as valuable advice doesn't grow on trees.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your criticisms of others are shaken, not stirred. When someone listens cynically to your doubts or offers a more creative solution to your problems, the very foundation of your ideals could be rocked.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your love life may need parental guidance. You could be swept away by your passions or might let your imagination cloud your common sense. Someone's vague reassurances may be confusing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone might throw ice water on your enthusiasms. This could be a day when you wish that others would heed the old adage, "If you can't say anything good about someone, say nothing at all."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Let sleeping dogs lie. You could be overly picky about tiny details that mean nothing to the long-term picture. Have confidence in the abilities and opinions of your partner, even if you have questions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your life might feel like the Punch and Judy show. You can't always see what is going on or who is the puppeteer. A partner may be working behind the scenes to enrich your joint bank account.

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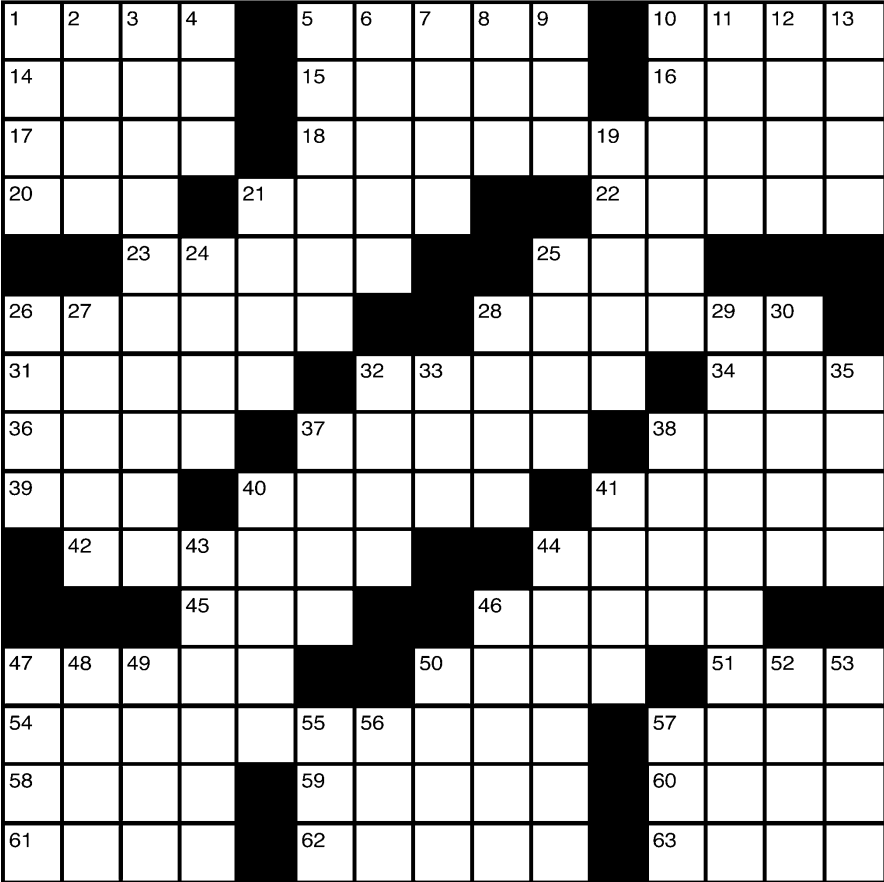
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21 Kitty cat
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23 Hunt illegally
25 Paid athlete
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31 Crane or heron
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34 Regulation
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37 Close up holes
38 Foundation
39 Affirmative
40 Actress Delta
41 High-powered surgical beam
42 Abilities
44 Baby's toy
45 Become firm
46 Cold rice and raw seafood
47 Fight site
50 Exhale in relief
51 Taxi
54 Demeaning
57 Helper
58 Blue-pencil
59 Door hanger's bit of hardware
60 Night twinkler
61 Prescribed amount
62 Trimmed the lawn's border
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37 Select, as the best, from a group
38 Tub activity
40 Sheep's cry
41 Eyelid hair
43 Set on fire
44 Uneven
46 Scorch

47 In the sack
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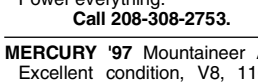
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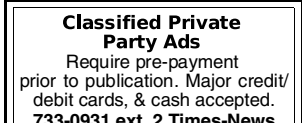
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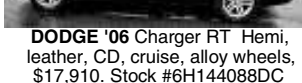


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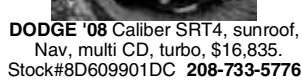
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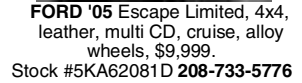
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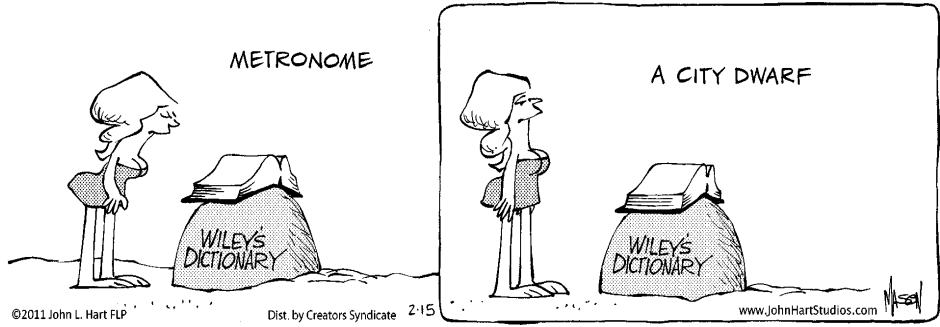
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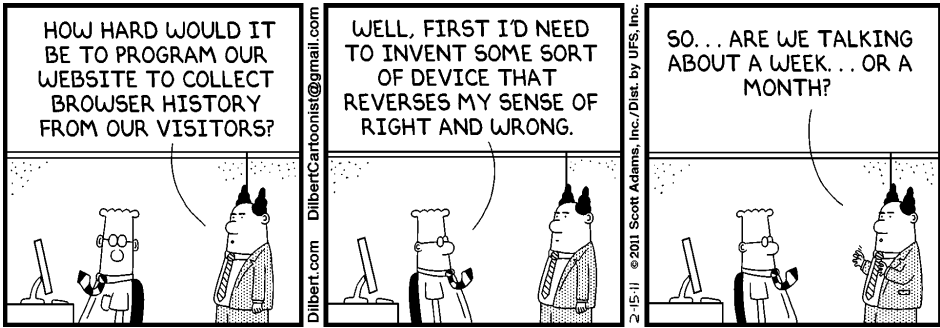
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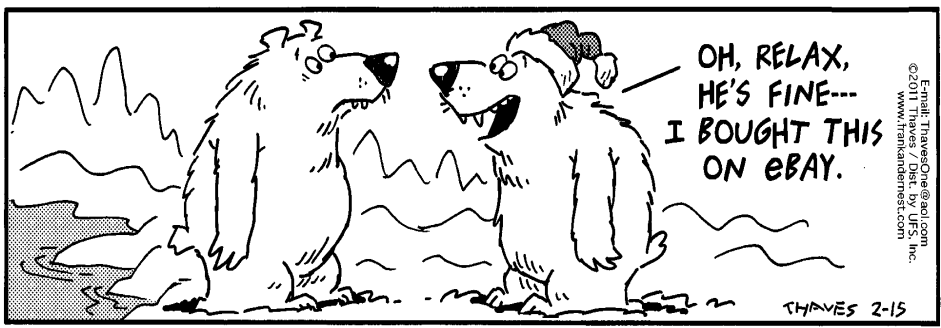
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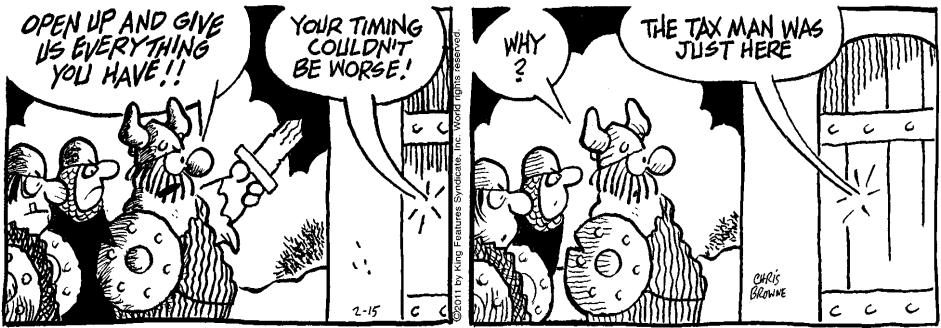
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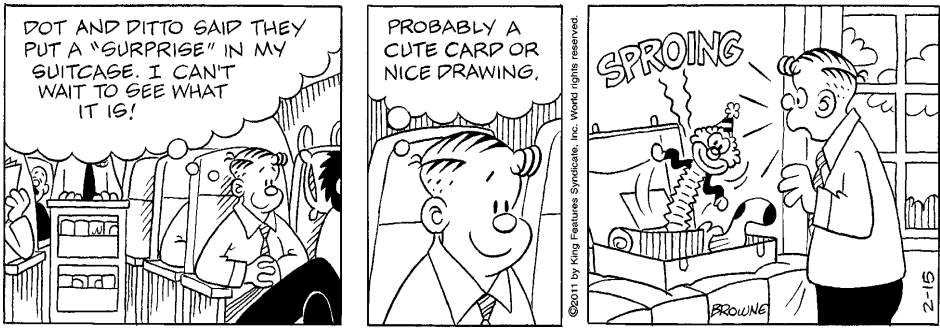
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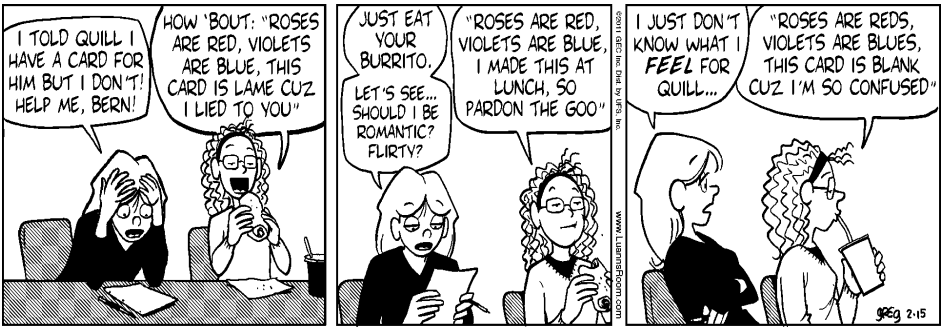
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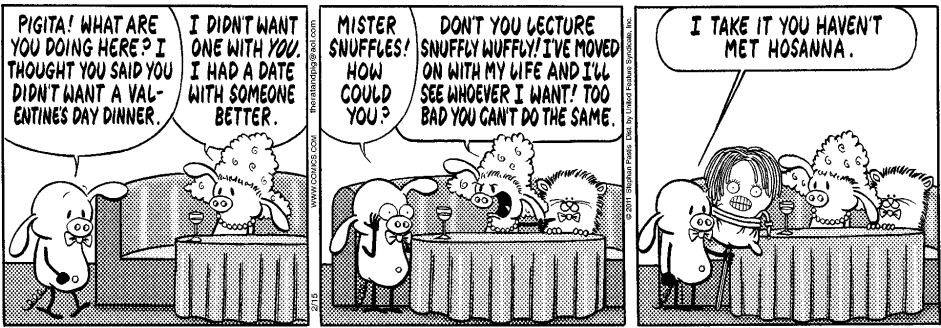
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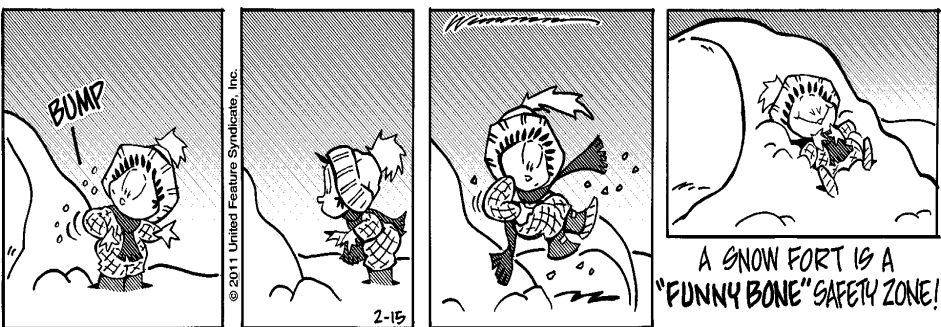
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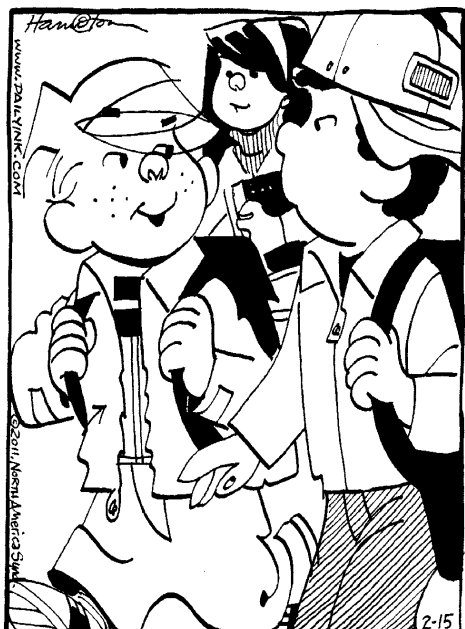
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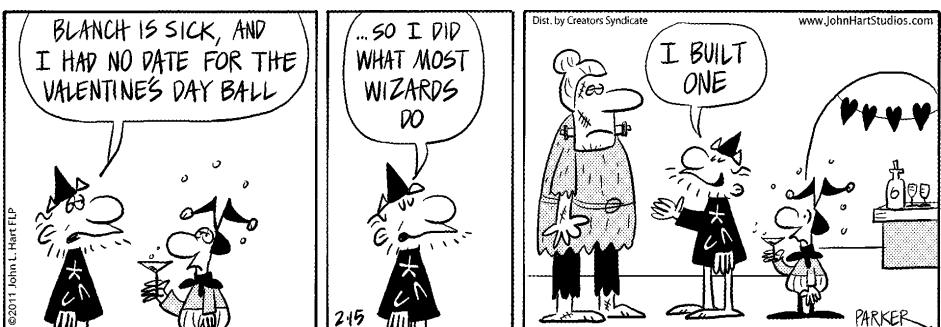
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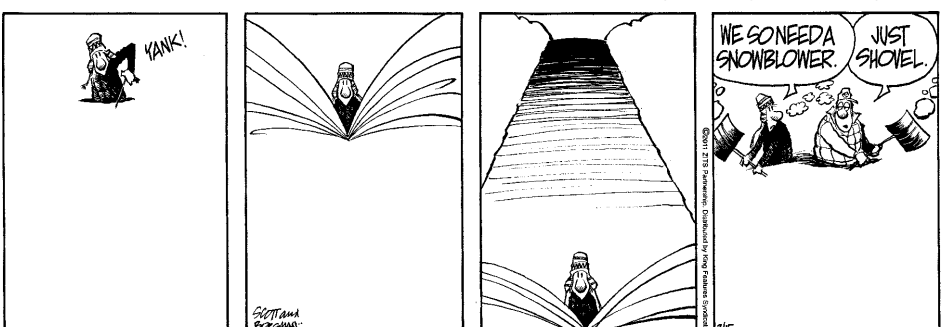
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Everyone is chasing the Spartans in Class 4A

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

In case it wasn't clear before: When it comes to the hunt for the Class 4A boys basketball state tournament, everybody's chasing Minico.

Practically everyone in the Great Basin Conference agrees, though some might not say so.

As Minico looks to make its first boys basketball state tournament in 22 years and win its first district title in 23, the Spartans are using every tool in the shed to diffuse the pressure that comes with high expectations of the Minico fan base.

It's working to such an effect that the players hardly

feel it at all. In fact, they seem to be relishing the moment.

"Winning is great, but you have to be humble about it, too. We've had success, so you have to learn to deal with that," said Minico senior Kody Miller. "That's one of the major reasons our team is successful, is because we don't have any big heads or egos. We don't have any problems in the locker room, we all play for each other."

Minico ran the table in the Great Basin Conference and holds home-court advantage as long as it keeps winning in the District IV Tournament. The 19-1 Spartans are ranked No. 1 in the state media poll, haven't lost to 4A opposition, and won their conference

games by an average of 20.2 points. Burley came the closest, a 46-38 Minico win on Jan. 26.

But coach Mike Graefe is doing his best to keep the team focused and hungry to reach the state tournament. Last season, Minico was also in the top two after the conference season but failed to qualify for state. It's a painful reminder that no matter how lofty the accolades, a team is only as good as the performance in its most recent game.

"Yeah, it's nice to host, yeah we've earned it, yeah we're a good team," he said. "But we have a lot of work to do."

Five teams are trying to spoil that work, though two separated themselves as con-

tenders to vie with Minico for a state tournament spot.

Jerome gave Minico its second-toughest test, a nine-point game last week.

The Tigers, who won a coin flip for the No. 2 seed, also embarrassed No. 3 Twin Falls in Jerome by 29 the week before that.

Things are looking up on the north side of the Snake River Canyon, but Jerome knows it needs to continue to improve if it's to upset Minico for the second year in a row, hold off a determined Twin Falls squad bent on redemption, or both.

"We've got a pretty dang good conference. Minico is

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Minico's Edgar Espinoza goes up for a shot against Elko earlier this season.

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Threes doom Bulldogs

Wildcats' Tews hits five of five attempts from the arc

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Defense might win games but a team still has to put the ball in the bucket to win. Kimberly found that out the hard way as No. 3 Filer took out No. 2 Kimberly 54-36 in the opening game of the Class 3A District IV Tournament.

If Filer keeps making those three's, they are going to be a hard team to beat."

— Marvin Mumm, Kimberly coach

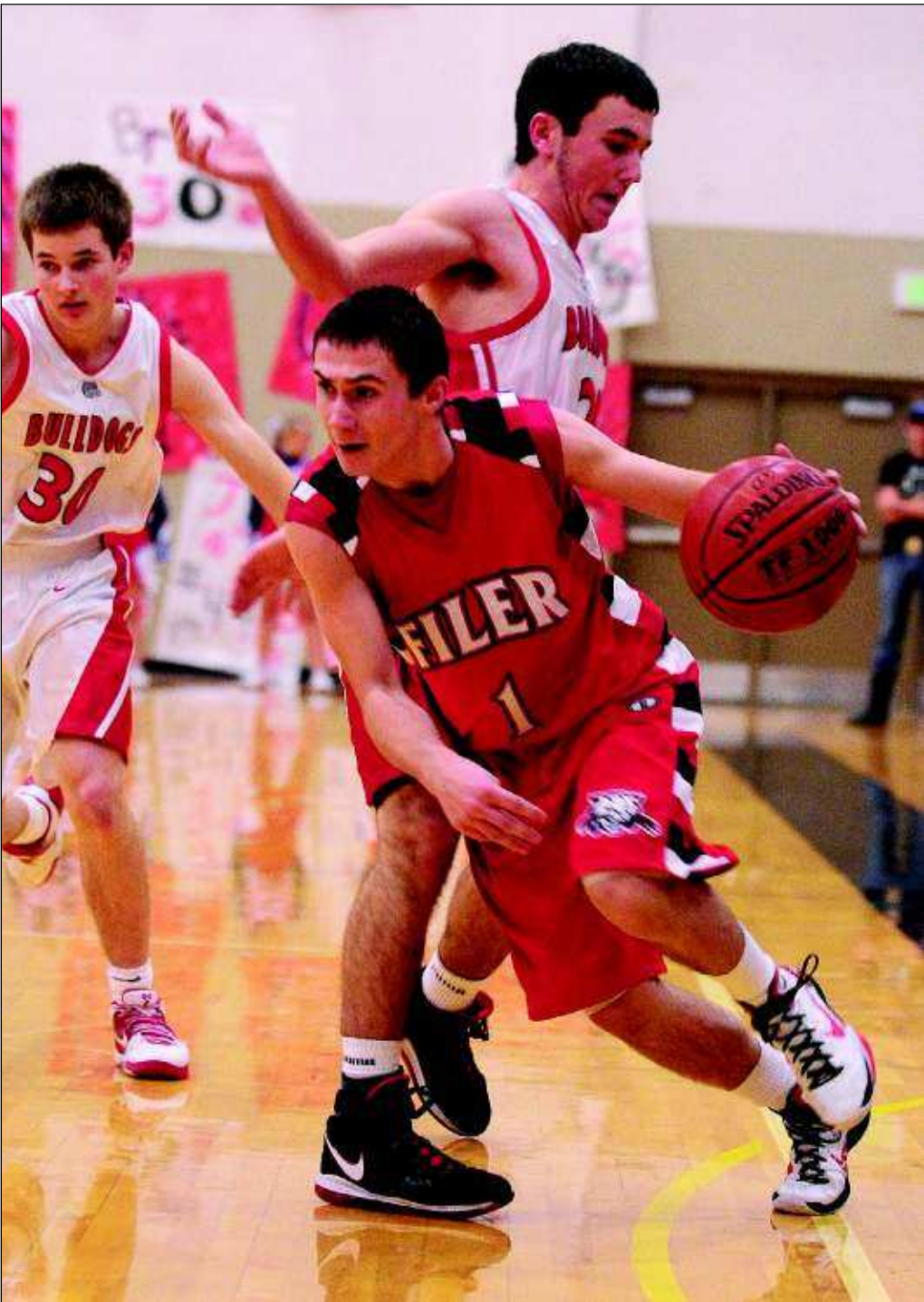
"If Filer keeps making those three's, they are going to be a hard team to beat," said Kimberly coach Marvin Mumm after watching the Wildcats sink seven treys. "The key was that they made shots and we didn't. The more we missed the tighter we got."

Filer guard Austin Tews led the 3-point barrage as the sophomore hit five of five attempts in the final four minutes of the first half and finished the game with a game-high 19 points.

"He just went off," said Filer coach Allen Kelsey. "That is something he is capable of doing — going on a run. Give credit to the guys because they kept finding him. He did attract a little attention in the second half."

Kelsey had high praise for the play of Ryan Karel and Jared Allen who recorded a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Logan Beard was also in double figures for Kimberly with 11 points.

"Ryan had a couple of big put backs," said Kelsey. "His



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Filer High School's Logan Beard passes the defense of Kimberly High School's Gage Huft during the first quarter of their matchup Monday evening in Kimberly.

overall game was outstanding. And Jared's rebounding was huge."

Kimberly came out strong in the first quarter, jumping to a 6-0 lead and held a slight 12-9 advantage after the first eight minutes.

"We were down but we never lost hope," said Allen. "We just kept our heads in the

game. My big focus is on rebounding. Coach calls it a couple of seconds of rage."

Filer (14-7) will now face No. 1 Buhl on Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho at 7:30 p.m. Kimberly (14-5) waits for the loser of that game and will play on Monday.

"We will have to focus on what we do best and play our

game against Buhl," said Allen.

Filer 54, Kimberly 36
9 21 6 18 — 54
12 7 5 12 — 36

FILER (64)
Logan Beard 11, Ryan Karel 9, Austin Tews 19, Jed Oyler 2, Austin Beard 3, Jared Allen 10. Totals 16 15-26 54 .
KIMBERLY (36)
Gage Huft 6, Seth Champlin 2, Dalton Harmon 2, Derek Maloney 3, Brian Crane 8, Brock Hulsey 1, Tevan Brady 4, Conner Molyneux 3, Jade Wadsworth 4, Jacob Howell 3. Totals 13 9-20 36 .
3-point goals: Filer 7 (Tews 5, L. Beard, Allen), Kimberly 1 (Crane). Total fouls: Filer 15, Kimberly 19. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Team game leads Valley over Declo; Wendell advances

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

HAZELTON — Prior to Monday's opening round of the Class 2A District IV boys basketball tournament, Valley coach Steve Hunter was asked which individual player would stand out most.

"I don't think this tournament is going to be about individuals," Hunter replied. "When it comes down to it, it will be about the group of guys who work the best together on both ends of the floor. It will be about a team that comes through, not an individual effort of any one player."

The coach's words proved true in Valley's 49-46 victory over Declo.

The Vikings were the better unit, while Declo lacked cohesion, displayed poor shot selection and played selfishly at times.

Sophomore wing Justin Johnson had 16 points and 13 rebounds for Valley, which improved to 12-7. Austin Shawver added 16 points and John

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RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Valley's Justin Johnson (11) grabs a rebound over Declo's Jaelen Matthews during their District IV tournament game Monday at Valley High School.

Balance reigns in 1A Div. II tourney

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

Over the course of a basketball season, there tends to be a team or two that separates itself from the rest of the pack.

Not quite so in the Class 1A Division II Northside Conference. As the eight teams head into the District IV boys basketball tournament, seven can harbor varying degrees of success to use as a platform on which to build their campaigns.

"It's going to be an interesting tournament. In the five years I've been at Murtaugh I think this will be the most competitive tournament

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Dale Earnhardt's loss still felt 10 years after tragic death

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — After 462 races, a sad-sack losing streak that had spanned 16 long years, Michael Waltrip's first trip to Victory Lane — at the Daytona 500 no less — should have been the happiest moment of his life.

It was, for 15 or so minutes, anyway.



Then longtime friend Ken Schrader stopped by to speak privately to Waltrip. Schrader leaned in and whispered the news that brought the party to a crashing halt: The accident on the last lap was bad, and Dale Earnhardt was in trouble.

Waltrip at first didn't seem to hear. So Schrader



Earnhardt

the next few hours simply going through the motions of a victory celebration.

When it was time for the

again leaned in to Waltrip's ear. The smile faded from Waltrip's face, the light in his eyes darkened, and he spent

the next few hours simply going through the motions of a victory celebration. "I was just hoping she was going to say he's hurt really bad."

"And she said, 'No, he's dead!'"

Earnhardt was the toughest man to ever climb in a stock car, the face of American racing and the blue collar everyman the fans could relate to. His death — in a crash that insiders viewed as rather routine — stunned NASCAR, raising questions about mortality, safety and moving on.

The 10-year anniversary of Earnhardt's fatal accident

falls on Friday, just two days before the season-opening Daytona 500, NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl.

This season, the past has a chokehold on the season's biggest race. The typical excitement and optimism that comes with each new year have been overshadowed by memories of The Intimidator, whose death

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Critchfield leads Oakley to upset win

Times-News

Garret Critchfield recorded a monster double-double of 18 points and 20 rebounds to lead Oakley to a 56-47 upset over Challis in the opening round of the Class 1A Division I tournament.

The Hornets (6-15) jumped out to a 20-6 lead after the first quarter and never looked back. Eddie Setoki added 12 points and Travis Robinson pitched in with 11.

Oakley advances to face Shoshone tonight, while Challis plays Hansen.

Oakley 56, Challis 47
20 8 14 14 - 56
6 13 13 14 - 47

CHALLIS (47)
J Parkinson 6, Evans 2, Helm 17, Olson 12, Savage 1, Kamman 8. Totals 17 8-15 47.

OAKLEY (56)
Garret Whyenga 9, Clayton Blanton 2, Travis Robinson 11, Brodi Bell 4, Eddie Setoki 12, Garret Critchfield 18. Totals 22 10-18 56.
3-point goals: Challis 5 (Olson 2, Kamman 2, Helm); Oakley 2 (Critchfield, Robinson). Total fouls: Oakley 14, Challis 15. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

SHOSHONE 70, HANSEN 43

Garrett Sant paced Shoshone with 12 first-half points to lead the Indians over Hansen 70-43 Monday night in the first round of Class 1A Division I tournament action.

Sant finished with a game-high 15 points, while Gage Roberts pitched in 12 and Skye Axelson added 11 for the Indians.

Pete Veenstra led Hansen (3-18) with 11 points and Seth Williams and Kevin Fuller each scored 10 for the Huskies, who play Challis tonight.

Shoshone (17-4) moves on in the winner's side of the bracket to host Oakley tonight.

Shoshone 70, Hansen 43
2 16 9 16 - 43
16 20 18 16 - 70

HANSEN (43)
Devon Spearling 8, Kevin Fuller 10, Pete Veenstra 11, Christian Wirth 2, Fitzsimmons 2, Seth Williams 10. Totals 15 8-12 43.

SHOSHONE (70)
Julio Garcia 2, Joseph McMullin 8, Skye Axelson 11, Garrett Sant 15, Thomas Lanham 9, Gage Roberts 12, Gilberto Hernandez 4, Cody Race 8, Nathan Huyser 1. Totals 30 8-14 70.
3-point goals: Hansen 5 (Spearling 2, Fuller, Veenstra, Williams); Shoshone 2 (Axelson, Lanham). Total fouls: Hansen 11, Shoshone 12. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

GRACE 70, GLENNS FERRY 44

Grace's pressure defense forced 16 Glenns Ferry turnovers, leading to a 70-44 loss for the Pilots.

"They outthusted us in the first half," said Glenns Ferry coach Nate Jones. "We responded well in the second half, but it's tough to win with the way we came out in the first and second quarters"

Adam King netted 18 in the loss for Glenns Ferry (7-14) which plays Raft River tonight.

Grace 70, Glenns Ferry 44
6 7 16 15 - 44

Glenns Ferry

GRACE
Rory Hance 4, Wilder Jones 2, Adam King 18, Chris Popoca 6, Marcos Garcia 2, Ruben Juarez 3, Adrian Martinez 6. Totals 14 8-14 44.

GRACE (70)
Chase 16, Brady 2, Todd 5, Jordan 15, Nick 6, Damian 2, Kendall 12, Josh 9, Tyler 3. Totals 25 16-17 70.
3-point goals: Glenns Ferry 5 (Martinez 2, Popoca 2, Juarez 1), Grace 2 (Chase, Todd). Total fouls: Glenns Ferry 21, Challis 15. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

HAGERMAN 61, RAFT RIVER 42

Ambrosio Nava's five 3-pointers paced Hagerman in the 61-42 win for the Pirates over Raft River to open the Class 1A Division I district tournament.

Nava finished with 17 points and Zac Reid added 13 for the Pirates, who stormed out in the third quarter to score 23 points.

Zach Zollinger led Raft River (2-17) with 18 points. The Trojans play Glenns Ferry today on the loser's side of the bracket.

Hagerman moves on for a date against Grace (15-6).

Hagerman 61, Raft River 42
11 9 10 12 - 42
10 12 23 16 - 61

RAFT RIVER (42)
Brogan Higley 1, Zach Zollinger 18, Tanner Anderson 6, Andrew Fenn 6, Sean Streeter 7, Shad Hansen 2, Jason Hurst 2. Totals 17 5-10 42.

HAGERMAN (61)
Christian Hines 7, Ryan Arnold 2, Ambrosio Nava 17, Ryan Luttmer 7, Trevor Johnson 2, Xavier Strick 6, Zac Reid 13, Kade Kress 2. Totals 21 12-14 61.
3-point goals: Raft River 3 (Z Zollinger, Streeter), Hagerman 7 (Nava 5, Hines, Luttmer). Total fouls: Raft River 14, Hagerman 10. Fouled out: Raft River, Higley. Technical fouls: none.

District IV Boys Basketball Tournaments

Class 4A
At high seeds
Tuesday, Feb. 15

Game 1: No. 6 Wood River (0-19) at No. 3 Twin Falls (15-5), 7 p.m.
Game 2: No. 5 Burley (5-15) at No. 4 Canyon Ridge (7-13), 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17
Game 3: Winner 1 at No. 2 Jerome (14-6), 7 p.m.
Game 4: Winner 2 at No. 1 Minico (19-1), 7 p.m.
Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19
Game 6: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 7 p.m.
Game 7: Winner 5 vs. Loser 3 or 4 (lower seed), 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 21
Game 8: Winner 7 vs. Loser 3 or 4 (higher seed), 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 22
Game 9: Winner 8 vs. Loser 6, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24
Championship game: Winner 9 vs. Winner 6, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 25
Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m. (at winner of first championship)

First and second place advance to state tournament, March 3-5 at Borah High School in Boise.

Class 3A
Monday, Feb. 14

Game 1: Filer 54, Kimberly 36

Wednesday, Feb. 16
At CSI

Game 2: Filer (14-7) vs. No. 1 Buhl (10-7), 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 21
Game 3: Kimberly (14-5) at Loser 2, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23
At CSI

Championship: Winner 3 vs. Winner 2, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24
Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m. (at winner of first championship)

District champion advances to state tournament, March 3-5 at Meridian High School.

Class 2A
Monday, Feb. 14

Game 1: Wendell 59, Gooding 46

Game 2: Valley 49, Declo 46

Wednesday, Feb. 16
At Wendell

Game 3: Gooding (4-15) vs. Declo (12-9)

Game 4: Wendell (13-6) vs. Valley (12-7)

Thursday, Feb. 17
Game 5: Winner 3 at Loser 4, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19
Championship: Winner 5 at Winner 4, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 22
Second championship, if necessary, 7 p.m. (at winner of first championship)

District champion advances to state tournament, March 3-5 at Capital High School in Boise.
Second place advances to play District V runner-up Feb. 24 in American Falls. Winner of that game advances to state play-in vs. District VI runner-up at 1 p.m. Feb. 26 in American Falls.

Class 1A Division I
(Districts IV-V-VI)
Monday, Feb. 14

Game 1: Shoshone 70, Hansen 43

Game 2: Oakley 56, Challis 47

Game 3: Grace 70, Glenns Ferry 44

Game 4: Hagerman 61, Raft River 42

Tuesday, Feb. 15
Game 5: Hansen (3-18) vs. Challis (10-10), 7 p.m.
Game 6: Glenns Ferry (7-14) vs. Raft River (2-17), 7 p.m.
Game 7: Shoshone (17-4) vs. Oakley (6-15), 7 p.m.
Game 8: Grace (15-6) vs. Hagerman (12-9), 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16
Game 9: Winner 5 vs. Loser 8, 7 p.m.
Game 10: Winner 6 vs. Loser 7, 7 p.m.

At Kimberly HS
Tuesday, Feb. 22
Game 11: Winner 9 vs. Winner 10, 6 p.m.
Championship: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23
Second-place: Championship loser vs. Winner 11, 7 p.m.

First and second place advance to state tournament, March 3-5 at

Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Class 1A Division II
At Murtaugh HS
Tuesday, Feb. 15

Game 1: North No. 5 Community School (1-13) vs. North No. 1 Carey (18-2), 3 p.m.

***Game 2:** North No. 3 Camas County (6-14) vs. South No. 2 Murtaugh (9-6), 4:30 p.m.

Game 3: South No. 3 Lighthouse Christian (6-14) vs. North No. 2 Dietrich (12-6), 6 p.m.

***Game 4:** North No. 4 Richfield (6-11) vs. South No. 1 Castleford (15-1), 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 21
Game 5: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 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. 22
Game 9: Winner 5 vs. Loser 8, 6 p.m.

Game 10: Winner 6 vs. Loser 7, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23
Game 11: Winner 9 vs. Winner 10, 6 p.m.

Game 12: Championship, Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24
Game 13: Second place, Winner 11 vs. Loser 12, 7 p.m.

First and second place advance to state tournament, March 3-5 at Caldwell High School. Third place advances to state play-in vs. District V-VI runner-up at 3 p.m.

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one of the best in the state. Hopefully we can improve as a basketball team and make a run in the district tournament," Jerome coach Joe Messick said. "The positive thing is they take two to state (from this district). It's going to be a battle for all of us."

Twin Falls will host winless Wood River in the opening round, while Canyon Ridge and Burley tangle for the second time in a week. The Bobcats beat the

Riverhawks to forge a tie for fourth place in the conference standings, though Canyon Ridge hosts the game by virtue of holding the tiebreaker, a win over Century.

Assuming the Bruins negotiate the Wood River game with the same success they showed last week, they'll travel to face Jerome, site of their most abject effort of the season.

While they'd like to be at home, they know in order to

get to state, they have to win at least one road game.

"We wanted to win the flip to be at home, but it's a long tournament and you're going to have to win a big one on the road sooner or later," said Bruins' coach Matt Harr. "When you look at the big picture, it's not a huge concern to us."

Twin Falls could also get extended minutes from senior guard T.J. Ellis, who injured his knee earlier in the season and has only recently

returned to action.

"I feel good about where we stand, because I think our kids have had a taste of the state tournament and I think that experience helps you when you get into the games that matter, whether you go home or go to Boise," said Harr. "If we can get (Ellis) out there that helps us in a lot of areas."

Times-News writer Ryan Howe contributed to this report.

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Cauhorn had 10 points and six rebounds for the Vikings.

"Like coach said earlier, it's as wide open as it could be," Johnson said. "Every team in the conference has shown very good potential. If we can keep playing at a high level it will be a good tournament."

Declo had the ball and a two-point lead with 1:10 remaining. Johnson blocked the inside shot attempt of Brawn Baker, giving Valley the ball back.

After a timeout, Valley's Ricardo Mora missed a 3-pointer, but Johnson grabbed the offensive rebound, laid it in and was fouled. He converted the and-one to give Valley a 47-46 lead with 29 seconds left.

With time winding down, Declo's Davis Jones chucked up a deep 3-point attempt, but it fell well short. Valley rebounded and Shawver tacked on two free throws with four seconds to go. Declo's final

desperation 3-point heave by Seth Baker wasn't close.

The wild finish capped an intense second half that saw eight lead changes. Valley rallied after being down seven in the third quarter.

Declo (12-9) got 12 points from Brawn Baker and 10 from Seth Baker. However, the Hornets were without two key players due to illness, Erik Henrickson and Jaxon Wrigley.

"I think they gave a great effort for being short two starters," said Hunter. "They did what good teams usually do, they rallied and they fought their tails off."

It was obvious that Declo missed Henrickson and Wrigley, who average 15.1 points and 9.5 rebounds per game combined.

"I told the kids before the game that I still thought we had the team to win," said Declo coach Dee Lewis. "And we did, but we didn't play the way we can."

After losing to Declo by 21 points in January, Valley found its best bet against

the Hornets is to slow the game down and not allow Declo to play its run-and-gun style. The Vikings evened the regular-season series with a 10-point win earlier this month by dictating the tempo, and were able to do so again on Monday.

"It took us a while to find our best tempo," Johnson said. "Over there we played with them until the third quarter, but then in the fourth quarter we started playing church ball, running up and down. They're a little bit deeper on the bench and we got tired. Now that we have the tempo right, we're in the game."

Declo faces Gooding in an elimination game at 6 p.m. Wednesday, while Valley advances to play top-seeded Wendell at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Both games will be at Wendell High School.

"Our backs are against the wall and we don't have much choice. We have to win," Lewis said.

WENDELL 59, GOODING 46

Nolan Stouder scored 19

points to lead Wendell over Gooding 59-46 in the first round of the Class 2A District IV Tournament.

Tanner Thompson pitched in 12 points for the Trojans who picked up the intensity in the second half according to coach Loyd Garey.

Carter Flora led Gooding (4-15) with 15 points. The Senators will play Declo, while Wendell (13-6) moves on play Valley.

Class 2A District IV Tournament boxes:

Valley 49, Declo 46
8 15 14 9 - 46
8 12 15 14 - 49

DECLO (46)
Seth Baker 10, Brawn Baker 12, Davis Jones 9, Jaelen Matthews 2, Calum Webb 7, Ross Sanders 6. Totals 19 5-8 46.

VALLEY (49)
Justin Johnson 16, Fernando Vivanco 2, Ricardo Mora 2, Austin Shawver 16, Matt Ivey 3, John Cauhorn 10. Totals 18 12-17 49.
3-point goals: Declo 3 (Jones, Webb 2), Valley 1 (Ivey). Total fouls: Declo, Valley 9.

Wendell 59, Gooding 46
6 12 12 16 - 46
13 15 12 19 - 59

GOODING (46)
Jacob Becker 5, Jared Parke 2, Alec Basterrechea 1, Jon Jensen 11, CJ Beadz 5, Carter Flora 15, Tanner Bauman 6, Jose Rodriguez 1. Totals 16 11-15 46.

WENDELL (59)
Tyler Pearson 1, Ryan Lewis 2, Cadey Prince 6, Jared Lund 9, Nolan Stouder 19, Michael Wright 9, Tanner Thompson 12, Tanner Swanner 1. Totals 19 18-24 59.
3-point goals: Gooding 3 (Becker, Beadz, Flora); Wendell 3 (Thompson 2, Lund). Total fouls: Gooding 18, Wendell 19. Fouled out: Wendell, Thompson. Technical fouls: none.

Bobcats hand Lakers worst loss of the season

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace had 20 points and 11 rebounds and the Charlotte Bobcats routed the Los Angeles Lakers 109-89 on Monday night to extend one of the more bizarre one-sided matchups in the NBA.

Gerald Henderson added 18 points for the Bobcats, who have won eight of the past 10 meetings with the defending NBA champions.

The Lakers have a winning record against every team except the Boston Celtics — and the Bobcats. And this time it wasn't even close.

HAWKS 94, PISTONS 79

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Josh Smith had 27 points and 14 rebounds and the Hawks rallied for a victory over the Pistons.

Atlanta trailed by as many as 15 points in the second quarter but held the Pistons to 28 percent shooting in the second half as they pulled away to win.

SPURS 102, NETS 85

NEWARK, N.J. — Manu Ginobili scored 10 of his 22 points in a game-breaking second-half run and the Spurs put in another dominant performance with a victory over the Nets.

TRAIL BLAZERS 95, TIMBERWOLVES 81

MINNEAPOLIS — Wesley Matthews had 23 points while LaMarcus



AP photo

Charlotte Bobcats' Gerald Henderson (15) looks to pass as he crashes into Los Angeles Lakers' Steve Blake (5) in the first half in Charlotte, N.C., Monday.

Aldridge added 21 to lead the Trail Blazers to a victory over the Timberwolves.

BUCKS 102, CLIPPERS 78

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Carlos Delfino scored 21 of his 26 points in the second half and made a career-high seven 3-pointers to lead the Bucks to a victory over the Clippers.

Everyone pitched in for the short-handed Bucks, who came in losers of seven of the last eight.

ROCKETS 121, NUGGETS 102

HOUSTON — Courtney Lee scored 22 points, Shane Battier added 17 and the Rockets shot well from 3-point range and controlled Carmelo Anthony in a win over the Nuggets.

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I've been a part of," said Adam Johnson, coach of the No. 2 seed from the South Division, also the tournament host. "There's a number of teams that can compete"

Castleford and Carey, on the balance of the regular season and in the eyes of statewide observers, are the two favorites. Each ran the table in its respective division and the two schools have a combined record of 33-3. But each lost in interdivision play, as did several other teams.

For starters, Castleford beat Carey, Dietrich beat Castleford, Murtaugh and Lighthouse Christian both beat Dietrich, and Richfield beat Murtaugh. In North Division play, Camas County beat Richfield.

"When we play well, we can play with most anybody, but I don't know which team is going to show up," said Dietrich coach Wayne Dill. "We've got four or five teams that have a realistic shot of getting a place. It just depends on who comes to play on the given nights. It's pretty evenly matched."

While stringing results together in the same sentence doesn't necessarily make Lighthouse Christian better than Castleford or Carey, it cements in each coaches' mind that no team in this field is invincible. With two teams qualifying automatically for the state tournament and a third getting a chance via a state play-in game against a team from out east, it's imperative for teams to do what they can to at least make the final and clinch the play-in option at worst.

"We've played some tough teams ... we feel pretty good," said Castleford coach Tracy Vulgamore. "But whoever they put in front of us, we've got to beat. Every team (in the tournament) can cause an upset."

Asking coaches to single out one potential dark horse proved impossible. Though it struggled for most of the season, Camas County has played well down the stretch and three coaches identified the Musers as a potential threat due to the athleticism they can put on the floor. They'll start today with Murtaugh, with a semifinal date next Monday, liley against Carey.

Richfield, which opens against Castleford, might not be as talented in the past but possesses experienced players and a crafty coach.

Lighthouse Christian appears to have ironed out chemistry issues that came with adding new players mid-season, after Magic Valley Christian's closure.

In the end Castleford and Carey are still the on-paper favorites, but both teams realize the treacherous road ahead.

"Our goal is to try and be the top when we go in, and we've done that from our side. You control your own destiny a little bit that way," said Carey coach Dick Simpson. "I guess we're probably considered one of the favorites, but anything can happen. It all comes down to now, and it's not like you're going to learn how to play basketball at this point. It's how well you get yourselves motivated and want to play."

Earnhardt

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still very much defines NASCAR and those he left behind.

There's Dale Earnhardt Jr., the prodigal son forced out of his father's shadow the day Dale Sr. died. Savvy marketing had made the introverted and sometimes socially awkward kid a star, but it didn't prepare him for the crush of attention from his father's adoring fan base. He's been stoic in fac-

ing the anniversary questions, but it's clear he wants everyone to move on.

Richard Childress, the team owner who never wanted to return to a race track after the loss of his best friend, has tried so hard to block the memories of that day. The topic still makes him obviously uncomfortable, though he understands the public interest that still accompanies Earnhardt.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Increasing clouds, mild temperatures. High 52.

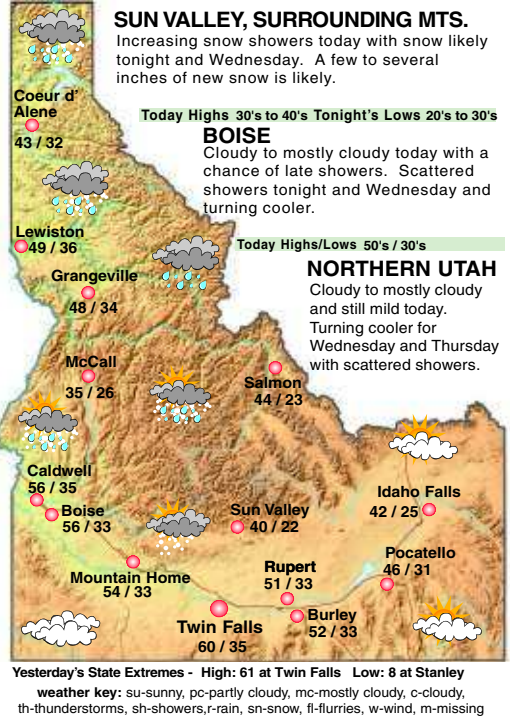
Tonight: Cloudy, chance of a few showers. Low 33.

Tomorrow: Cooler, scattered rain showers. High 48.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	55°	Yesterday's	0.00"
Yesterday's Low	26°	Month to Date	0.01"
Normal High / Low	40° / 23°	Avg. Month to Date	0.4"
Record High	57° in 1991	Water Year to Date	5.18"
Record Low	-5° in 2004	Avg. Water Year to Date	4.24"




IDAHO'S FORECAST



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mild, becoming mostly cloudy	Cloudy, chance of late showers	Cooler and mostly cloudy, rain showers	Mostly cloudy, a few snow showers	Partly cloudy and chilly	Partly to mostly cloudy
High 60°	Low 35°	49° / 27°	39° / 25°	36° / 25°	37° / 27°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		 Precipitation	Humidity		 Barometric Pressure		 Sunrise and Sunset			
Yesterday's High	61°	Yesterday's	0.00"	Yesterday's High	78%	5 pm Yesterday	29.90 in.	Today	Sunrise: 7:35 AM	Sunset: 6:10 PM
Yesterday's Low	28°	Month to Date	0.01"	Yesterday's Low	18%			Wednesday	Sunrise: 7:34 AM	Sunset: 6:11 PM
Normal High / Low	41° / 25°	Avg. Month to Date	0.46"	Today's Forecast Avg.	58%			Thursday	Sunrise: 7:32 AM	Sunset: 6:12 PM
Record High	63° in 1967	Water Year to Date	6.02"					Friday	Sunrise: 7:31 AM	Sunset: 6:14 PM
Record Low	4° in 2004	Avg. Water Year to Date	4.82"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30				Saturday	Sunrise: 7:31 AM	Sunset: 6:15 PM

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 4	Mar. 13

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	56 33 sh	45 29 sh	41 29 mx
Bonnets Ferry	56 33 sh	45 29 sh	41 29 mx
Burley	52 33 pc	48 27 sh	35 27 ls
Challis	41 26 mx	39 15 ls	31 15 ls
Coeur d'Alene	43 32 mx	39 30 ls	35 30 ls
Elko, NV	55 34 pc	44 23 ls	31 23 ls
Eugene, OR	46 34 r	45 31 sh	44 31 sh
Gooding	49 32 sh	43 28 sh	36 28 ls
Grace	43 25 pc	37 21 mx	30 21 ls
Hagerman	57 34 sh	48 30 sh	42 30 mx
Hailey	41 25 ls	35 15 ls	29 15 ls
Idaho Falls	42 25 pc	36 22 ls	31 22 ls
Kalispell, MT	43 29 mx	38 24 ls	32 24 ls
Jerome	53 33 pc	46 26 sh	37 26 ls
Lewiston	49 36 r	46 35 sh	42 35 mx
Malad City	46 31 pc	41 26 sh	35 26 ls
Malta	47 31 pc	44 26 sh	35 26 ls
McCall	35 26 mx	33 11 ls	28 11 ls
Missoula, MT	47 32 r	39 27 ls	33 27 ls
Pocatello	46 31 pc	43 25 sh	34 25 ls
Portland, OR	47 36 r	45 36 sh	44 36 sh
Rupert	51 33 pc	46 26 sh	35 26 ls
Rexburg	38 22 pc	33 19 ls	28 19 ls
Richland, WA	51 37 sh	50 31 ls	45 31 sh
Rogerson	48 35 pc	39 23 ls	27 23 ls
Salmon	44 23 r	36 23 sh	27 23 ls
Salt Lake City, UT	58 39 pc	48 31 mx	35 31 ls
Spookane, WA	43 30 r	40 29 sh	38 29 ls
Stanley	41 22 ls	36 11 ls	31 11 ls
Sun Valley	40 22 ls	31 13 ls	27 13 ls
Yellowstone, MT	39 22 ls	33 17 ls	19 17 ls

National and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 3:21 PM	Moonset: 5:35 AM
Wednesday	Moonrise: 4:37 PM	Moonset: 6:14 AM
Thursday	Moonrise: 5:55 PM	Moonset: 6:49 AM

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	60 36 pc	62 41 pc
Baltimore	43 29 su	51 38 pc
Bellings	53 30 pc	45 26 pc
Birmingham	65 40 pc	67 44 pc
Boston	25 18 su	42 34 pc
Charlotte, SC	59 44 pc	61 51 pc
Charleston, WV	49 34 pc	59 40 pc
Chicago	46 37 pc	54 44 pc
Cleveland	37 31 pc	47 37 mc
Denver	67 39 su	66 38 pc
Des Moines	43 33 pc	52 44 pc
Detroit	35 27 pc	42 36 sh
El Paso	74 38 pc	78 47 pc
Fairbanks	-11 38 pc	-11 33 pc
Fargo	42 28 pc	42 26 pc
Honolulu	81 74 hz	81 73 hz
Houston	73 57 pc	73 58 pc
Indianapolis	45 35 pc	49 42 r
Jacksonville	64 50 pc	68 51 pc
Kansas City	52 36 r	59 49 r
Las Vegas	71 54 pc	67 52 sh
Little Rock	63 51 pc	68 53 pc
Los Angeles	66 51 r	61 45 r
Memphis	66 51 r	61 45 r
Miami	75 63 pc	78 65 pc
Milwaukee	38 35 pc	43 37 pc
Nashville	60 41 pc	64 46 pc
New Orleans	67 53 pc	69 56 pc
New York	33 26 su	49 35 pc
Oklahoma City	64 48 pc	71 50 pc
Omaha	50 32 pc	55 42 pc

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	31 0 pc	12 13 ls
Cranbrook	28 -1 ls	23 -4 ls
Edmonton	22 -19 ls	-1 21 pc
Kelowna	29 16 ls	25 10 ls
Lethbridge	37 13 pc	26 6 pc
Regina	33 12 pc	24 -3 ls
City	Today	Tomorrow
Saskatoon	33 0 pc	14 -9 ls
Toronto	22 17 pc	34 33 pc
Vancouver	38 33 ls	35 31 ls
Victoria	44 39 sh	42 38 sh
Winnipeg	33 14 pc	30 7 ls

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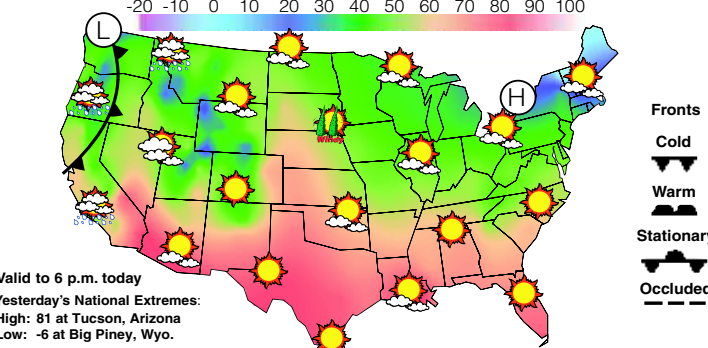
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WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	83 71 pc	83 70 pc
Athens	57 49 sh	55 52 pc
Auckland	72 54 pc	72 53 sh
Bangkok	91 77 pc	92 78 pc
Beijing	36 22 pc	41 20 pc
Berlin	36 27 pc	38 26 pc
Buenos Aires	90 64 pc	90 68 pc
Cairo	75 52 pc	68 45 sh
Dhahran	68 61 pc	76 66 pc
Geneva	38 26 ls	41 26 ls
Hong Kong	68 67 sh	72 69 sh
Jerusalem	71 47 pc	62 50 sh
Johannesburg	81 55 pc	84 55 sh
Kuwait City	68 54 pc	70 55 pc
London	44 36 r	47 36 pc
Mexico City	72 37 pc	75 40 pc

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Valid to 6 p.m. today

Yesterday's National Extremes:
High: 81 at Tucson, Arizona
Low: -6 at Big Piney, Wyo.

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FEARED ROTATION

Phillies aces take the field for first time

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press writer

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Cliff Lee didn't hesitate, raising his hand right away when a reporter asked which of the Philadelphia Phillies' aces is the best hitter.

"That's me," Lee said with a smile.

Cole Hamels quickly chimed in.

"I'm going to compete against him," said Hamels, who's been used as a pinch-hitter in the past. "I think Joe (Blanton) is the only one with a home run."

Not true. Roy Oswalt put his hands up to point out that he also has gone deep in his career.

"Oh, I forgot, I forgot," Hamels said. "Yours wasn't in the World Series, sorry!"

The one guy left out of the conversation was Roy Halladay, who does his best work on the mound. Then again, that's what all of these guys are paid to do. And, they each do it very well.

The Phillies have assembled — on paper — a starting rotation that's being compared to some of the all-time best in the majors. Halladay, Lee, Oswalt and Hamels would be the No. 1 guy on most staffs. Blanton is probably the best fifth starter around.

After pitchers and catchers held their first workout of spring training on Monday, the Fab Five took the stage for a joint news conference. Lee put all the hype into perspective.

"I think we haven't thrown a single pitch as a group yet, so it's kind of early to say we're one of the best rotations in the history of the game," Lee said. "Obviously,



Philadelphia Phillies' Cliff Lee throws during spring training baseball practice, Monday in Clearwater, Fla.

AP photo

we're a very talented group, and there is potential for all of that. But it's just that, it's potential."

Only two clubs have ever had four 20-game winners in a season. The Baltimore Orioles had Dave McNally (21), Mike Cuellar (20), Pat Dobson (20) and Jim Palmer (20) in 1971. The Chicago White Sox had Red Faber (23), Lefty Williams (22), Eddie Cicotte (21) and Dickey Kerr (21) in 1920.

The Atlanta Braves ruled the NL East with dominant pitching for more than a decade, beginning in the early 1990s. Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz were the top three starters, and are likely headed to the Hall of Fame. Steve Avery,

Denny Neagle and Kevin Millwood were the most notable of Atlanta's fourth starters.

In 1998, the Braves became just the ninth team and first since 1930 to have five 15-game winners. Glavine (20), Maddux (18), Smoltz (17), Millwood (17) and Neagle (16) combined for 88 of Atlanta's 106 wins.

"I think the best rotation I can remember is the Braves back with Glavine, Smoltz, Avery and Maddux," Lee said. "I don't even remember who the fifth guy was, but those four were pretty dang good."

If Blanton isn't traded away to cut payroll, the Phillies have a chance to match that. Halladay won 21

games last year, threw a perfect game, a no-hitter in his first career postseason start and earned his second career Cy Young Award. Lee won the AL Cy Young award in '08. Oswalt has an NLCS MVP award in his trophy case and he's been a 20-game winner twice. Hamels was MVP of the NLCS and World Series in '08. Blanton has a 16-win season on his resume.

The Phillies already had an outstanding rotation before stunning the baseball world with the acquisition of Lee last December. Lee helped Philadelphia reach the 2009 World Series after coming over in a midseason trade with Cleveland only to be dealt to Seattle on the same day the Phillies acquired

Halladay from Toronto in December 2010. Lee was later traded to Texas and helped the Rangers win their first AL pennant before hitting the free-agent market.

The New York Yankees and Rangers were considered the front-runners for Lee's services, but the Phillies slipped in and gave him a \$120 million, five-year contract. Lee turned down more than \$30 million more from the Yankees to return to Philadelphia.

"I felt like this was the best chance to win world championships. That's what it's all about," Lee said. "Obviously, I played here in the past and enjoyed myself here and thought we had a really good team at that time."



AP Photo

Seattle Mariners pitcher Erik Bedard runs to first base during a drill at spring training baseball, Monday in Peoria, Ariz.

LHP Bedard begins comeback attempt with Mariners

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Ten minutes, a few dozen or so pitches off a bullpen mound, and Erik Bedard had plenty to be happy about.

The Seattle Mariners lefty whose recovery from shoulder surgery wasn't enough to allow him to pitch in a single major league game last season took the mound from Day One of spring training Monday for the Mariners.

If he's healthy come opening day — a big if considering he has missed all or part of the past three seasons as a Mariner — Bedard is expected to be in Seattle's starting rotation.

It's a group that could use a veteran who has a history of winning at the big-league level.

"It's been a long road and just glad to be healthy and have no pain," Bedard said. "Just to be here and enjoy baseball."

Bedard, 31, has been at the center of Mariners fans' frustrations with the club, given the price the club paid to acquire him in a 2008 trade with Baltimore and the five stints he's had on the disabled list since then.

The first was for a hip inflammation, then the throwing shoulder problems arose in the second half of 2008. Bedard had shoulder surgery that ended his 2009 season, but was re-signed by Seattle that offseason only to spend all of 2010 on the DL.

He admitted he hasn't felt this good in two years, when Bedard finished 5-3 with a 2.82 earned-run average but was shut down after July 25, 2009.

"Roller coaster. Feeling good, feeling bad. Sometimes discouraged because you're not making progress or you're not even close to making it back," Bedard said of his range of emotions over the past couple of years.

Giants pitchers, catchers report for spring

By John Marshall
Associated Press writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The lockers were filled with jerseys, pants, workouts shirts and sweat shirts, socks and belts. Some stalls had cleats lined up at the bottom, others unopened shoe boxes stacked up on the seat. Boxes of bats sat across the top.

The clubhouse inside Scottsdale Stadium didn't look much different than any other time at the start of spring training, with one exception: The miniature replica of the San

Francisco Giants' World Series banner tacked to an overhang on the ceiling.

One subtle change that said everything about what the Giants accomplished last season and what they're hoping to this season.

"It's the first day!" Giants reliever Sergio Romo said on Monday. "Holy cow, it's the first day!"

San Francisco's pitchers and catchers reported to spring training on a postcard-perfect day in the desert, readying themselves for their first workout as defending champions the next day.

With dozens of fans lining the entrance, the players trickled in one by one, sharing handshakes and hugs with teammates and club personnel they hadn't seen in a while.

One group of players gathered for a card game at a round table, others sat around chatting with reporters or clubhouse attendants. Catcher Buster Posey used a utility tool to work the laces on his glove and closer Brian Wilson, his shaggy black beard seemingly taking on a life of its own, was in full intensity mode already, complaining about his lunch being late before heading off

for a workout.

Romo practically bounded down the hallway into the clubhouse, patting backs and shaking hands all the way to his locker, where he held an animated discussion about the Twitter page devoted to his beard.

Yeah, these guys are already juiced. And who can blame them? At a time when every team has the optimism that comes with spring, the Giants have the extra bounce of knowing they're the defending champs and have nearly everyone back.

"It's going to be crazy here for the next couple of days," Posey said.